



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



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Dear Families,

The start to Spring 2 has been a challenging one in many ways. Saying goodbye to one of our pupils has been difficult and very emotional. The support from staff, pupils, parents and our community has been very heart warming and reminds me of the strength Avanti Court has as a community.

The love, strength, courage shown by all resonates around Avanti Court and it is the values that we all show on a daily basis that continues to move the school and community from strength to strength.

Regards,

Mrs Walters

**From the darkest situation
the brightest light appears if
we take the shelter of God.**



ATTENDANCE FROM January 21st– 1st March 2019

Class Attendance	Week of 21 st – 25 th January 2019	Week of 28 th Jan – 1 st Feb 2019	Week of 4 th – 8 th February 2019	Week of 11 th – 15 th February 2019	Week of the 25 th –1 st March
Reception					
Balta	93.10%	95.20%	97.20%	85.90%	95.1%
Blanco	100.00%	96.90%	92.40%	89.70%	93.79%
Shukla	92.70%	99.30%	100.00%	96.00%	96%
Year 1					
Blue	93.80%	95.20%	86.90%	92.10%	98.97%
Neela	95.90%	98.60%	99.70%	97.90%	98.67%
Niebieski	100.00%	93.80%	93.00%	93.70%	95.67%
Azul	95.70%	95.30%	89.70%	82.70%	93.3%
Year 2					
Green	96.60%	95.90%	96.60%	95.50%	99.66%
Harit	93.30%	92.60%	97.00%	95.90%	97.69%
Verdi	96.60%	99.30%	91.40%	98.30%	97.86%
Zielony	98.90%	98.90%	93.90%	94.40%	90.5%
Year 3					
Dhumalah	98.70%	99.30%	100.00%	99.70%	95.67%
Fioletowy	97.20%	93.40%	95.50%	98.30%	95.86%
Purple	98.70%	96.00%	95.00%	94.70%	99.67%
Purpura	99.70%	98.70%	93.30%	96.00%	95%
Year 4					
Braz	99.30%	94.30%	97.00%	94.70%	92%
Bronce	99.00%	95.00%	93.30%	95.30%	84.6%
Bronze	96.00%	88.30%	93.70%	98.00%	97.33%
Kamsya	94.00%	91.00%	99.30%	99.00%	99.33%
Year 5					
Plata	100.00%	97.70%	95.20%	91.00%	96.13%
Rajat	91.70%	96.30%	95.70%	80.30%	95.67%
Srebro	94.50%	90.00%	90.00%	88.30%	100%
Silver	98.00%	97.30%	92.00%	87.30%	92.67%
Year 6					
Gold	94.50%	97.90%	94.70%	95.00%	98.67%
Oro	93.00%	93.60%	96.80%	94.60%	91.03%
Suvanam	95.60%	98.60%	90.70%	94.80%	95.17%
Zloto	95.20%	98.30%	97.20%	94.10%	89.66%
Number of classes with 97% or more	11	11	8	6	10

DR MOLLY WARRINGTON TRUST BOARD MEMBER VISITS AVANTI

Avanti Trust Board member Dr Molly Warrington visited Avanti Court and said: 'I saw children engaged in literacy and numeracy lessons. In one class they were learning new vocabulary and how to use it, not just in writing, but in their daily lives. In another class children were working through questions about fractions: each child chose which level to attempt and worked through the different problems. I walked round a few desks in each classroom, looking at small sample of the children's books and talking to some children. Each child was able to explain with confidence exactly what they were doing and why. They seemed engaged and interested in their work, and in all the classrooms I visited there was a sense of purposefulness and a feeling of calm.'

It was clear to me that not only were the children studying core subjects of the national curriculum at levels which seemed to challenge them appropriately, but that the school also embraced the wider curriculum, including an emphasis on the creative arts. The Avanti ethos clearly permeated the school.'

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WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY SAYING ABOUT AVANTI?



Overall Avanti Court appears to be a vibrant, flourishing school! I was impressed by the leadership offered by the Principal and her Senior Leadership team and by the quality of education observed.
Dr Molly Warrington

Dear Deborah,
I am writing to extend my warm congratulations for your latest Key Stage 2 results. It is fantastic that the school has a high proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics.
MP Wes Streeting

The Year 6 Yoga lesson led by Ms Donoghue wowed me. It was great to see pupils leading and taking ownership of the yoga session.
Elif, Cranbrook Primary School

We could clearly see the progression of skills across all year groups and how high profile writing is across the school.
Rehana, Cranbrook Primary School

CYCLING

Pupils in Year 5 were fortunate to take part in cycling competency sessions recently run by the London Borough of Redbridge. Children took part in a bike assault course to help them identify ways of keeping safe. It was brilliant to talk to the pupils about the safety checks they need to do on their bike even before getting on it!



WELL DONE AMBASSADORS- PAPERLESS DAY IS COMING!

Ambassadors met the leadership team recently to discuss ways of looking after the environment. They decided as a group that they would like to minimise paper use in the school and so have proposed a NO PAPER DAY for staff on the 15th March!

They have decided that staff will not use post it notes or even scraps of paper. Well done Ambassadors, if we all support this initiative then we will make a difference!

FAITHS LEADS JOIN TOGETHER

Two fantastic role models for the school visited John Perry Primary School in Dagenham to share their knowledge of the Hindu faith. Alongside adults from the Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim and Christian faith Shraddha and Sriram answered questions from Year 5 and 6 pupils about the soul, reincarnation and karma. Faith leads commented on how well they answered some very challenging questions and how well they communicated their own



beliefs.

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 a pathway leading from the lower to upper playground and we are pleased to announce that the pathway is now in full use!

You asked for a phonics workshop and Mrs Hirani and Mrs Sivadasan delivered a very successful workshop on the 5th March.

You asked that a group of parents meet with representatives from the Trust to share their vision for Avanti and to discuss how they can best support the school. The meeting took place on the 15th February.

HOW HAS AVANTI SUPPORTED OTHER SCHOOLS THIS TERM?

Mrs Walters and Mrs Bana were invited to Hatfield University recently to deliver a lecture on the importance of assessment to PGCE students.

Members of staff from Cranbrook Primary School visited Avanti on the first day of Spring two, to learn more about our holistic curriculum.

EYFS teachers from Redbridge recently visited our reception and nursery areas to see what inspirational learning environments we provide for our pupils.

Pupils and staff from Avanti were invited to John Perry Primary School in Dagenham to share their knowledge of the Hindu faith.

Mrs Bana and Mrs Walters were invited to the Redbridge Teacher Training Fair recently where they met a number of teachers and shared what makes Avanti a great place to work!

Mrs Hirani recently shared effective strategies for teaching writing to Principles from across the Trust recently and will be leading Talk for

TERM DATES

Spring 2 ends on the 5th April 2019. School will close promptly at 1:30pm for all pupils. There is no afternoon nursery on the 5th April.

Pupils return to school on the 23rd April 2019.

May 6th 2019 is a Bank Holiday and Avanti Court will close on this day.

AVANTI COURT IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND...



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Avanti Ambassador's met Dr Warrington to discuss their learning and progress.



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Year 1 pupils visited the Manor temple in Watford recently.



Safeguarding pupils

Information regarding policies and procedures at Avanti Court Primary School to enable the safety of our school community.

Parental support

In the morning, pupils in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 may enter into the building at 8:20am. Pupils in Reception are met by their teacher outside the Reception area and are taken into class at 8:20am ready to start lessons. The main gates will be closed / locked at 8:30am in the morning and will not be opened again until 3.00pm. Pupils are dismissed at 3:10pm. The gates are then locked again at 3.20pm. In order to support the security of the school, it is important you are punctual at the start and end of the school day and leave the site promptly so that the caretaker can secure the site. Members of the Senior Leadership team are on duty in the morning before school and after school.

Each class has a designated collection point at the end of the school day and any uncollected children will be taken to late collection at 3.20pm and parents are asked to enter the main reception area and to sign their child out. If your child is to be collected by someone else on any particular day, then please notify the class teacher or a member of staff in the office. Please do not take other children without the authority of the parent and prior notification.

If your child is unwell, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and leave a message. Please also ensure that your child has everything that they need that day as office staff cannot be expected to deliver items around the school. All these helpful strategies will enable the office staff to be extra vigilant.

Site security

To keep the school safe, we check all visitors before authorising entry on to the site. All school staff and visitors have to sign in and are issued with ID lanyards. The school monitors the external CCTV cameras on the site and challenge any strangers.

Staff training

All members of staff have received training on emergency evacuation procedures and the whole school community participates in practice drills to reinforce these evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency.

All members of staff have undertaken safeguarding training including the Prevent Strategy, which is the government's agenda for preventing children from radicalisation. Online safety training has also been delivered to the children.

Playtimes

Children are fully supervised during playtimes by members of staff on duty each day. If a child is injured, then they will be taken to the medical area for attention with a trained First Aider.

Bullying

As a school community we do not tolerate any form of bullying and act on all reports of incidents. We regularly talk to pupils about the definition of bullying and what strategies and support is in place to keep pupils safe.

Operation Encompass

Avanti Court is taking part in a project run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police Service. This project is known as Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child.

The DSL for Avanti Court Primary is Mrs Bana

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 Spring term. We have managed to reach **95.9%**. **This is below the National Average and Ofsted will not grade the school good if attendance is low. We are expecting Ofsted to revisit the school in order to get an outstanding grading so please help us to reach 97%**

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.



DIVERSITY

On the 1st March pupils from Avanti visited Al- Noor Primary School. During their visit they learnt about the Islamic religion and contributed to a workshop.

They learnt that Muslims call God Allah and that Allah had many prophets. Pupils said they found it interesting to learn about the 5 pillars and said they really enjoyed looking at Arabic writing and writing their names in Arabic. Avanti pupils explained how important it is for them to meet other pupils and share knowledge and information.



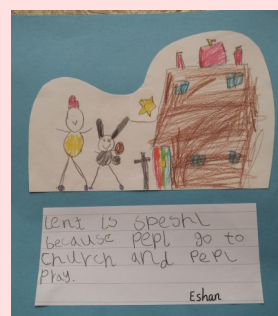
LENT AT AVANTI

Pupils across the school took part in a special assembly recently on the importance of Lent.

Why is lent important?
Lent is important
because Christians
remember what preparations
Jesus went through.
Aanshi

What have you learnt about
lent?
Lent is a time when you give up about
something when your tempted to and show
the values that Jesus did.
Krishn

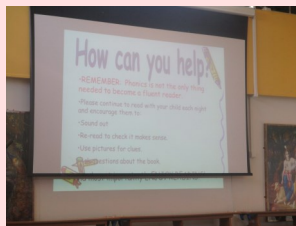
My teacher goes to
church to pray and she
thinks about Jesus.
Peace be with you means we
are friends.
Balla *Saarvis



PARENT POWER AND PHONICS

Mrs Hirani and Mrs Sivadasan delivered a very informative workshop for parents on the 5th March. Parents learnt about the importance of phonics and reading. Parents asked a range of really good questions to deepen their understanding of phonics and even took part in a quiz to see how much they had remembered. If you would like further information on the teaching of phonics at Avanti please visit:

www.letters-and-sounds.com/



SAFEGAURDING-RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM FROM A PUPIL'S PERSEPCTIVE...



Shakaydi and Thanisha both shared their understanding of radicalisation with me this week. They eloquently explained the importance of democracy and how extremist views can damage individual voice. Shakaydi said: 'Democracy is important because everyone has a voice and should be heard. People should be able to make up their own minds and have their own opinions.'

Thanisha said: 'Radicalisation and extremism is when a person or a group of people have extreme views. These could be about: extreme politics, religion. If I thought someone was sharing extremist views I would tell an adult so they can stop it.'



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

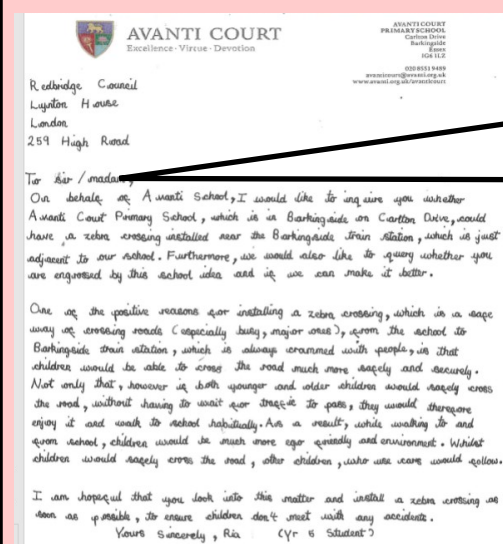
Priority Area 6: EYFS

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

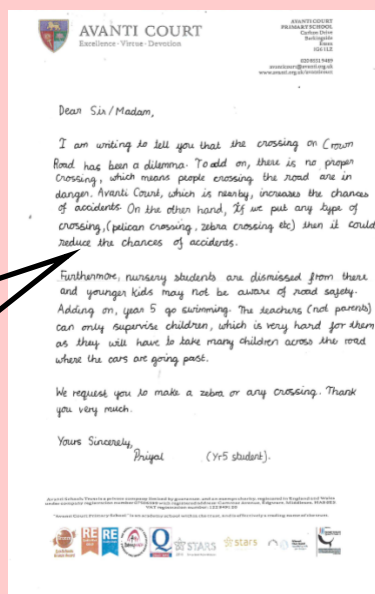
Priority Area 7: PRE

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

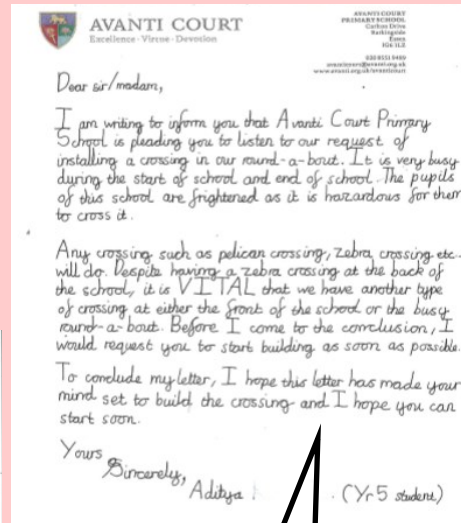
AMBASSADORS CAMPAIGN TO REDBRIDGE FOR A CROSSING!



On behalf of Avanti Court Primary School, I would like to inquire whether Avanti Court, which is in Barkingside on Carlton Drive, could have a zebra crossing installed.



There is no proper crossing nearby, increasing the chances of accidents. On the other hand if we put any type of crossing, (pelican crossing, zebra crossing etc) then it will reduce the chances of accidents.



It is vital that we have another type of crossing at either the front of the school or the busy roundabout. Before, I come to the conclusion, I would request you to start building as soon as possible.

AVANTI COURT IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND...



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Children from Year 6 took part in a science competition at Forest School



Pupils from Avanti, visit the Town Hall and share their ideas and opinions about culture and leisure with the Council.



AVANTI PUPILS CELEBRATE AFRICA THROUGH LEARNING!

Africa Day!

On Tuesday 26th February Year 2 took part in Africa day! Pupils experienced a range of activities from African dance to learning key words from different African languages. Thank you to Mrs Walters for leading the African Dance session, Ms Vincent for leading African music and Mrs Bana for delivering an inspiring celebratory session on different languages from Africa. The Year 2 teaching team created a fantastic day so that children are engaged and enthused about their new topic!



YOGA AT AVANTI

Children worked through a range of poses called the happy and sad cat pose. Children were able to show they were in a happy pose by stretching tall.

They started the session by deep breathing. This is really helpful because it helps children to feel calm and gives them space and time. To help the children focus Ms Donoghue encourages them to put on their concentration goggles before the lesson. She has explained to the children that the circular shape of the goggles is continuous and like a ring cannot be broken.

Key language is also a focus of the sessions and words such as: focus, resting, kneeling, inhale and posture are references through out the session.

