



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to the Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Staff attended an ethos training by Jai Nitai, the president of the Radha Krishna Temple in London. He continues to provide training for teachers once every term to encourage deeper thinking. Teachers have found these sessions uplifting and are able to approach him for advice on spirituality and everyday life. Mrs Makwana provides training for staff who have newly joined Avanti Court.



Due to high expectations in PRE learning at Avanti, children show deep learning about challenging topics such as the Soul. Please come along and have a look at our PRE display and Portfolios.

Children continue to show their talents through creative arts with a spectacular Diwali performance by Year 3 and a heart warming Nativity performance by the EYFS children.



Avanti Court continues to support schools across Redbridge and across London.

During the Autumn term, the PRE lead supported Grove Primary School where Mrs Makwana led the Diwali assemblies and also taught Year 3 children a lesson on the importance of holy books.

Mrs Hirani attended the Faith Forum at Al Noor School and shared the similarities between the Hindu faith and other faiths.

Mrs Walters, Mrs Mudhar and Mr Sharma accompanied children to the Law Society in London. Children did Avanti proud by sharing their talents through singing prayers, poetry, dancing and making speeches. The society were so impressed that they presented Avanti with an award.



Learning at Avanti Court by PRE Ambassadors...

We are proud to share our newsletter and showcase how we celebrated Diwali the festival of light, which represents the triumph of good over evil, truth over falsehood and light over darkness. Traditionally, it is time for exchanging gifts, friendship, peace, and goodwill to all.



*Sri Ram jai Ram Jai
Jai Ram!*



Year 1

In Year 1, Children celebrated Diwali week by rewriting the Diwali story as part of their English work. They included a descriptive setting to engage the reader. In art, children made and decorated diya lamps out of clay. Children had lots of fun as they created and lit the lamps together! In PRE they learnt about a story that happened on Diwali day where Mother Yashoda ties Krishna with a rope of Love.



Year 2

In Year 2, Children learnt the reason why Diwali is celebrated and as a result they learnt the story of Ramayana. Furthermore, they wrote a diary entry as Sita to empathise with her. In-addition, they also made Rangoli patterns to celebrate the festival. As part of English, children wrote acrostic poems about Diwali.

Year 3

Year 3, presented an amazing play to showcase the story of the Ramayana, with a focus on the characteristics of the great devotee Hanuman. Children participated enthusiastically as they took on the roles of the characters. Their performance awed the audience with their tuneful, vibrant singing. The show enabled everyone in school to learn the story through the arts instead of the story just being read to them.



Year 4

During Diwali week, Year 4 read about Queen Kaykei and were amazed by her powerful, vibrant personality. Even though she was a very powerful lady, she was poisoned by Manthra her maid servant. Pupils learnt about the importance of who they associate with. Through role-play children went back in time to understand and develop empathy with her. After a group discussion, children wrote a letter in the role of Kaykei to her beloved son Rama—begging for forgiveness and redemption for what she had done. Children cherished and celebrated the festival as they sang songs and then wrote their own song to perform together.

Year 5

In Year 5, children attended an exciting drama workshop to share and act out the story of Ramayana. Through drama they were able to understand different characters and write facts about Sita as a part of the Diwali curriculum. Children also wrote a biography about Sita and the story from her perspective. Children expressed their opinions about the different characters especially the women characters. They held debates and wrote their arguments justifying their opinions and sharing who in the Rama and Sita story was more influential. They then wrote poems as a token of appreciation. Within the Year 5 corridors children have prepared their 'Celestial Celebration' display board to showcase their learning, please feel free to visit and read their work.



Year 6

Year 6 was assigned with a really interesting character, King Dasharatha—the great honourable human, loyal husband and above all loving father. Their journey started with an interesting workshop with Mrs V enacting the scenes from Ramayana. Children were challenged to write a descriptive setting of the magnificent city of Ayodhya—the land of peace and glory. They continued to discuss and share opinions to build a character profile about the King. Finally, they compared King Dasharatha, father of Rama, with the other modern leaders.



We wish you all a wonderful new year!