



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



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Dear Families,

Well, it seems another half term has just whizzed by and we have even had a sprinkling of snow!

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. The school will always try to open during snowy spells, however if the weather is too adverse we would always send you a parent mail informing you of the closure.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over a very busy term. Our success as a school is down to the partnership that you play as parents and we feel privileged to teach your children.

On behalf of Avanti Court, may I wish you a very merry, merry Christmas and a happy new year!

School is open for pupils on the **3rd January 2018!**

Regards,

Mrs Walters

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Class	Attendance for the whole of Autumn term (September-December)	What does this mean?
Peacock Nursery	89.9%	Low-- below the National Average
Mayur Nursery	95.3%	Low-- below the National Average
Shukla	95.8%	Low-- below the National Average
Blanco	94.5%	Low-- below the National Average
Balta	96.3%	In line with the National Average
White	96.7%	In line with the National Average
Blue	95.8%	Low-- below the National Average
Neela	96.6%	In line with the National Average
Niebieski	96.5%	In line with the National Average
Green	97.8%	Higher than National Average
Harit	96.4%	In line with the National Average
Purple	96%	In line with the National Average
Dhumalah	96.1%	In line with the National Average
Pioletowy	96.5%	In line with the National Average
Purpura	98.5%	Higher than National Average
Bronze	95.5%	Low-- below the National Average
Braz	95.4%	Low-- below the National Average
Bronce	96.2%	In line with the National Average
Kamsya	97.3%	Higher than National Average
Silver	97.8%	Higher than National Average
Rajat	97.8%	Higher than National Average
Plata	96.2%	In line with the National Average
Srebro	96%	In line with the National Average
Gold	94.2%	Low-- below the National Average

THANK YOU CHOIR



On Thursday, December 7th, a pupil from Avanti Court Primary switched on the tree lights at King George's Hospital.

Caiden, was chosen to switch on the lights and then joined the rest of the choir to sing a selection of carols while raising money for the trust's charity. It was the second year running that the choir has been asked to perform during the ceremony.

Music lead MsVincet said: "This is an important part of learning values for the children, to help them see why it's important to care for others. We like to get involved in the community and music has a way of bringing people together."

"We are a performing arts school so music is at the heart of everything we do."



WELL DONE DRUMMERS



Fantastic drummers from Avanti performed a range of music at a recent assembly. The audience were blown away by the skill, music interpretation and of course the courage children demonstrated by performing in front of parents, staff and of course pupils! Tim their music teacher said: 'What better way to end a term, than with 4 drumming concerts! It is always a very happy and proud moment to see so many of my students performing on stage, especially with a confidence and enthusiasm that grows with each concert! I really believe that having an opportunity to learn an instrument can help bring the best out of children (and adults!) and the positive response from the drumming concerts really lifted the spirits of both the performers and the audience! I am really grateful to the school for their help in organising the concerts and making this possible, as well as the continued support from all the parents. It is such a joy to teach at Avanti!





OUTSTANDING! Key Inspection Findings from the recent S48 Inspection:

How effective is the school in providing education for the Hindu life of the school?-

Outstanding

How effective are the leaders and members in developing the Hindu life of the school?-

Outstanding

How well does the school, through its distinctive Hindu Character, meet the needs of all learners?-

Outstanding

What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?-

Outstanding

How effective is the Religious Education?-

Outstanding

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>



The next Headteacher's Forum will be on: Thursday 25th January 2018 at 8:30am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to share your views and to hear the positive developments the school has made against the school priorities for 2017-2018. Please do come!

THE DAY FLORENCE CAME TO VISIT!



Year 2 travelled back into time where they were able to learn about Florence's childhood and how living as a rich young girl during the 18th century was.

Children were able to look at pictures and artefacts that were used and this allowed them to understand how life was when Florence was a child.



Some children took the role of nurses where they were able to clean the dirty hospitals and some children took the role of being the injured soldiers who were given medicine and bandages to treat their wounds.

The young learners were able to understand how Florence changed the face of nursing and why even today she is called a heroine. Children were able to discuss and describe her contribution to hospitals and medicine today.

GOLD!

Avanti visited London recently to pick up the GOLD Travel Award.

The awards ceremony was filled with fun and interactive work stations so that our pupils could network with other STARS schools, share best practice and attain some top tips for our school's travel plan. The theme of this year's events is 'Travel Secret Agents' where pupils will be encouraged to be agents of change within their school.



We look forward to sharing the Travel Action Plan with

you in January 2018 and hope to recruit a parent working party to help us improve the traffic and congestion around the school.



ATTENDANCE!

As a school we wanted to achieve 97% attendance last academic year. We managed to reach 96.2% so far for the Autumn term. **Please** do remember that your child's attendance has a huge impact on their progress and attainment.

Parents we need your help- we can reach 97% but only by working with you!

SCHOOL BAGS AND PARENTPAY

Thank you parents for sharing your concerns about the school bag and for Vishva in Year 1 who wrote a stunning letter to Mrs Sanghera outlining his concerns. The design has now been changed in light of your comments.

If you need help to use Parentmail or to pay for a trip using Parentpay please speak to Mr Sharma who can be contacted through the school office. He will be more than happy to assist!

SUPPORTING PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY



I was delighted to present parents with certificates for completing a maths course, which has been running for the this term at Avanti Court. I am so proud of our parents!



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Assessment Workshop on the 13th December. Parents said: 'I now understand the process behind assessments,' and 'I now know how to check the progress of my daughter.'

Well done to Ms Vincent and members of the school choir who visited Springfield care home recently. Not only did the children sing a variety of carols but they also spent time talking to the residents who were so appreciative.



Parents were invited to a Radicalisation workshop recently. Children led the meeting performing a play they wrote all about radicalisation to support parents with their understanding.



HOW ARE WE SUPPORTING OTHER SCHOOLS?

Ms Sahota supported St Augustine's Early Years recently to help them their Early Years provision, she has also supported our sister school in Croydon. As Senior Lead she is leading the Redbridge EYFS Community Learning Hub.

Mrs Sivadasan will be moderating writing across the borough in the summer term. Mrs Sivadasan has been asked to support Coppice Primary School as she has a wealth of knowledge regarding Special Educational Needs.

Mrs Makwana has supported Fairlop and Mayesbrook Primary with their Religious Education Quality Mark Award and has presented assemblies at Grove Primary, Ilford Jewish and Al Noor Primary School.

Mrs Bana showcased Avanti Court to Deputies and Headteachers from schools across three London authorities focusing on effective leadership as part of the Mayor's Challenge Programme.

SAFEGUARDING-RADICALISATION WORKSHOPS-WHAT DID OUR PUPILS THINK?



On Wednesday 29th November pupils from Year 5 shared what they know about radicalisation with parents. Pupils put on a play to demonstrate their understanding of radicalisation and to explain to parents what radicalisation means.

Pupils said it was a good opportunity to share their learning and they thought parents learnt a lot from their performance: 'It was great to show parents what we know about radicalisation because it can happen to anyone from anywhere. If you know about it you can stop it happening which is so important.' Ayan Year 5

Mrs Bana said that parents were so impressed with the pupils presentation which they independently wrote and performed. They also answered questions from the parents as well.

AN AVANTI GOODBYE

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Mrs Patel in Year 4 will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has made the decision that she would like to spend more time with her young family. Mrs Patel has worked hard at Avanti over the Autumn term and I am sure you would like to thank her personally for her hard work. We wish her well with her family and hopefully one day in the future she will come back to Avanti!

Welcome Ms Cutri who will be Mrs Patel's replacement in January 2018, she has already been into Avanti so she is ready and prepared for 2018!

Goodbye Ms Amin (Teaching Assistant) who has decided to leave for pastures new.

Welcome...

Mr Barker who is our new Assistant Site Keeper. He will be on duty in the morning from 10am-2pm.

THANK YOU MR DAS

Mr Das and drummers from Avanti put on a spectacular assembly on: Wednesday 29th November. They taught the children of Avanti all about rhythm, pace and how to count the pulse of a piece of music. Mr Das who is a master at playing the dhol performed the pieces: King of Tabla beats "Tin Taal 16 beats" and "Dadra"- 6 beats also "Kaharba"- 8 beats and 128 beats performance.

Radha said: 'I learnt that if you try your hardest you can achieve something very special like Mr Das.'

Joshua said: 'I learnt that music can make you feel different emotions. When Mr Das played I felt joyful!'

Tiana said: 'Music has the power to take you into your own world and to make you feel calm and happy. It is amazing how hypnotic music can be and how music can bring everyone together.'





SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2017-2018

As a school we have a number of priorities we will be working on to raise standards further over this academic year they are:

Key Priority Area 1: To further develop and improve the accountability of all leaders particularly middle leaders so all leaders have an excellent understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses so improvement planning is sharper in terms of impact.

Key Priority 2: To increase the percentage of pupils achieving Greater Depth in all three subjects and that those achieving GD in Yr 2 continue to do so throughout the school.

Key Priority 3: To raise the attainment of writing across the school

Key Priority 4: To improve attendance across the school to 97%

Key Priority 5: To raise standards of Science across the school

Key Priority 6: Improve the quality of Teaching and learning across the EYFS

Key Priority Area 7: Improve the teaching and learning across the school with particular focus on inspirational teaching and engagement through the Arts

PRE Learning at Avanti Court this term



We have been discussing deep concepts such as the 'cycle of birth and death' and the role of food in faiths. Children have relished the opportunity to discuss such challenging concepts and show critical thinking skills.

Year 4 have been learning about reincarnation and the sufferings in this world. They have been intrigued by the topic and have asked deep questions such as "Why do we have to die?" and "How can we stop the suffering and problems?" They have had discussions about what happens after we die and have showed maturity in their discussions and thought processes.

Year 2 have been discovering what different Faiths believe about food and how it informs the customs and traditions they have. Some of them have started reflecting on their personal choices in food and making changes. They also have a good idea of where their food comes from and how to show gratitude for the food they eat. They have learnt concepts such as Karma related to food.

Wishing you all a merry and peaceful Christmas!

Mrs Makwana



WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A MASTERPIECE!

Year 5 took part in a drumming workshop with drums made out of recyclable containers! The music could be heard echoing down the corridors and really demonstrated the power of playing as a group! Year 5 pupils Ananya and Arshia said that they found the activity challenging because they had to learn new beats to be able to play traditional drumming. The best part of the lesson they thought was being able to play fast and loud whilst keeping in time with the class!

ATTENDANCE

Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Most parents want their children to get on well in life. Nowadays, it is more important than ever to have a good education behind you if you want opportunities in adult life. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school or regularly.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. Pupils who arrive late often feel embarrassed. I spoke to a pupil in Key Stage 2 who said: *'I hate it when I am late. I have to walk into the lesson when everyone is working and I just don't know what to do. It makes me feel really stressed. I have to stand in line with all the other late parents and I know I am missing my learning.'*

Imagine if this is how your child is feeling every morning because they are late - as an adult how many of us would feel like this child turning up for work late or to an important appointment?

Attending school every day = 100% attendance.

Attending 4 half days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

Attending 3 half days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Be on time, Be Punctual.....Every Second Counts!





LEARNING AT AVANTI

WHACKY SCIENCE DAY AT AVANTI

On Friday 10.11.17 children and staff alike at Avanti Court marked World Science day with a bang, dressing up as scientists/engineers from across the world that have inspired the world of Science. Children came in all shapes and sizes with bite-size fact files about their chosen personality. Miss Khan and Mrs Hussein delivered KS1 and KS2 assemblies respectively with a special quiz about 'Who is who?' in the Science world. Children were given the opportunity to share their ideas and to start thinking about their inventions for Science Day Part 2 in March 2017 and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge! Anish and Bhavin from Dhumalah Class claimed 'We enjoyed dressing up and finding out facts about our scientists. We really enjoyed the quiz but it was challenging because we did not know all of the scientists for e.g. we didn't realise that David Attenborough was a modern scientist although Mr Koorichh always played his documentaries to us. Also we loved the prize that Shreyas won for the class.'



AVANTI'S FIRST NOVEL!

Well done Year 6 for publishing their first novel! The WHO DUNNIT novel titled Sweet Revenge is a wonderful read full of suspense and excitement! The writing is superb and really shows the impact reading has on writing! I read the novel on the way back from our sister school in Harrow and couldn't help but to show off the novel to a passenger sitting next to me! I am so proud of Year 6 and look forward to owning my own copy or loaning a copy from Redbridge library!



'We visited the Manor Temple and saw some amazing things! I saw some big gigantic cows! Next I saw the cow's big eyes and its nice rainbow tail. Its tail was so long. The cows made me feel so joyful!' Krutarth Year 1

'On Tuesday I saw a gigantic cow, it was very beautiful. Next I saw the cows again and they looked unbelievably strong! I thought the cows were very cute!' Smayan Year 1



'We had to solve a maths investigation which we found really challenging! We had to come up with different ways of making an amount using a certain number of coins. First it did not work so we had to carefully look at the different combinations. I think we needed to work more systematically!'

In year 4, pupils were visited by an Anglo-Saxon visitor. The children were engrossed with the artefacts he showed the year group and they enjoyed role playing the Battle of Hastings. The children asked interesting questions such as 'How can this armour protect you on the battlefield if there are holes in the armour?' The children also participated in an interactive quiz, which many of our pupils found challenging as they had to locate the specific answers. Even though it was an exhausting day for the pupils, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves as one pupil claimed 'I can't wait to learn more,' and another child responded with 'I am going to find out more at home.' What a truly inspiring day!



LIFE AT AVANTI...



School is open for pupils on the
3rd January 2018!

CHRISTMAS AT AVANTI...

Christmas is always a special time at Avanti. Year 1 were retelling the story of Mary and Joseph and made books to show their journey, which were wonderful!



Reception visited our local church to hear the Christmas Story, which was a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities!

Nursery and Reception put on a wonderful performance of the Wiggly Nativity complete with costumes and props. It was great to see so many parents at the performance and to see how proud you were of your children. Father Stewart was present during the performance and ended the celebration with a prayer.

Mrs Debashree Patel said: 'Thank you and congratulations for arranging such an amazing performance today by our little Angels. We were overwhelmed by the magical performance of our children. As parents, it was a heavenly experience looking at our 'Stars' shine and twinkle confidently in front of a full audience. Thank you children, teachers and staff members for making our day so special. We are proud of you !'

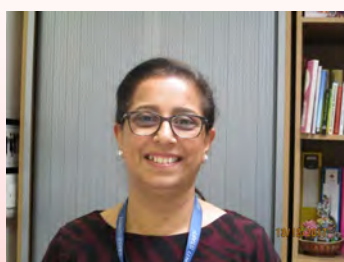


HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

My name is Mrs Mudhar and I am the school's Welfare Assistant. I help pupils with not only medical needs but also support children so that they can work effectively in class. If a child has a worry I am always on hand to help them. I assist the School Nurse to write care plans for children who have severe medical needs and I am the first point of contact should a child need first aid. I also manage risk assessments for pupils both on and off site and sign post parents who may need extra support.

Recently, I have just completed Diabetes Management training and will attend pupil well being training in January 2018.

Please do come and see me if you have a concern or worry as I am more than able to help.



Mrs Mudhar is very kind and good at first aid and she helped me once I hurt me knee. She always shows the school values particular empathy!



My name is Mrs Kaur and I work in the kitchen. I help children by making sure that they enjoy their lunch and pick the right foods. I always look out for children who may need help and offer my support. If children are happy then I am happy!

Mr Bresh, who is the School Catering Manager said that Mrs Kaur always shows huge empathy towards children.





LOOK WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS TERM...



Writing and performing play scripts



Christmas Dinners and Jumpers 2017!



Raising a smile at Springfield Care Home

Role play in PRE



Home Learning by Sonakshi

A snowy park

With every step, I left footprints in the pristine snow. All around me snowflakes fell silently, I was tempted to stick my tongue out. The branches and boughs of every tree were covered in fresh, powdery whiteness. Again, the temptation to shake it was overwhelming. Wallop! A snowball hit me head on. As I strolled through the pearly snow, I looked around excitedly. Icicles hung on barren branches, as if they were crystal earrings. A crisp, waxen blanket of snow lay down on the lush malachite grass, blending in with the greyscale sky to create a never-ending horizon.

In the distance, I could hear the laughter of rosy-cheeked children having snowball fights and sledding, whilst dogs yapped, wondering where the white "sand" had come from. The snow was too heavy for the thin branches of the trees; white powder descended in delicate showers finely coating everyone's head. Suddenly, a gelid gust of wind blew past me, sending shivers down my spine. The cold was getting to me now, in spite of wrapping myself warm with my scarf, at gloves and armed with a fur coat. Time to head home, where a cup of hot chocolate will be waiting for me.

Sonakshi Seetohul



Working with an artist on Cubism



Nominating Ambassadors to lead



Harvest donations



Faith Forum



Diversity Week



Music creating togetherness



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