



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



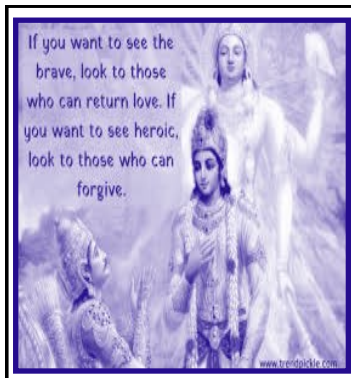
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Dear Families,

What a fantastic start to Autumn 2- we have achieved another three awards in the space of a few weeks, once again demonstrating our journey towards excellence! The first award was another gold award from Transport for London for our efforts to improve sustainable travel. The second was the Early Years Basic Skills Award and the third, for our commitment to Healthy Schools.

It is great to have so many leaders who are committed to raising standards at Avanti and so many pupil leaders who work so hard to help us achieve such awards.

Mrs Walters



WHAT PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE HAS YOUR CHILD'S CLASS ACHIEVED SO FAR?

As you can see from the table below, Year 6 pupils as a Year Group were all under 96% which is below the national average due to extensive unauthorised time taken off for 11+ revision. Year 5 please remember that the school does not authorise any leave for 11+ revision.

Class	Percentage from September 2019- November 4th 2019
Mayur	95%
Balta	97%
Blanco	96%
Shukla	95%
Blue	97%
Azul	98%
Neela	97%
Niebieski	98%
Verdi	96%
Harit	98%
Green	95%
Zielony	98%
Purple	98%
Purpura	96%
Fioletowy	97%
Dhumalah	97%
Kamsya	97%
Bronze	97%
Bronce	94%
Braz	97%
Plata	96%
Srebro	98%
Rajat	96%
Silver	99%
Gold	90%
Oro	95%
Suvanam	92%
Zloto	92%

A RECITAL WHICH HITS THE RIGHT NOTE!

A musical quartet recently visited Avanti to reform a range of classical music. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about the different instruments, hear them individually and as part of a group.

Jaineel said: 'It was super listening to them play. I really liked the big instrument called a bassoon as it was very long and could go very low. You play it by blowing in it through a tube which has a mouth piece on it.'

Avneet said: 'What was really special was the way individual musical instruments with very different sounds can combine to make a piece of music.'

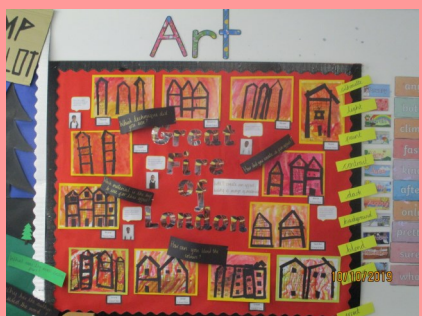


ANOTHER AWARD FOR AVANTI-EYFS

I am delighted to inform you that the Early Years Phase of the school has been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for Early Years Education! This award supports and recognises improving standards in the Early Years provision of communication, language and mathematics. Working towards the Award provides evidence of high-quality education and care and is valuable public recognition of the impact of the work of our leaders and practitioners in improving the quality of provision. The Assessor said: *'The welcome from the Avanti staff was as warm as ever. The team was keen to show how well they meet the criteria to achieve the Early Years Quality Mark. They spoke confidently about their practice and provision and reflected on how these have developed in recent years. They are constantly evaluating their impact on children's learning and show a real passion for this age group. Well done Ms Sahota and the team. Excellent organisation was seen in nursery and reception, all environments are stimulating and well planned. Lots of cross-curricular links are in evidence in the environment, both indoors and outdoors. The children have easy access to a wide range of resources which supports their independence. The curriculum is very well planned for indoors and outdoors and the daily routine provides a good balance of time for children to work as a whole class, in groups or individually.'*



Displays at Avanti



DIVERSITY WEEK 2019



Pupils across the school took part in Diversity Week exploring what makes our world so exciting and unique. Pupils had the opportunity to listen to classical music by different composers, they learnt African drumming, designed traditional African jewellery and made African models.



Pupils listened to members from different religions discuss why their religion is important to them and share the similarities between the different religions.



Children explored shapes and African art to produce stunning masks, which are now displayed in the Year 2 corridor.

Children in Year 5 looked at Maasai jewellery and created fantastic giant sized necklaces, which have taken pride of place in the Year 5 corridor.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sivadasan who organised the themed week.

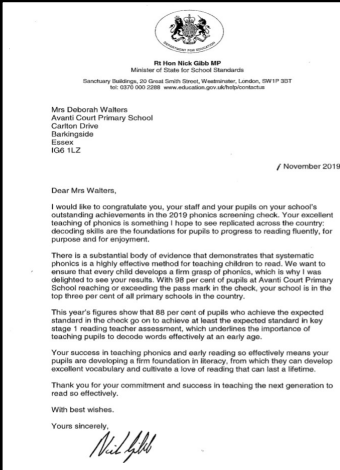


TOP 3% OF THE COUNTRY!

We are delighted to inform all parents that Avanti Court has been placed in the top 3% of the country for our outstanding phonics achievements in the 2019 phonics screening check. The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP (Minister of Education) recognises our excellent teaching of phonics and would like to see this replicated across the country— what an achievement.

I would like to thank all the Early Years and Key Stage 1 staff for their excellent commitment to the teaching of phonics.

Please spread the word that Avanti Court is in the top 3% of the country!



ATTENDANCE!

As a school we want to achieve 97% attendance for this academic year. We have managed to reach 96.4% so far, which is below our target.

You might receive a red letter in November or a phone call from the Leadership Team to discuss your child's attendance if it is below 90% so that we can work together to improve their attendance.

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

HOW DID AVANTI SUPPORT OTHER SCHOOLS LAST HALF TERM?

Avanti Court opened its doors to Holly Gibson an Executive Headteacher in Autumn 1 to share the impact of meditation, yoga and the school's values on positive behaviour.

Mrs Sivadasan and Mrs Dodia recently led a Trust workshop on supporting pupils with SEND and the EHC process.

Ms Sahota recently led a workshop for Trust staff on the use of an effective outdoor provision.

Mrs Makwana led a workshop for Trust staff on Mental Wellbeing for both pupils and staff.

Mrs Walters and Mrs Munshi led a session for Trust staff recently on assessing History and Geography. Mrs Makwana led a faith assembly at Christchurch Primary School recently.

DIWALI AT AVANTI 2019



What a wonderful week we had at celebrating Diwali. It was a truly wonderful event with children, staff and volunteers joining together as one. What made the day so uplifting was the happiness and pride shown on the faces of all.

Please take a moment to read a poem written by a pupil in Year 5. Thank you to Mrs Makwana for organising the events throughout the week and a huge thank you to Year 3 for their wonderful Diwali performance!

The one I call Sita
Her mother is the Earth,
Sita is the one who gave birth,
She is known as an incarnation,
Who is special in our holy nation.
She needed to marry someone who could lift a bow.
The one Shiva used to defeat a foe,
Only one with strength,
Who could lift the bow that has length.
Disappeared in a forest by a precious deer,
Now this is when Ram began to fear,
Sita was abducted by a demon called Ravana,
Who was more vicious than a piranha.
But Ram rescued Sita and went somewhere with light,
After Ravana was taken down in a fight.
They returned to Ayodhya and it's full of devotion,
This is the best of all the celebrations.



PUPIL VOICE AND BEHAVIOUR



Pupils from Year 5 and 6 met with the Executive Headteacher of BoxGrove

and Kidbrooke Park Primary School and Kidbrooke Park Learning Centre to discuss behaviour and the use of meditation at Avanti.

Holly asked the children if behaviour was enforced by staff at Avanti to which Ridhi said: 'Behaviour is down to us as the pupils, teachers expect good behaviour but we are in control of what we do. If behaviour is good then teachers can teach and that impacts on us all.'

She asked:

What else do you think helps you with your behaviour at Avanti?

Cameron said: 'What helps us is the values that run through our school, not just in the classroom but in the playground as well. If a child does make a mistake they will always say sorry and that is about being reflective- every one deserves another chance.'

Who can you go to if you feel worries or upset?

Shivai said: 'I feel safe at school but if I am upset I can talk to a teacher. Things that might worry children in Year 6 is the SATs but teachers here prepare you well and there is not a pressure put on you.'

Jovan said: 'You could feel worried at the end of the year when you have a new teacher but the school makes sure that you get to meet the new teacher who talks to you and you get to know a little bit about them.'

Pupils then showed their leadership skills by asking Holly questions to find out about her school and her thinking!

Shivai asked: 'Can you give me three words to describe your school and the reasons why you have chosen these words?'

Jovan asked: 'If there were three things you could improve about your school what would they be and why?'

Ridhi asked: 'How do you feel about the students at your school?'

This was a super opportunity for a Headteacher to learn from Avanti to make their own school even better.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019



On Monday the 11th of November 2019 members of staff and pupils observed the two-minute silence to remember those who lost their lives in the two World Wars serving their country, as well as those who have died in other conflicts. Pupils across the school learnt about remembrance day observing the silence and Ambassadors wrote a letter to a fallen hero. A wreath made by Reception pupils was placed by the tree near the main gates and the Last Post was played by Ms Vincent. Mrs Warren a member of the community was at the observance to pay her respects to a great Uncle who died in the war. Please take a few moments to read the writing produced by a Year 6 and Year 1 pupil.

Dear Mr Padrazzoli,

On behalf of Avanti Court, we salute you for your bravery in the World War. We couldn't possibly dream of the emotions you were going through.

Personally, I'm truly inspired by your courage, and the fact that you never gave up or ran away, no matter how hard things got.

From what I understand about the war, I believe that you had to undergo the most feared horrors, such as the sight of your fellow comrades suffering before your eyes.

However, your story shall live on in all our hearts for your great acts have passed on to future generations. For example, Mrs Walters is now a successful, independent headteacher, as she has taken on your values. She is now teaching us how to live out these values daily. One day, we shall teach these to our own children. Therefore, you are our hero, and the light of your flame shall never die but...

With love, gratitude and respect,
Kubra Nallakumar.

Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honour, Integrity, and Personal Courage



On Remembrance day we sit a time for two minutes when it's silence we remember the soldiers that fought in wars as a remembrance to day we lay poppies to remember the soldiers who died in a war. They fought in different places and fought in a field of poppies. A soldier is brave and loyalty because they fight us. They show respect and they have integrity.



AVANTI PUPILS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND THOUGHTS ABOUT READING WITH THE SCHOOL STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY

Pupil Leaders met with the working party of the SSC recently to talk to members about reading. The SSC asked to meet pupils from KS2 so that they could listen to them read to triangulate evidence with the School Improvement Plan and to check the actions on the plan were being addressed.

The SSC Checked the reading records of pupils to check they were being heard regularly by the teacher- outcomes from those in the sample show that they are taught reading regularly.

They checked reading records to see if the teachers were focusing on the acquisition of new language and comprehension- from the sample of records it was clear to see that language acquisition and comprehension was a focus.

WHERE DID OUR PUPILS EXPERIENCE TO

SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING

FIRST HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM?

Learning from the Romans
Last half term, the whole of Year 5 took part in an informative workshop about Romans.

The reason of why we took part in the workshop was to learn about their daily lives and how they fought with their enemies. The most important fact on the workshop was that the Romans tried to conquer the whole of Europe, but were unsuccessful because they invaded lots of countries, which made it hard for them to govern because the more people they got the more people they have to control.

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OUR KEY PRIORITIES AS A SCHOOL FOR 2019-2020

Key Priority Area 1: Leadership and Management: Ensure that all new leaders at all levels demonstrate a deep and accurate understanding of the school's effectiveness and impact on teaching and learning

Key Priority 2: Assessment: To further raise the percentage of boys achieving Greater Depth (GD) in all three Subjects and those that achieved GD in Yr 2 continue to do so through the school

Key Priority 3: To continue to raise the attainment of writing across the school specifically through talk for writing/ effective oracy/reading strategies and through the assessment of writing

Key Priority 4: To continue to raise the attainment of reading with a specific focus on comprehension through inference and deduction skills

Key Priority 5: To further develop a safe and Secure learning environment across the school

Key Priority Area 6: To modify the EYFS Curriculum to ensure a focus on the prime areas

Key Priority Area 7: To further develop well-being and mental health at Avanti Court

AMBASSADORS 2019-2020

Ambassador Minutes – 9th October 2019

Attendance: Ambassadors from Year 3-6 and Mrs Naik

Abhijit (Year 6) and Kritin (Year 5) proposed that this year we should start our charity events and should support 'Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)' as a number of pupils at Avanti visit Great Ormond Street Hospital for treatment. Children also added the fact that every day, 618 children attend GOSH every day for treatment! Pupils suggested an 80's style non-uniform day to raise money for the charity and Kieran and Naithan proposed that we should organise a sponsored game event like Cricket or Football. The ambassadors agreed unanimously that by organising a Game event they could invite their friends and families of Avanti Court, which would support the fund-raising event.

Ambassadors agreed and proposed to Mrs Naik that after the Diwali celebrations they would meet up with Mrs Walters to organise the events.

This year the ambassadors said that they would like to support another charity-Guide Dogs -as it would be nice to reflect and understand the importance of animals in our lives. Mrs Naik agreed to propose their vision to Mrs Walters to support the two charities.

Ria, Nirali and Aditya were keen to start the Food bank for the Avanti Families. All the ambassadors agreed that it would be a good idea to speak to children and teachers in an assembly so that all are more aware of this initiative. Vani and Kritin proposed that ambassadors will first make a list of food items that would be in line with the ethos of the school and then provide it to each class teacher with that list so each class can participate in this scheme. Children also requested that a suitable place to store the food so they could be in charge of monitoring and distributing the food to families in need.

Year 5 and Year 6 Ambassadors were concerned that some classes may not be meditating in the afternoon which they agreed was essential to their well-being. Ambassador Aarav added that meditating after lunch break supported the children in their year group to be calm so that they feel more rejuvenated to accomplish their learning challenges. Kieran also added that it also helped children to have a calmer routine and supported their well-being. Ambassadors will check that all classes are meditating the week of the 5th November 2019 and would inform Mrs Makwana if there were any issues.

Ambassadors felt that our school should be proactive and restart the recycling of paper to support our environment. Children were keen to ensure that every classroom had a labelled recycling bin for the paper they use and they wanted assurance that paper placed in these bins is being recycled and not put with other waste. Mrs Naik also suggested that all the Ambassadors check that all other classes have those boxes before orders are placed for extra bins. Ambassadors will ask Mr John for his assurance that used paper is recycled. Naithan, Kushal, Rishit and Aditya proposed that would like to talk with Mr John and Ms Johnson to ensure that the used paper is recycled and that all classrooms have bins in order to recycle paper.

Ambassadors suggested that as winter is approaching they will monitor the corridors (Year 4,5,6) during the wet play/lunch times to ensure that corridors are tidy and free from any coats and gloves on the floor, as this links to the values of respect and self-discipline. They will secure that all coats and bags are placed on hooks and the floors are clean and all children have play buddy especially during wet-play. Mrs Naik said that she will talk with Mrs Walters before they commence their duties.

Ambassadors were also concerned about the very few children wanting to visit the toilets during the lesson times-they suggested that they would make a toilet pass for each class and the ambassadors would note that in the event of any emergencies the teachers would know where the child is i.e. fire drills etc. Kushal and Aditya proposed that they would design and make the passes. Mrs Naik agreed to propose their suggestions to Mrs Walters and discuss it during the next meeting.

Attendees

Year 6: Aarav, Abhijit, Kieran and Ria

Year 5: Rishit, Nirali, Kritin and Aditya

Year 4: Kushal, Aalyia, Naithan and Aarav

Year 3 : Nitai, Saith, Ruhi

WELL DONE-AVANTI'S FOOTBALL TEAM TAKE ON BOROUGH TEAMS!



Avanti Court's football team played their first competitive football competition today 9 pupils from Key Stage 2 represented the school on the 13th November playing a number of games against other borough schools.

Cameron said: 'It was a super day, hard work but we used all our values to get us though it. The value that we needed most of all was respect because even if you are winning or losing you need to show the other team that you respect them. We also needed resilience because at times we were tired but we kept going!'