



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

What another fantastic half term it has been for Avanti Court! We have continued on our journey to excellence, being recognised by Ofsted as being a school that if inspected **now** under their Section 5 Framework would be outstanding!

Results continue to remain high with our first Year 6 cohort achieving results which were significantly above Redbridge and National standards and this was also the case for Year 1 phonics, Year 2 SATs and end of year outcomes in the EYFS.

May I thank you all for your patience with regards to the recent school closure. I understand as a working mother how difficult it is when your child's school closes due to unforeseen circumstances, so thank you once again for your understanding.

Regards,

Mrs Walters

ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 TO DATE

Class Attendance	Week of 10 th – 14 th September	Week of 17 th – 21 st September	Week of 24 th – 28 th September	Week of 1 st – 5 th October	Week of 8 th – 12 th October	Week of 15 th – 19 th October	Week of 29 th Oct – 2 nd Nov
Reception							
Balta		100.00%	100.00%	98.60%	96.00%	92.90%	100.00%
Blanco		92.90%	96.40%	95.70%	96.30%	92.60%	94.40%
Shukla		98.60%	98.60%	97.20%	98.70%	100.00%	95.50%
Year 1							
Blue	100.00%	92.20%	95.40%	96.50%	96.10%	96.70%	95.00%
Nceela	100.00%	95.70%	96.30%	94.00%	93.30%	96.70%	100.00%
Niebieski	93.40%	96.20%	99.30%	99.00%	96.30%	98.30%	93.70%
Azul	100.00%	99.30%	93.80%	98.60%	100.00%	96.70%	96.70%
Year 2							
Green	100.00%	99.30%	93.80%	98.60%	97.80%	94.80%	96.20%
Harit	95.70%	96.80%	96.30%	95.20%	94.40%	90.70%	92.60%
Verdi	97.30%	94.00%	94.30%	96.00%	94.20%	90.00%	96.00%
Zielony	91.70%	88.60%	92.90%	84.00%	91.70%	96.70%	100.00%
Year 3							
Dhumalah	100.00%	100.00%	99.20%	98.90%	99.10%	100.00%	98.60%
Fioletowy	95.70%	97.90%	98.60%	98.60%	98.20%	98.20%	92.60%
Purple	97.20%	98.30%	99.00%	99.00%	95.80%	100.00%	100.00%
Purpura	96.30%	97.60%	92.40%	96.60%	99.10%	100.00%	96.90%
Year 4							
Braz	95.90%	98.60%	100.00%	99.70%	98.70%	100.00%	97.90%
Bronce	97.30%	96.70%	99.30%	99.00%	97.10%	91.70%	98.70%
Bronze	99.30%	97.10%	98.60%	96.70%	94.00%	96.80%	95.20%
Kamsya	98.30%	98.00%	98.70%	98.70%	100.00%	95.00%	95.30%
Year 5							
Plata	99.70%	99.40%	97.40%	98.40%	99.20%	100.00%	97.40%
Rajat	97.70%	98.10%	97.40%	98.10%	95.60%	100.00%	91.60%
Srebro	100.00%	97.10%	100.00%	96.40%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Silver	98.40%	98.40%	98.10%	97.10%	97.20%	96.80%	99.00%
Year 6							
Gold	85.50%	77.90%	94.10%	87.60%	97.00%	100.00%	95.20%
Oro	94.40%	96.70%	96.80%	93.80%	97.20%	88.90%	88.90%
Suvanam	82.630%	85.40%	95.40%	89.30%	95.10%	92.90%	98.20%
Zloto	92.90%	89.70%	97.90%	93.80%	99.60%	100.00%	98.90%
Number of classes with 97% or more	14	15	15	14	15	12	12

AVANTI'S FIRST EVER YOUNG MASTER'S CHESS TOURNAMENT 2018

Pupils from across the school took part in our first ever chess tournament in Autumn. Thirty eager pupils played their way through a number of rounds to determine the overall winner. All pupils clearly demonstrated skills such as: strategizing, patience, respect, flexibility and risk taking. All of these skills can be applied to everyday life.

Well done to: Eshan from Year 4 for winning first place, Om from Year 5 for gaining second place and Kushal from Year 3 for coming third.

A huge thank You to Mr Alin for his hard work in organising the competition and for leading chess club!

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is the act of seeing beyond the region of possibility of senses, mind and intelligence.

When someone gets what he desires he is not grateful, but thinks he deserves it.

Without a grateful heart, heart will be hard.



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LEARNING DISPLAYS AT AVANTI



OFSTED VISIT AVANTI 2018

Goodness, what a visit! Ofsted visited Avanti on the 26th September and the outcome for our school was fantastic. To read the letter from inspectors please visit: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/142489>

Here are some of the wonderful comments Ofsted made about our school!

The leadership team has maintained the **good quality of education** in the school since the last inspection. Based on the evidence gathered during this short inspection, I am of the opinion that the school has demonstrated **strong practice and marked improvement in specific areas**. This may indicate that the school has **improved significantly overall**. Therefore, I am recommending that the school's next inspection be a section 5 inspection.

Since joining the school in 2015, you have created a **'no excuses' culture**, which is embedded across the whole team. This means that everybody in the school, including the pupils, **work hard to overcome any difficulties** that they face.

Avanti Court Primary is a special place to learn. There is a **balance** between developing pupils academically and spiritually. The **warmth** of the school is obvious when first walking through the school gate.

Pupils who are new to the school settle **in well because there is a strong culture of respect** in the school. Pupils are polite to a fault, and their behaviour is exemplary.

You have **developed a wide team** of senior and middle leaders. These leaders are highly effective. As a result of their leadership, **teaching and outcomes have improved** since the school was last inspected.

Teachers have also been trained to **challenge pupils** through the activities that they choose and when questioning the most able pupils during lessons. As a result, an **increased number of pupils achieve the higher standard** in national tests in reading, writing and mathematics.

You have also developed a **broad curriculum**, which enables pupils to study a range of subjects, including yoga and Sanskrit.

The leadership team has ensured that all **safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose**. Leaders have instilled a strong culture of safeguarding across the school. All **adults understand their role in keeping pupils safe**. The school goes beyond the necessary checks required of adults to ensure that they are suitable to work with pupils.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

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



PARENT FORUM- YOU ASKED AND SO WE...

You asked for reminders about upcoming events and so as a school we are sending out regular reminders to keep you up to date with any events or changes.

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 reception shows the majority of pupils are happy with their lunches.

You asked that we have a pathway connecting the two playgrounds so that it is safer to walk across the grass and I am pleased to announce that we now in the process of receiving a number of quotes so that we can proceed with the pathway. As a school we must be able to show three quotes for any works over five thousand pounds.

HOW HAS AVANTI SUPPORTED OTHER SCHOOLS THIS TERM?

Ms Sahota has supported other schools across the Trust to moderate samples of work from the Early Years, this has ensured that assessment procedures are robust and consistent.

Mrs Walters, with Principles from the Trust visited Canada recently to see what aspects of the Canadian education system could improve educational outcomes for Avanti pupils in the UK.

Mrs Walters will be working with leaders from one of our sister schools to further develop their leadership team.

Mrs Makwana delivered a special Diwali assembly to the pupils of Mayespark Primary School.

Leaders from Avanti Court Primary School delivered various workshops on the 9th November to teachers and support staff across the Trust to raise standards for our pupils.

TERM DATES

Last day of term for pupils in Nursery is Thursday 20th December 2018

Last day of term for pupils in Reception – Year 6 is Friday 21st December 2018 at 1:30pm

School resumes for all pupils on: Tuesday 8th January 2019

Half Term begins on Monday 18th February 2019– Friday 22nd February 2019.

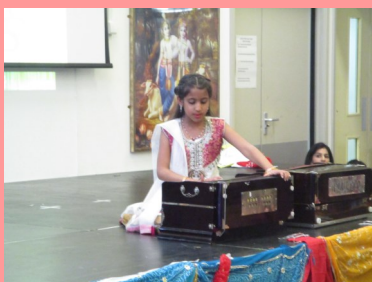
DIWALI



Diwali at Avanti Court is a very exciting time! Pupils have been learning about the Diwali stories in English lessons and through the arts. In class, pupils made some wonderfully tasting sweets and lassi! Pupils took part in a Rangoli competition and there was our yearly Diwali fireworks display which was super!

Year 3 celebrated Diwali through a fantastic performance which truly demonstrated their understanding of Diwali and their brilliant performance skills! As Mrs Sanghera said: 'The children have worked spectacularly hard to put on a wonderful performance, it was such a special time to be able to showcase their learning to parents and celebrate Diwali with them.'

Thank you Ms Vincent for taking our choir to sing Diwali songs in the Ilford Exchange! It was great to see so many shoppers smiling!



Safeguarding- (NSPCC) Teach your child the underwear rule!

We all want to keep our children safe. You've probably already talked to them about things like crossing the road safely. But have you spoken to them about how to stay safe from sexual abuse? We know it's a conversation no parent wants to have, but we believe it can feel just as natural, and be just as easy, as the road safety chat. We call it talking PANTS. From P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe. That's why we want all parents to talk PANTS – because we know that talking regularly with children about these important messages really can help them stay safe.

An important conversation to have

We know what you might be thinking: this isn't for my child. Of course, no parent ever wants to think their child will be affected by sexual abuse. But that's exactly why it's vital you have this conversation – to help keep them safe. We also understand that talking about this topic might feel daunting. But it doesn't have to be. PANTS has been created specifically – with the help of parents and professionals – to make sure these conversations are as easy and appropriate as possible for children as young as four.

PANTS never mentions sex. We know you might feel that your child is too young to talk about sex. And that's why PANTS never mentions it. It's not about learning about the birds and the bees, but practical and reassuring messages to stay safe. We never use scary words. The last thing we want to do is upset or scare your child. Talking PANTS is about using simple, child-friendly language to give your child the confidence and knowledge to stay safe. "I wholeheartedly think talking PANTS should be up there with how to cross the road." Parent of six-year-old girl.

How to get started

How and when you talk PANTS with your child is always your choice. After all, you know them better than anyone. Once you're comfortable with all the messages (pages 8-9) our series of 'Icebreakers' make it easy to start talking PANTS, all with the help of our friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus. Through games, songs and activities they introduce the main messages in fun and interesting ways. And you can start today... Our icebreakers! Share our Keep and learn kids' pull-out – and make remembering the rules fun. Your kids can Sing along with Pantosaurus – his song is a catchy introduction to the key PANTS messages. There's also Playtime with Pantosaurus – online, on a tablet or phone, this free game lets them play basketball and dive, all while learning the PANTS rules. **Find these fun icebreakers at nspcc.org.uk/pants**

Privates are private

Be clear with your child that your underwear covers up your private parts and what 'private' means. Explain to them that no one should ask to see or touch their private parts, or ask them to look at or touch anyone else's. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. Explain that this is OK, but that those people should always explain why, and should ask them if it's OK first.

Always remember your body belongs to you. Let your child know their body belongs to them, and no one else. No one has the right to make them do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch them underneath their underwear they must say 'No' – and tell an adult they trust. This might be a family member, teacher, support worker or a doctor.

No means no Make sure your child understands that they have the right to say 'No' to unwanted touch – even to a family member or someone they know or love. They're in control of their body and no one should ever make them do things that make them feel uncomfortable.

Talk about secrets that upset you Explain to your child that they should always talk about stuff that makes them worried – and that sharing it won't get them into trouble. Explain the differences between 'good' and 'bad' secrets. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened, whereas good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people which make you feel excited. Any secret should always be shared in the end.

Speak up, someone can help Tell your child it's always good to talk to an adult they trust, about anything that makes them sad, anxious or frightened, so they can help. And it doesn't have to be a family member. It can be a teacher or a friend's parent, for example. Reassure them that whatever the problem, it's not their fault and they will never get into trouble for speaking out.

They can also call Childline on 0800 1111 and a friendly person will help.

ATTENDANCE AND 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 were used to support learning.

Did you know that from 8:20-8:45am in Years 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 Autumn term. We have managed to reach **96.6%**. 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.



DIVERSITY WEEK

Diversity Week took place in Autumn 1 and was a huge success. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about African sculptures and used this knowledge to make two fantastic sculptures using their newly acquired knowledge.

Pupils took part in traditional Chinese dancing complete with a moving dragon and fans. Pupils also learnt traditional Russian dancing.

Faith leaders from a range of faiths led a very inspiring assembly for pupils about their own faith. Pupils asked questions such as: How do you know God is real? How do you know that there is an afterlife?

The food festival was a tremendous success with staff, parents and pupils sampling food from around the world!

Lessons also took place for pupils in Year 5 on radicalization and pupils from Year 5 said: 'It is important to learn about radicalization so that we can make the world better and recognise anyone who could be at risk, so someone can help them.'

Vinaya Sharma who took part in the Faith Assembly said: 'Thank you for giving us the chance to interact with the children during the assembly. I agree that it is really important to see all the faiths coming together. It was super that the pupils could ask questions about the faiths, traditions and different cultural practices and yet find a common theme underneath the differences. I really enjoyed my interaction with the children and thank you for including me in the assembly.'

Our resident artist also taught pupils about the importance of stained glass windows in Christianity and about the importance of the Chinese Dragon. She supported pupils to create our very own stained glass window which is located in the walkway of the Dennis Wing and the Dragon looking over us in the Year 2 corridor!

The Food Festival was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many of you trying different foods from around the world with your families. A huge thank you to Jamie's Mum (Year 3) who led a fantastic assembly celebrating what makes her country special. Children had the opportunity to say the Polish alphabet and learn about another place in the world.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Bana for organizing the event!



LEST WE FORGET...

Avanti Court remembered the fallen during special assemblies and marked a two minute silence on the 12th November. Pupils in Year 6 wrote fantastic letters to a fallen soldier, which are displayed in our walk of remembrance.



PUPIL POWER

Well done to pupils from Year 6 and Year 4 who recently met with members of the School Stakeholder Committee (SSC) to discuss whether they find their work challenging and if teacher marking moves their learning on. It was super for the SSC to hear from the children of how they feel about their learning.

New Ambassadors have been elected from KS2 and they will take part in a special assembly shortly attended by MP Wes Streeting who will present their badges so that they can formally begin their roles in helping to improve the school.

Thank you Ambassadors for meeting Mr Terry our kitchen manager to tell him your thoughts on the wraps that are provided for packed lunches. As a result of your meeting, wraps will no longer be provided for packed lunches and have been replaced by a sandwich that you taste tested!



OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2018– 2019



As a school we use a range of evidence at the end of each academic year to determine which aspects of the school needs improvement linked to teaching and learning. Actions are written for each priority so that we know as a school what we need to do to achieve each one.

Priority Area 1: Leadership and Management

Ensure that all leaders at all levels demonstrate a deep and accurate understanding of the school's effectiveness and impact on teaching and learning

Priority Area 2: Assessment and Achievement of pupils at the school

Continue to increase the percentage of pupils achieving Greater Depth in all three subjects and that those achieving Greater Depth in the EYFS and Year 2 continue to do so throughout the school (writing is a focus area)

Priority Area 3: Achievement of pupils

To raise the attainment of writing across the school specifically through talk for writing strategies

Priority Area 4: Behaviour and Safety

To further develop a safe and secure learning environment across the school

Priority Area 5: Quality of teaching and learning

To provide an inspirational and challenging curriculum with a focus on the foundation subjects assessment and feedback

Priority Area 6: EYFS

To continue to develop an enabling environment in the EYFS that meets the needs of all learners and provides challenge in all areas of learning

Priority Area 7: PRE

To ensure that all staff demonstrate a deep and accurate understanding of the school's ethos in order to raise standards of PRE

ANOTHER YEAR OF IMPRESSIVE RESULTS FROM AVANTI COURT 2017-2018

EYFS Results				Key Stage 2 Results			
EYFS 2017-2018	Percentage achieving a Good Level of Development	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check			Avanti Court	Red- bridge	Nation- al
		2017-2018		Expected Stand- ard Reading, Writing, Maths	76.7%	70.1%	64.4%
Avanti Court	84%	93.75%		High Score Reading, Writ- ing, Maths	23.3%	14.6%	9.9%
Redbridge	75%	84.9%		Reading Expected	83.3%	78.2%	75.3%
National	71%	82.5%		Reading Higher	33.3%	31.1%	21.1%
Year 2 (Key Stage 1 Results)				Writing Expected	96.7%	83.2%	78.3%
Expected Standard	Avanti Court	Redbridge	National	Writing Greater Depth	36.7%	25.6%	19.9%
Reading	86%	81.5%	75.4%	Maths Expected	80%	81.2%	75.6%
Writing	81%	76.1%	69.9%	Maths Higher	50%	35.9%	23.6%
Maths	85%	81.3%	76.1%	Spelling, Gram- mar and Punctua- tion Expected	96.7%	83.2%	77.7%
Greater Depth	Avanti Court	Redbridge	National	Spelling, Gram- mar and Punctua- tion Higher	56.7%	44.8%	34.4%
Reading	38%	33.5%	25.6%	Science Expected	96.7%	83%	82.5%
Writing	30%	21.2%	15.9%				
Maths	34%	29.6%	21.8%				
Science Expected Standard	Avanti Court	Redbridge	National				
	87.3%	83.2%	82.8%				