



Headteacher Forum Minutes Tuesday 26th July 2016

Mrs Walters thanked parents for attending the meeting at the end of such a busy year!

End of Year Results

Mrs Walters shared the EYFS end of Year results and the Key Stage 1 end of year results. She informed parents that as a school we should once again beat Redbridge averages. She informed parents of the high standards of attainment across the school.

Specialist Teachers

Mrs Walters informed parents that the school had recruited a Sanskrit teacher, PRE teacher and Yoga teacher for September 2016 so that we continue to raise standards in these areas. The school also recruited an ICT Technician for September 2016 to support the development of ICT in the school and to support teachers with the delivery of the Computing Curriculum.

Teaching and Learning

A parent asked how the school ensures that all teachers are performing effectively in the classroom. Mrs Bana explained how the observation and coaching process works at the school. A parent asked how the school supports Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs)-both Mrs Bana and Mrs Sanghera explained their roles alongside Mrs Makwana in developing NQTs through modelling, team teaching, coaching, peer marking, training and support from the LBR.

Communication

A parent commented that Parent Mail is successful, however they felt some letters should be provided as a hard copy and that more time was needed to inform parents of events or changes. All Senior Teachers supported this and would inform staff in September 2016. Mrs Sanghera said she would oversee Parent Mail for Year 3,4 and 5. Mrs Sivadasan would oversee Parent Mails for Year 1 and 2 and Ms Sahota would oversee Parent mails to the Early Years.

Physical Activity

A parent asked if rotas could be in place for competitive games in the playground e.g. football, cricket etc. Mrs Bana said that this would be in place for September 2016. Mrs Walters informed parents of the floor markings, which would take place over the summer and the training for Middays in order to support children to use the floor markings effectively. Mrs Walters invited parents to come into school during the Autumn term to have a look at play during lunchtimes.

Challenges in 2016-2017

A parent asked Senior Teachers about the challenges Avanti faces in the next academic year. Mrs Walters outlined that Avanti is a good school on a journey to outstanding and the challenges that the school faces are:

New Staff Induction

School Lunch provision for an additional 120 pupils

Mobility-in terms of visas expiring and families returning to India and parents leaving Avanti to attend their local schools, which is **not** due to our academic standards (we are above Redbridge 2014-2015 and our results are high for 2015-2016) but because Avanti Court was not their first choice of school-their local school was.

PRE Information

Senior Teachers informed parents that our PRE Lead/Senior Teacher Ms Makwana would be working on a document in the Autumn term 2016 providing information about collective worship and the faith to inform parents.

Clubs

A parent asked about clubs in the New Year. Mrs Walters informed parents that clubs would start after the October half term to allow teachers to settle. Mrs Sanghera reminded parents that we run a range of clubs by outside providers e.g. Taekwondo, Indian Singing, Multi Skills, Tennis etc. but additional clubs e.g. Choir, Yoga, Poetry Club, Art Club, Latin Club, British Sign Language Club were all run by Avanti Staff on a voluntary basis. We would ensure that if a child has already taken part in a teacher run club then others would be given an opportunity to attend.

The Dennis Wing

Mrs Bana asked parents if they could think of a name for the Dennis Wing, which will be refurbished over the Summer break. Parents said they would have a think over the break.

Mrs Walters thanked all parents for their continued support and wished all a happy, relaxing break.