



# A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Multi faith Week

As you know our children celebrated Multi faith week. Children had the opportunity to learn more about one of our world faiths and were able to experience the art work, food and in particular discuss the similarities and differences between Hinduism and the faith they were focussing on. Our pupils engaged extremely positively throughout and demonstrated respect for other faiths and religions. The week also provided an opportunity for pupils to understand the Avanti value of respect alongside the British Value of mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. We invited an educationalist who spoke about her faith, Islam, and clearly linked facts with the two values. Our Year 6 also visited a Synagogue and experienced the faith of Judaism.

## Year 3 and Year 4 Spelling Bee!



LKS2 pupils at Avanti House Primary School took part in a spelling competition alongside 6 local Harrow schools.

We were incredibly excited to enter the competition, our first spelling bee! Our four pupils worked hard to ensure they knew the Year 3 and Year 4 spellings.

We are proud to share the news that our school came second. Well done to Nikhil Shah, Janki Patel, Mayra Mehndiratta and Shaniaya Parmar for representing our school.

## Summer Fair update

You will all have received an email asking children to bring in a gift for the Summer Fairs tombola stand. Please ensure that the gifts are packaged and not damaged in any way. Items such as bath salts, hand cream, perfume... would be great.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> will be non-school uniform day and we would appreciate it if your child brought in a gift on that day.

## School Council Update

Members of School Council and Health and Safety Group shortlisted over 65 applications for the role of a Playground Buddy. Together we shortlisted the applications, which was a very difficult task due to the strength and commitment demonstrated through the application. We have shortlisted ten candidates who will be interviewed by a panel of four. Good luck to the ten candidates.

## External Visits

Over the academic year the school has had several external visits which I would like to share with you.

Firstly the school has three reviews per year which are carried out by external HMI inspectors. I am pleased to say that all three inspections have continued to be positive, with only small areas to develop on. We have also had two visits made by all our SSC members. They have visited classes to experience teaching and learning, looked through books and talked to pupils as well as having in depth conversations with my Senior Leadership team including myself. These visits have also been very positive and I will address any points raised at our next SSC meeting next week.

We also had a member of the Board of Trustees visit our school, Mr Mayur Patel, and I must say, our Board member was extremely impressed by the pupils behaviour in class and around school, he was particularly impressed with the quantity and quality of pupils work in books which demonstrates clear progress across subjects. He had the opportunity to meet with School Council who spoke confidently and articulately about their school and what makes it a good place to learn.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June we had an external, local authority, moderation of our Year 6 writing. The purpose of moderation is to ensure that we as teachers and leaders understand the requirements under the teacher assessment framework. The process lasted 5 hours and we are pleased to announce that the two moderators agreed with our judgements. This was an important verification for our school particularly as it being our first Year 6 cohort.

It has been another extremely productive and positive year, with high end of year outcomes. We now wait patiently to receive the results of our Year 6 SATS.

## An afternoon with an opera singer!

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, KS2 pupils were treated to a special assembly with a professional opera singer, Victoria Simmonds. Victoria spoke to pupils about her career as a working mezzo-soprano, including her work in operas such as The Adventures of Pinocchio, and contributing to the Harry Potter soundtrack! Pupils were also lucky enough to watch Victoria perform an aria from Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. For most students, this was their first time to ever hear live opera singing and it was quite a memorable experience! Victoria spoke to pupils about how she followed her dream of becoming a professional singer and all the hard work associated with it, encouraging encouraged the children to strive to achieve their own dreams, whatever they may be.

