



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



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Dear Families,

What another fantastic year it has been for Avanti Court! We have continued on our journey to excellence being recognised by the London Borough of Redbridge for showing fantastic progress in attendance and for demonstrating excellent practice in our Special Educational Needs provision. We have gained a quality mark in the arts, which adds another recognised accreditation for our school. Results continue to remain high with our first Year 6 cohort achieving results which look to be above Redbridge and above National. So, it would only seem fit to thank our Avanti families for your continued support.

School resumes for pupils on the 10th September 2018.

Regards,
Mrs Walters

LORD CHAITANYA



ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2017 TO JULY 20TH 2018

Class	Percentage Attendance From September-July 20th 2018
Nursery AM	93.17% Below National
Nursery PM	88.95% Below National
Reception Blanco	95.24% Below National
Reception Balta	94.32% Below National
Reception Shukla	95.26% Below National
Reception White	96.57% At National
Year 1 Blue	96.23% At National
Year 1 Neela	96.3% At National
Year 1 Nebieski	96.74% At National
Year 1 Azul	96.73% At National
Year 2 Harit	96.92% At National
Year 2 Green	97.71% Above National
Year 2 Verdi	96.25% At National
Year 2 Zielony	96.57% At National
Year 3 Dhumalah	96.74% At National
Year 3 Purple	97.04% Above National
Year 3 Purpura	98.44% Above National
Year 3 Fioletowy	97.77% Above National
Year 4 Bronze	97.14% Above National
Year 4 Kamsya	96.83% At National
Year 4 Bronce	96.71% At National
Year 4 Braz	94.81% Below National
Year 5 Silver	96.98% At National
Year 5 Rajat	96.97% At National
Year 5 Plata	96.16% At National
Year 5 Srebo	95.88% Below National
Year 6 Gold	96.2% At National

MRS SHRESTHA IS AWARDED ANOTHER BIKING GRANT FOR THE SCHOOL-OUR COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING A HEALTHY SCHOOL

The London Borough of Redbridge thanked Avanti for applying for the smarter travel initiative, which is a small grants scheme. There was a fantastic response from schools this year, which has unfortunately meant many schools were not awarded the grant.

The grant for Avanti will be used to deliver cycle training for both adults and children, a Dr Bike session, a basic bike maintenance session for Year 6, the yearly biker's breakfast and a budget to buy more bikes to loan out to pupils.

A PASSION FOR DRUMMING!

The end of this term saw four fantastic concerts to cater for the **growing number** of drummers at Avanti! It has been fantastic to see how far the drummers have come this year, with lots more children taking exams, as well as the synchronised double drumming seen in the concerts!

"As a drumming teacher, it is a privilege to teach in a school that understands the true value of music. The qualities that the children have had to develop to perform at a continually high standard really shows the positive impact that music can have on a child's education and development. I am extremely proud to be a part of their musical education and am truly grateful for the support received from both the school and parents to make drumming lessons so popular at Avanti!" - Tim Hall

NEWSLETTER JUNE-JULY 2018



DISPLAYS AT AVANTI



PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY VISIT AVANTI 2018

A number of teaching students from Plymouth University visited Avanti recently to learn about our holistic curriculum.

Avanti Court showcased how guided meditation promotes a sense of pupil well-being and our exceptional philosophy, ethics and religious education.

Teachers were very impressed with the learning they saw whilst at Avanti.

We asked: What will you take back to your school?

They said: Positive behaviour techniques. The use of meditation and the positive impact it has on children - I have never seen meditation being used before.

We asked: What wowed you about Avanti?

They said: How different faiths are implemented into everyday school life and the subject knowledge of the children.



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

PARENT VIEW

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PARENT FORUM - YOU ASKED AND SO WE...

You asked for reminders about upcoming events and so as a school we will action this in the Autumn term.

You asked for a better lunchtime system so all pupils get their chosen meal- the school implemented the Bio-Store System and as a result pupil feedback (see the portfolio) in the reception area which shows the majority of pupils are happy with their lunches.

You asked that we employ a specialist PE instructor and I am pleased to announce that we now have a specialist PE teacher who is training teachers to deliver high quality PE lessons. This will continue in September 2018.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure your children arrive at school on time. Currently, two members of staff are on duty daily to escort late children to their classes after 8:30am. We would prefer that these two members of staff be used to support learning.

Did you know that from 8:20-8:45am in Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 children use this time to respond to teacher marking?

Research has proved that children who respond to teacher feedback make more progress than their peers.

As a school, we wanted to achieve 97% attendance for the Summer term. We managed to reach 96.1%. There are a number of families who have decided to go abroad during term time, which is having an impact on not only their children's academic success but on our whole school attendance.

We are pleased to have reached the National Average, however we are still below our own target of 97%.

If your child is LATE for school on seven occasions during a half term the school will initiate a penalty notice.

HOW HAS AVANTI SUPPORTED OTHER SCHOOLS THIS TERM?

Mrs Sanghera supported other schools in the London Borough of Redbridge this summer as part of the maths moderation process.

Ms Sahota has supported school assessment procedures in Reception classes across the Borough and Mrs Sivadasan as Lead English Moderator for the Borough has visited Redbridge schools to ensure their English assessments are accurate!

Ms Sahota is now the EYFS lead for two reception hubs in Redbridge.

A teacher from Spain visited Avanti recently to observe our fantastic EYFS provision.

Avanti Court Primary School opened classrooms to university student teachers recently to look at our holistic curriculum.

Mrs Walters was visited by a Headteacher from a school outside of the Borough to share how Avanti identifies priorities and evidences impact.

A Headteacher from the Avanti School's Trust visited Avanti recently to observe the leadership team to see how all leaders at all levels are held to account.

Mrs Makwana supported a PRE Lead recently, sharing the planning of PRE and our assessment procedures for PRE.

THE ARTS AT AVANTI...



BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE

Dear Avanti Court Primary School,

Thank you for your submission to Artsmark.

Your Statement of Commitment and Case Study have been reviewed by our assessment panel and we are delighted to inform you that Avanti Court Primary School has been awarded an **Artsmark Silver Award**. Congratulations!

The panel has made the following comment about your submissions:

*The panel recognises that the school has made **good progress** in your Artsmark journey, including the **development of music** and in raising the **visibility and profile of the arts across the whole school**. The panel encourage you to continue the sharing you have begun with other schools and look to enhance pupil engagement as you continue in your Artsmark journey.*

Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award!

As a Silver Artsmark school, Arts Council England celebrates your commitment to arts and cultural education and the opportunities emerging across your provision. Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to participate in a **diverse range of arts and cultural experiences** and you recognise the importance of development opportunities for your staff in these areas. You understand the value of working with arts and cultural organisations and are developing partnerships to enhance your provision. Your children and young people have an opportunity to develop their **knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture** and you are working to build on the foundations of your provision.

Artsmark is a forward thinking and ongoing journey that evidences developments to arts and culture over time, therefore we recommend that you re-register soon and start planning for your next Artsmark journey, setting new stretching objectives and furthering your ambitions for arts and culture.

Once again, congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

EYFS, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 RESULTS 2018

EYFS (Good Level of Development) - percentage of pupils who reached a good level of development

	2018	2017	2016
GLD	84.6	84.3	82.1

Results for KS1 and KS2 2018 - percentage of pupils who reached the expected standard in Maths, Reading and Writing

	Maths	Reading	Writing	SPAG
Key Stage 1 Year 2	84.7	86.4	80.5	
Key Stage 2 Year 6	80	83	97	96.6

What a super set of results this year! Our Key Stage 2 results have ensured the school are above **other schools nationally!** Well done Avanti staff and pupils!

Our EYFS results and Key Stage 1 results also look to be above other schools nationally!

RATHA YATRA 2018

Mr. Sanjay Patel a member of the SSC visited Avanti Court last Friday to celebrate Ratha Yatra and this is what he said about the festivities:

"I attended the Ratha Yatra festival yesterday morning and as ever it was a wonderful occasion with children, staff and volunteers all dressed up to mark the occasion. It was a most uplifting experience and is one of the reasons that Avanti Court is so special. I managed to stay for the Year 2 performance which was amazing as well! Year 2 pupils came across much older than they are and their confidence shone through.

I would like to say a huge well done to all those who helped organize the event and my only regret was that I could not stay for the afternoon.'



OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS



At Avanti, we are always working to build on our strong links and cohesion within our diverse community. These connections are important because they give our children opportunities to explore what it means to be a good citizen of our country and of the wider world. We are very proud of our Choir, who were invited by our friends at Holy Trinity Church to perform on 16th July as part of their Open Church Week. Of course, we were delighted to take part!

Seven Year 5 representatives from the Choir worked very hard to prepare for this concert, and took the lead in designing the programme. They chose songs which they felt reflected our school, our values and ethos, and wrote their own speeches to explain their ideas to the congregation. Everybody was amazed by our children's confidence, performance skills and beautiful manners.

The choir felt that it was a great opportunity for us to also share our Govindum Prayer and Kirtan with the congregation at the Church, and so we took Khutitaals, Djembe drums and a range of other percussion instruments as well as our voices! How wonderful that our ethos can light up the community this way. It reminds us that although spirituality might be unique for each of us, we can find so much common ground when we come together in mutual respect.

Father Stuart says: 'The partnership between Holy Trinity Church and Avanti Court Primary School is a very special one, and it continues to grow each year. We have really enjoyed the children's performances today, and learning more about the Avanti values - values which are shared by all of us here. It is so important to us that our doors to open to everybody in our local community, whatever their faith background might be.' Miss Vincent



THE ROYAL WEDDING - WHAT DID IT MEAN TO US?



Pupils and staff at Avanti Court celebrated the wedding of Meghan Markle, taking part in a special assembly outside to mark the event. Children sang the National Anthem in unison and the sound was truly amazing! Mrs. Vincent accompanied the children on her trumpet adding to the occasion while children and staff dressed in red, white and of course blue! Balloons were released into the sky accompanied by the excited shrieks from the children and a rapturous round of applause could be heard I am sure as far as Buckingham Palace!



WELL DONE ARAN - YEAR 6!

Aran took on a mammoth charity bike ride recently completing 69 miles. What a fantastic achievement this is! Aran clearly shows the values of empathy, resilience and of course courage!



PUPIL VOICE



Please kindly view the Ambassador Minutes below to see what YOUR Ambassadors have achieved!

Ambassador Minutes – JULY 2018

Ambassadors and pupil representatives met Mr Terry to discuss how they felt about the beans that were served with the jacket potatoes. They eloquently explained that the beans did not taste like the ones they are used to at home. Mr Terry listened to their feedback and invited them to taste his new recipe. He explained that Heinz beans have rather a lot of sugar in them and are not always the healthiest option, however he had tested a number of recipes and believed he had found the ingredients to make the beans taste better.

Children were asked to critique the beans and then to give them a score.

Akshaya said: 'I give the beans 8/10 - they are good.'

Khanak said: 'The beans are now delicious. I give them 9/10'

Madhura said: 'I enjoyed these beans because they have more flavour and they taste better, I score them 10/10.'

Tashi said: 'I think they are marvellous. I give them 9.5/10'

Mr Terry asked if the children were happy if he served his new recipe for beans and 100% of the children agreed. Mr Terry thanked the children for their feedback and commented on how well they use their pupil voice to make changes and how this is such a good skill as it links to democracy.



PUPIL MEX-



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THEMED LUNCH JULY 20TH 2018

Ambassadors recently worked alongside Mr Terry to devise a Mexican themed menu. They were very passionate about ensuring that the pupils of Avanti try different foods from around the world. The menu consisted of:

- A Mexican inspired pizza, a little spicier than normal!
- A Mexican inspired bean salad
- Tacos to be placed on the side
- Vanilla ice cream



SPORTS AT AVANTI



Even our parents joined in!



Winning the running race for the Dads!



It is all in the balance!



Courage, Resilience and Respect



J AND C SPORTS PROVISION IS BACK AT AVANTI!

I am delighted to inform you that J&C, a provider who teach outstanding PE lessons, are back at Avanti Court! Our pupils recorded their thoughts about their lesson for you to read:



EDUCATIONAL VISITS AT AVANTI...



Reception visit Paradise park!



Year 6 visit Bawdsey Manor



Year 4 visit Fairlop Waters

OUR FIRST YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL 2018



It was a privilege taking our Year 6 to Bawdsey Manor this term. They took part in a range of challenging activities from archery to climbing Jacob's ladder. What really came across from every single pupil was the desire to try their very best, their resilience and how well they supported each other.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2018

Year 6 wowed their audience on Tuesday 17th July as they performed a truly magical show inspired by British texts such as Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland and Captain Hook! It was phenomenal to see so many of our much loved story characters come to life on stage and the passion shown by the children was just a delight to watch.

Year 6 will be missed hugely as they leave to embark on their next steps to secondary school, however with Avanti values set firmly within their hearts we know they will be ready to take on the world!

SSC member Jyoti Gogna said: 'I wanted to email you all to say what an incredible evening it was yesterday and to thank Mr Koorichh for the invite. It was an absolute pleasure to witness just how confident, charismatic, caring, kind and compassionate the children of Gold Class are.'

They truly are an asset to the school and encompass the values and ethos of Avanti Court. Haribol!

A big congratulations to Mr Koorichh and his A Team for organising such a wonderful evening. Your selfless attitude and caring nature towards the children was so evident.'



LEARNIN AT AVANTI



STEM FAIR

My Amazing Experience at STEM-Fair 201!

To express my joy, I am sharing my incredible personal experience of the very first STEM Fair 2018 at Avanti House Secondary School!

I took pride in showcasing my fantastic invention and enjoyed representing Avanti Court Primary School with my fabulous project. To me, it took a great deal of courage to actually display my invention to an audience and introduce my findings, as there were several judges, who were scrutinising our pieces of work intensively.

Additionally, I would like to compliment the scrumptious prasadam provided by Avanti House Secondary school as they comforted us before the tense judging began.

Once lunch finished, we assembled ourselves in the STEM Fair showcase hall and waited for the judges decision...

Lastly, after the arduous judging, it was time for the award ceremony. Feeling apprehensive, I crossed my fingers and toes, hoping for a prize. But at the same time, butterflies filled my stomach. Would it be me? Would I get the trophy? But unfortunately, it was the moment I found out that it wasn't me. I was downhearted. Luckily, I was fortunate to receive a grand golden badge engraved with "STEM Fair 2018" on it. Actually it was the most amazing experience of my life!

By Divija Year 5



FOAC ARE BACK!

What a beautiful day we had at Avanti on Sunday 15th July! The summer Fair was a huge success and the smiles from both adults and children said it all. I am delighted to inform you that FAOC raised a fantastic £1,188.81 during the event!

FOAC have been busy working on a number of events over the last term from First Aid courses to a Teddy Bear's Picnic and in total have raised: £1,398.81. Well done FOAC!



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AVANTI DANCERS AMAZE IN FINCHLEY THEATRE!

A number of very talented dancers from Avanti Court took to the stage in Finchley recently showcasing their amazing dance talent. Led by Nishi from KSparks Entertainment, dancers performed an inspirational dance which had every member of the audience dancing along-well done Avanti!



KEEPING SAFE

The NSPCC came to visit Avanti recently with Buddy! Buddy is the school's mascot. The NSPCC representative shared important messages in a fun, interactive way – helping our children to understand what abuse is and who they can turn to for help if they need it. The 'Speak out Stay safe' assembly helps children understand about different types of abuse so that they can get help if or when they need it. This includes talking about neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and bullying.

Through the assembly children discussed how to identify a trusted adult they can speak to if they are worried about themselves or a friend. They also learnt about Childline, and how the service can support them.

From talking PANTS to approaching difficult issues, the NSPCC has a range of tips and advice to help you keep children safe whether they're at home, out and about or online.

Visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

LAYTH SHARES HIS LEARNING ABOUT VISITING A GURDWARA

We went to the Gurdwara to learn about different religions. The building was really big and tall and it had Sikhism signs all the way around the top of the building and a flag hundreds of metres tall!

I learnt that there are 5 K's which are the hair (Kesh), the sword (Kirpan), the comb (Kanga), the bangle (Kara) and shorts (Kachera). They are important because they basically wear them for a reason and to show respect. In the olden times they were worn and they are worn today because God is in the 5 K's. I found the sword interesting because it can keep you safe, it isn't long and sharp and it is worn on a strap under a t-shirt.

The people who were showing us around were kind and friendly and even a man told us a story and I thought he was funny!

In a Gurdwara people pray together understanding and following the teachings of God through their Holy Book (Sri Guru Granth Sahib Dev Ji). I found out that you do not have to be rich to be a good person but you have to pray to God, you have to be kind and meditate.

Mrs Walters, you should go to the Gurdwara so that you can learn new things, you would like the pictures!