



**AVANTI COURT**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Excellence Virtue Devotion**



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Dear Families,  
What a busy term it has been!  
At the end of each year I like to remind all staff, pupils and families of our achievements as a school:

PSQM Science Quality Mark Award 2016

Basic Skills Numeracy and Literacy Award 2016

Sustainable Travel Award 2016

Top Health and Safety Award 2016

Recognition by MP Nick Gibb for ranking in the top 8% of schools nationally for phonics High Key Stage 1 and EYFS end of year results-above both national and Redbridge averages

SEND Accreditation Award 2016

2 teachers and 2 Teaching Assistants completed the Outstanding Teachers Programme

I would like to thank all our families, children, staff and governors for all their hard work. I hope you all have a wonderful time with your families over the Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming pupils back on:

**January 3rd 2017.**

Mrs Walters

Class Attendance	Week of 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2016	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Reception</b>				
White	97.14%	86.67%	93%	76%
Blanco	97.27%	92.27%	91.36%	94.55%
Balta	93.37%	96.41%	79.8%	89.23%
Shukla	98.05%	94.92%	92.58%	84.38%
<b>Year 1</b>				
Azul	97.33%	98.57%	99.66%	97.93%
Neela	91.33%	96.67%	94.83%	93.10%
Niebieski	99.64%	96%	93.67%	93.33%
Blue	98.93%	98.55%	94.55%	93.45%
<b>Year 2</b>				
Harit	98%	95.67%	92%	96%
Zielony	96.9%	97.93%	98.62%	97.93%
Green	98.33%	98.67%	96.33%	98.67%
Verdi	98%	99.33%	93.33%	89.33%
<b>Year 3</b>				
Fioletowy	97.69%	99.62%	97.78%	89.63%
Dhumalah	94.4%	97.31%	96.15%	89.62%
Purpura	97.39%	98.33%	96.67%	94.78%
Purple	97.86%	100%	97.5%	89.64%
<b>Year 4</b>				
Kamsya	98.57%	97.24%	98.62%	97.24%
Bronce	98.97%	98.62%	95.53%	100%
Braz	99.33%	99.29%	97.24%	95.52%
Bronze	99.31%	98%	98%	92.67%
<b>Year 5</b>				
Silver	97.67%	96%	98.67%	96.67%
<b>Number of classes with 97% or more</b>	16	14	8	5
<b>Number of classes with 95%+</b>	18	18	12	8

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD! Mrs Makwana

Our theme this Year was 'Christmas around the world'. Each Year group looked at a story from a different part of the world showing the spirit and traditions of Christmas. These heart touching stories showed the values that are at the core of Avanti Court. We celebrated through a collective worship assembly where Year groups performed something linked to the around the world texts. The choir brought Christmas cheer with their angelic voices and the nativity songs by EYFS made our hearts melt. Staff shared what Christmas means to them and Yoga certificates were awarded to our Yogis of the term. There was also a sensational performance by our Bollywood club children. On Thursday, children enjoyed festive class parties and enjoyed the prasadam cake. Teachers and children also enjoyed a Christmas lunch together!

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Author Tola Okogwu visited the school on Friday 9th December 2016 to share her experiences as an author and to open our library! Mrs Sivadasan led on the events and even enlisted the support and help of two very talented parents to liven up the reading area with their creative brush strokes! The honorable Mayor of Redbridge was given the privilege of opening the library and revealing a plaque thanking our two parents for all their hard work. The afternoon was a real celebration of reading and the power of books. Thank you Mrs Sivadasan for all you do to raise the profile of reading across the school.



# NEWSLETTER

December 2016

# Christmas at Avanti Court...



## AVANTI'S CHOIR HITS A HIGH NOTE AT CHRISTMAS!

Written by MS Vincent

Christmas is a time to think of others, and to spread joy and hope where it is most needed. At Avanti, that's just what we love to do! Avanti Court Choir had the privilege of performing to the staff and patients at King George's hospital. We arrived at the hospital to a very warm welcome and an exciting invitation: can we switch the Christmas tree lights on? Of course we can!

The children showed the value of respect, listening carefully to a speech by the hospital chaplain, and joining in with a prayer for people who need help in our community. We sang Christmas carols beautifully as we rattled the charity bucket, which got heavier and heavier as people passed by! The money raised will help children and families who are affected by serious illness. What a worthy cause. It takes hard work and self-discipline to be part of a choir. Our children have shown a great level of commitment, working hard after school and during lunchtimes so that they can perform to their best and bring happiness to others. Well done children, we are so proud of you!

A member of the public said: 'It is wonderful to hear children's voices singing the same carols I learnt at school. They have really made me smile today.'



## ATTENDANCE-WELL DONE!

As a school we aim to achieve 97% attendance over the Autumn term and I am very pleased to announce that for the Autumn term our attendance was 96%.

Unfortunately, a number of parents decided to take their children on holiday during the last two weeks of term which has impacted on our whole school attendance data.

However, 96% is a **huge** achievement for Avanti, so please do keep up the good work and thank you to all families who have helped to raise attendance.

**Parents we need you help!**

## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP



### PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

**The next Headteacher's Forum will be on: Thursday 26th January at 8:45am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to share your views and to hear the positive developments the school is making to achieve the school**

## EARLY YEARS CELEBRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTMAS!

Ms Sahota our Early Years Lead and our dedicated EYFS staff led a fantastic 'Nativity Party' performance for our families. The performance gave every child an opportunity to shine and to celebrate the birth of Jesus. For those parents who watched the performance I am sure you would want me to congratulate the children and staff for a truly amazing performance. Character formation is one of the three pillars underpinning our school and the performance gave pupils the opportunity to develop their confidence performing before an audience.

Ms Naran said: 'Children and staff have been working really hard over the last few weeks to tell the Nativity story to our families and the whole school. The children have shown great team spirit and courage during our rehearsals and have amazed us with their spectacular performances! Our twinkling stars in Nursery were shining and gleaming as the wonderful stars they are! Our Reception children showed so much support towards each other in all parts of the Nativity. I am very proud of them all.'



## HOW HAS AVANTI SUPPORTED OTHER SCHOOLS THIS TERM?

We proud to inform you of how Avanti has supported other schools and Universities over the last half term:

Mrs Walters was invited to the University of East London on Monday 19th December to talk to students about Avanti Court and to help prepare them for their upcoming interviews to secure their first teaching position.

The leadership team supported a Headteacher from Kent on Thursday 15th December by showing her how we are preparing for Ofsted. We were recommended to her as a school by Dr Ian Craig.

The school has continued to support students from Ilford County High School over the last half term.



### REMINDERS!

Please be aware that all our newsletters will be sent out electronically via parent-mail!

**If your child is absent from school the week before or after the Christmas break you will need to provide medical evidence. Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017**

### CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY!

Staff and pupils at Avanti took part in a Christmas assembly on Friday 16th December 2016 to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Ms Sahota and Ms Vincent shared a scripture from the bible celebrating the birth of Christ. It was wonderful for Ms Vincent to share what she will be doing over Christmas at church with the children.

Azul class acted out the nativity and it was a joy to watch how important the story of the nativity is to them. A group of very talented pupils learning Spanish at Avanti performed a traditional Spanish carol. Mr Pearce wrote a poem which he shared with pupils and staff linking the birth of Jesus to our school values.

### YEAR 1 AND RECEPTION VISIT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Teachers and children were very excited to visit the Holy Trinity Church in Barkingside recently. They were greeted by Father Stuart who explained why Christmas is celebrated by Christians. Pupils sang 'Away in a Manger' and then all of a sudden there was a surprise for Avanti Court Primary School! Drum roll...a very special gift- a hand knitted Nativity set which was made by the Mother's Union! Teachers and pupils were touched to receive such a gift made with such love and kindness!

A very well done to our Reception children on their very first trip! We are all so proud of you! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!  
Ms Sahota

### SAFEGUARDING-Let's Talk PANTS!

We have posters displayed around the school to ensure pupils understand important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they are worried or concerned about something.  
**Visit: [nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://nspcc.org.uk/pants)**

How and when you talk PANTS to your child is your choice, as you know them better than anyone. But remember be clear with your child that underwear covers up your private parts and that private means private. Explain to them that no one should ask to see or touch their underwear.



### WELL DONE MRS SIVADASAN

Congratulations to Mrs Sivadasan who has accredited with the National Award for SEN coordination and Avanti Court is now an accredited SENCO school. Mrs Sivadasan has been working on this award in her own time and her drive and dedication to achieve the very best for all pupils is evident in all she does. On behalf Avanti Court I would like to thank her for the excellent work she does for children and families. We are very proud of her!

### NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CHILDREN ACHIEVING 100% ATTENDANCE!

I was delighted to see so many pupils wearing non uniform on Thursday 15th December as a reward for achieving 100% attendance. Throughout the day I congratulated as many pupils as possible for their efforts over the half term.

Parents, please support your children to achieve 100% as our non uniform wearers were glowing with pride on Thursday 15th December!



### OUR SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2016-2017

**Priority 1:** To further embed assessment procedures to plan for children's learning needs, including the identification of pupils, or groups of pupils, falling behind in their learning or who need additional support thus enabling pupils to continue to make outstanding progress and to achieve well.

**Priority 2:** To further develop and improve the accountability and effectiveness of the leadership team so all leaders have a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses.

**Priority 3:** Teachers use well-judged and often inspirational teaching strategies, including setting appropriate homework, that, together with sharply focused and timely support and intervention, match individual needs accurately and accelerate progress. The effective deployment of additional adults is effective so that teaching is of a consistently high quality, which ensures high quality progression for all learners.

**Priority 4:** To raise attendance to 97%

**Priority 5:** To raise the attainment of writing across the school particularly for the higher attainers/ vulnerable groups. ACHIEVEMENT

**Priority 6:** To develop the outdoor area in the EYFS so it is vibrant and used creatively to support different aspects of the curriculum and promotes rich talk and learning opportunities.

**Priority 7:** To ensure the school is ready for 2018 when the school is at full capacity.