



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



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Dear Families,

Well, here we are at the start of the Easter break and what a fantastic term it has been for all at Avanti!

I would like to say thank you to Dr Wayne Tennent the Senior Lecturer at the University of East London for working alongside our teachers to develop strategies for teaching comprehension, his sessions have been so thought provoking and already we have implemented many of his strategies across the school.

I would like to thank Ms Vincent for working so hard over the last few months preparing our choir for the Royal Albert Hall.

I would like to thank drama teacher: David Alexander who delivered wonderful workshops on Macbeth to support Shakespeare week.

I would like to also like to thank Ms Aylett who is the Deputy Headteacher at Kerrison School in Newham who alongside Ms Sahota are implementing fantastic outside learning opportunities for the early years.

Thank you to MP Wes Streeting who recently visited our school to support the work we are doing to promote British values.

I would also thank Mrs Dodia for promoting Sports Relief last week.

Thank you to Mrs Hirani for working so hard over the last few months to prepare our pupils for the Lord Chaitanya performance.

Regards,

Mrs Walters

VALUES...

Not a moment in human life passes when actions are not accounted for.



Quote by the Spiritual Leader Radhanath Swami

LORD CHAITANYA WEEK

What a way to end a fantastic spring term! In the wonderful world of Avanti Court, children and staff alike embarked on a transcendental adventure to find out more about this sublime incarnation of Krishna, who they call Gauranga! The week kick started with a mind blowing and soul shaking performance on Lord Chaitanya by our super talented year 3 children. But who is this wonderful personality, who has blessed us with a philosophy that underpins our special school ethos? Please read on.....

Lord Chaitanya appeared 500 years ago in West Bengal. He was born to a devotional family led by his father Jagannatha Mishra and his good mother, sachi Devi. His birth was no ordinary occurrence as it was prophesied that on a full Linear eclipse he will appear. He is the divine combination of Krishna and Radharani. Lord Chaitanya appeared due to the sincere pleas of his devotees and to remove wrong doings. He made the process of attaining Love of God simple by requesting that all chant the maha mantra irrespective of caste, colour or creed. This golden incarnation, who is also known as the Hidden avatar, came as a devotee of Himself to spread the love of God through the chanting of the holy names.

Mr Koorichh

THE FLOOD OF LOVE...

Children in Year 3 wowed the audience on Monday 21st March with a spectacular performance depicting the life of Lord Chaitanya . The performance titled: The Flood of Love was truly magical. Children in Year 3 under Mrs Hirani's direction were responsible for staging, props, acting and dancing. The 120 strong choir amazed the audience with their stunning singing celebrating Lord . Chaitanya. Thank you Year 3.



SPORT RELIEF AVANTI...

Mrs Dodia coordinated a spectacular fund raising day on: Friday 18th March to raise money for Sport Relief and in doing so our pupils raised over £2000, which is phenomenal! Well done, everyone for such an achievement!



HAPPY HOLI...



REMINDER...

If your child is absent from school please inform the school office before 9:30am. We ask you to do this so that as a school we can account for all pupils. Please also provide a letter to your child's class teacher when your child returns to school informing us in writing the dates and reason for absence.

SHAKE- SPEAR AT AVANTI COURT...



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

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

We are in the process of analysing responses from the parent survey and will update you shortly on our actions as a school.



TOP AWARD FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY!

I am delighted to inform you that Avanti Court Primary was recently inspected by the health and safety team from SafetyMARK and has been recognised by The National Safety Certification Scheme for Schools, as having 'excellent' safety standards, which is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates how hard the school has worked to ensure health and safety procedures are rigorous and indeed excellent! Please do read the section from the letter sent to the school from SafetyMARK:

*The SafetyMARK scheme aims to provide guidance for schools and to recognise and reward those schools that have gone the extra mile to create a safe environment for staff, pupils, visitors and contractors. After a rigorous independent audit Avanti Court Primary School was able to demonstrate that it has **first class** levels of safety management and compliance and, in doing so, achieved the SafetyMARK award for **excellence**.*

BRITISH VALUES 2016

MP Wes Streeting attended an assembly at Avanti Court on: Friday 11th March to choose two winning posters designed by the children titled: What Makes Britain Great!

Mr Streeting chose two winning posters designed by: Anika Bansal in Year 3 and Yuvaan Soni in Year 1, which will be hung in his offices in Ilford and in Parliament. The posters were super and certainly promoted British values!



ATTENDANCE-WE MUST DO BETTER!

As a school we aim to achieve 97% attendance over the Summer term. Please ensure your child comes to school otherwise they lose valuable learning time.

Week of: 8.2.16	Fioletowy – 99%
Week of: 22.2.16	Fioletowy – 99%
Week of: 29.2.16	Gold – 98%
Week of: 7.3.16	Purpura – 100%
Week of: 14.3.16	Gold – 98%

Our whole school attendance last week was: 92.62%

Parents we need your help!

THE DAY THE ANIMALS CAME TO VISIT YEAR 3...

Zookeepers from Paradise Wildlife Park, in Hertfordshire, brought in three creatures to Avanti Court, including Eddie the lizard! Pupils had the opportunity to ask really thoughtful questions about the animals, their habitats and were truly mesmerised by Sky the barn owl.



THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

Did you know that currently as a school our attendance is in the **lowest band nationally**? Unfortunately, this means that if Ofsted were to inspect our school it could put the school into special measures. Currently, our internal evaluation of Avanti Court indicates that we are a good school, however Ofsted would not grade us good purely because of our attendance.

If the school is put into a category because of our attendance this would have a huge impact on the school as parents would not want to send their child to a school which is graded any **less than good**.

I must emphasise that as parents you must help to improve our attendance. Please do not ask for holidays during term time, or ask for time for your child to attend weddings. Only keep your child at home if they are sick. It is vital that all children return to school promptly after each holiday period as we know a large number of parents keep their children away from school after a holiday, which of course impacts on our termly attendance.

As Headteacher, I will be monitoring attendance closely and will ask you to see me if your child's attendance falls below 97% for the Summer term. During this meeting I will use your child's work to show you how **low levels** of attendance impact on **academic performance**.

Please remember that everyday your child has away from school has a huge impact on the school and of course your child.

If your child's attendance is 90% for an academic year they will miss 76 lessons

If this continued throughout their time at Primary School they would miss 532 Lessons

Even at 94% they would miss 322 Lessons!

CAN YOU HELP US TO TRANSFORM OUR LIBRARY INTO SOMETHING MAGICAL?

We are writing to you to request your help to improve our school library. We would really like our artistic parents to come forward and donate their time to help us to design and decorate the library so that it has a magical feel to it. Perhaps, the library could be transformed into a scene from the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe or perhaps into another story settings from a well-known story book.

If you are interested in helping us please inform the school office who will pass on any enquiries to the Ambassadors.

Yours sincerely,
Avanti Ambassadors



A FEW WORDS BY OUR TALENTED POET: MR PEARCE

The stage is set so let the orchestra play, as the choirs of Redbridge unite for this day... Excited parents and friends, the arena is full, supporting the children representing our school...

Tension in the air, the lights sparkle and dance, Avanti Court singers wait their big chance...

Showing courage and talent, for the whole crowd to see, angelic voices of children, refined and carefree...

The Royal Albert Hall, an iconic sight, choirs singing and smiling throughout this great night...

Staff watching so proud, of what was achieved, a big thank you to parents and all those who believed...

An evening to remember for those who were there, memories created to inspire and share...

Amazing Avanti, the children excelled, our choir's performance was out of this world!



LIFE AT AVANTI...



BANISH COLDS AND FLUS...

Please remind your children to use a tissue if they have a cold to stop cold germs spreading. Please also remind your child to wash their hands before they eat to keep the bugs at bay!

DATES...

Children return to school on:
Monday 11th April 2016.

LIFE AT AVANTI...



AVANTI AUTHORS...

Thank you so much Sonakshi, our resident pupil author who kindly let me read her 500 word short story about a mission to steal the crown jewels! I have taken my favourite part for the Avanti Community to read as I thought it was marvellous!

The island seemed inhabited. This will be an ideal hideout and the crown jewels will be safe. They decided to explore the island and to their great astonishment, they found a plethora of exotic fruits, such as: mango, papaya, banana, guava, lychee, passion fruits and berries. 'What a delightful feast!' they thought.

Upon further exploration they found a few tree-fringed lakes and rivers, which were full of all sorts of fish. Suddenly, there was a sound of footsteps accompanied by sharp cracking of branches...

AVANTI AUTHORS...

I would also like to share a story called: Claude written by Aditya in Blue class. I really enjoyed reading Aditya's story because it took me to a place I would love to visit!

One evening, Claude a plump dog watched a documentary about the Taj Mahal. He was bewitched by the beauty of it so he decided to go to India! Claude booked a ticket to go to the capital city-Delhi with Sir Bobblysock.

Finally, Claude left the airport and took a taxi to the Taj Mahal. He spotted street dogs, cows and goats. He was overjoyed to see an elephant walking along the road! After a wondrous ride they reached their destination. 'Wow!' said Claude, 'The Taj Mahal is truly magnificent!'

From Shilen Shah-School Governor

My name is Shilen Shah and I am one of the founding governors here at Avanti Court Primary School. I am also the faith link governor here and on the 11th February I was kindly invited by Mrs Walters and Mrs Hirani (PRE Lead) to come and observe the school. Here is a short summary of my experience:

I arrived at 8:50am and just caught the start of an assembly that Mrs Hirani was leading. From the very moment I stepped into the assembly hall I was smiling! So many things made me smile, from the engagement of the children to how well they were behaved, their attire, to their willingness to participate and respond. There was a calmness about this assembly and I remember thinking to myself, "Wow! What an amazing way to start the day!"

Mrs Hirani discussed different values and used the Pandavas as examples. She invited the children to also give examples and it was great to see how the children had so many ideas and how they related them back to Queen Kunti or Arjun as examples.

My favourite part was the Aarti. I was overjoyed. It was magical. Everyone singing Hare Krishna and dancing like they were trying to reach the skies above. They were genuinely filled with energy and excitement and what better way to start the day. It was nice to see how the staff members were also actively involved.

I spent the rest of my visit discussing the PRE action plan for the school and was very impressed with what Mrs Hirani was presenting. We discussed how PRE is monitored and the importance it has at our school.

It was a really worthwhile and informative visit and at the end we met with the Headteacher and concluded with a few key action points.

I am really looking forward to my next visit!

STAYING SAFE ONLINE...

Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Stay involved

Put your computer or main device in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

EASTER...

Thank you Gold Class for a wonderful assembly on the Easter story. Easter is important because it is the time when so many people across the world remember Christ's death and resurrection. I would like to wish our Avanti community a peaceful Easter.

MACBETH MANIA...

Children across the school read the iconic play Macbeth by William Shakespeare and produced some very dramatic work in response to their learning. It was wonderful to see such high quality learning from Nursery to Year 4 all around one very inspiring, dramatic text! Children particularly enjoyed the drama workshop by David Alexander from the drama centre.



WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

I was thrilled and honoured to know that our pupils would be performing at the Royal Albert Hall in this year's choral festival. All those who know me really well, know that music has always been a really important part of my life and that performing at the Royal Albert Hall is such an achievement and of course a privilege.

Our pupils sang a range of music, played the recorder and of course waved their pom-poms to the Can-Can and in doing so, created **magic** for an audience of thousands!

I feel truly blessed to belong to a school which promotes performance so much and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our choir and parents for making the event so spectacular.



BRITISH VALUES...



Parent Volunteers on Trips...

Thank you for all our parent volunteers who have accompanied classes on trips this half term – without your help our pupils would not be able to visit and learn from so many wonderful places.

Please note: if you indicate on trip letters to help on a trip and you do not hear from the class teacher it means that your assistance is not required. Please do not book time off work to attend a trip unless the class teacher has confirmed you have been selected.