



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



AVANTI COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

Well, the winter weather is finally here and I am sure the first flurries of snow are just a few weeks away!

I would like to thank all the staff and pupils for working so hard for our review which took place on: Monday 16th November 2015. Everyone worked so hard to show Florence Olajide, our reviewer the improvements we have all made to the school over the autumn term.

We are still on our journey to outstanding but a step closer to achieving our vision!

May I remind all families that school closes on: Friday 18th December at 1:30pm for pupils in Reception to Year 4. The last day for pupils in the Nursery is on: Thursday 17th December. Children return to school on: Monday 4th January 2016!

Regards,
Mrs Walters

Health and Safety!

Please do not allow your children to walk through the automatic car park gates just incase they receive a bump as the gates close. Please use the pedestrian entrance to the right of the car park gates!



VALUES...

“A gift is pure when it is given from the heart to the right person at the right time and at the right place, and when we expect nothing in return”



An inspirational quote from the Bhagavadgita

EVERY DAY MATTERS EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

Unfortunately, we have a number of families who now fall into the “Persistent Absentees” category with attendance regularly below 85%. This may mean our Educational Welfare Officer will get involved with the families. Please make sure your children attend school every day and arrive on time at 8.20am for 8.30am.

A THANK YOU...A huge thank you to all the Avanti members of staff who are running clubs this term! We now have a School Choir, a Sign Language club, Meditation and Yoga club, Latin Club, Arts and Craft club and Poetry club, which is amazing!

Manish from Year 1 said: ‘I love going to Art club because we have been making divas and now we are making Christmas decorations!’



Keep Drinking!

Please encourage your children to bring in an Avanti water bottle available from the main office, so that they keep hydrated throughout their learning.

GOOD LUCK...

Our School Choir have been asked to sing a variety of Christmas carols at a local Centre for the elderly on: Wednesday 16th December 2015, which is a real honour.

Representatives from the School Choir will be singing at the Redbridge Choral Festival on: March 15th at the Royal Albert Hall.

DANCE FEVER...

Guess who will be performing at the Redbridge Dance Competition for primary schools? You guessed right.... our very own home-grown talent across Years 2-4 from Krishna Club. Pupils will be performing their wordless performance on Ravana at Oaks Park Secondary School on: Wednesday 9th December 2015. Let's send them lots of positive energy and good wishes for the day! They will no doubt rock the stage with their heartfelt rendition of the Ramayan!

Mr Koorichh
Krishna club volunteer

THE DAY SUPER HEROES CAME...



Diwali!

Our Diwali celebrations took place on: Tuesday 10th November 2015. The performance led by Mrs Hirani was very professional and enjoyed by all. The children worked extremely hard and I know how proud Mrs Hirani felt during their performance.

Could I also thank Jahnvi Harrison who performed a beautiful Kiertan with her wonderful, golden voice and children from Krishna club who performed beautifully as well.

The firework display organised by Mrs Bana and Mr Sharma was absolutely fantastic! As Shradda in Year 2 Harit said: 'The evening was brilliant, I could not take my eyes off of the sky! It was amazing when they swirled into the sky-my heart was full of so much joy!'

PE AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS MONTH

Mr Eaton, our Sports Coach from J and C Academy, has identified the following pupils because of their enthusiasm, dedication and teamwork skills. I am sure you would want to congratulate them all with me!

- Purple - Aswin B
- Fioletowy - Mitansh
- Purpura - Jenika
- Dhumulah - Niam

Very well done children!



100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Pupils who receive 100% attendance for the Autumn term will be awarded with an exclusive 100% Attendance badge and a certificate. Names of these pupils will be placed in our very own attendance box and at the end of each term a name will be pulled out! If your child's name is pulled out they will receive a £10 voucher to spend on books of their choice!

Every child who has attended school every day since half term will be awarded a golden ticket by the School Ambassadors to enter Avanti Court's very own cinema after school on: Tuesday 15th December 2015.



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

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

Head and Deputy Open Forum

The next forum will be on: Friday 4th December at 2:30pm in the main hall. Please come along so that you can discuss how we can make Avanti even better!

Thank you to those parents who attended the Headteacher's Surgery on: Friday 13th November.



Thank you...

A huge thank you to Mrs Dutt who arranged for an author to come into Avanti Court to deliver a session on story writing to our pupils. This was a huge success and as Year 4 Gold Class said: Mr Campbell was so funny! He taught us about where to find inspiration when we want to write and that writing can be full of laughter and so much humour.'

Thank you to our Yoga Teacher Anjali who has dedicated so many hours teaching our pupils yoga over the last few years. Anjali attended an assembly on: Monday 23rd November 2015 with Mrs Dhutt so that the staff and pupils could say thank you.

Thank you to the family of Anish in Neela class for donating drinks and snacks for our Diwali event.

Thank you to John Myer, the Basic Skills Award Coordinator who visited Avanti on: 2nd December and reported that: 'The learning environment is wonderful-it was a pleasure to see so many children purposefully learning and staff teaching both whole class and focus groups. You should feel proud of your school.'

Thank you to a group of A'Level students from Ilford County High School who come to our school every week to support mathematicians with their problem solving skills.

Thank you to our Early Years staff who opened their classrooms on Thursday 26th November to other practitioners from Redbridge to show case the excellent learning which happens at Avanti. It was reported that a member of staff who used to work in Reception when the school was Ilford Jewish was reduced to tears when she saw the Reception environment.

Well done to the Nursery who continue to get excellent reviews from outside agencies. The Educational Psychologist from Redbridge said: 'The nursery environment is well structured and purposeful and it is wonderful it is to see so many pupils settled and enjoying learning.'

Thank you to FOAC who continue to work hard on our quiet area and for supporting the Diwali event.

SAFEGUARDING!

Being Seen

Please remind your children about staying safe especially during the winter evenings which are very dark. Are they dressed so that car drivers can see them? If they are riding a bike are they wearing a helmet and has their bike lights fitted on both the front and rear of the bike?

Staying Safe Online

Remember parents to:

Use parental control software provided by your internet service provider, mobile phone network, online content provider or games console and consider using filtering options, monitoring and setting time limits for access to chat.

Set clear guidelines for your children about what is ok to share about themselves and about your family – lead by example and explain what you have shared and why; be aware that comments posted by your children could impact on you and your family's reputation.

AWESOME ATTENDANCE!

OUR TARGET IS 97%

Each week we celebrate the three classes with the highest attendance. Gold class seem to be leading the way, which of course makes Mrs Sanghera very proud! Remember, we want every class to have over 97% attendance each week...you can do it!

Week of : 2nd November 2015

Gold– Gold Class 100%

Silver– Shukla Class 98%

Bronze– Fioletowy Class 97%

Week of: 9th November 2015

Gold– Gold Class 100%

Silver– Zielony Class 98%

Bronze– Blue Class– 98%

Week of: 16th November 2015

Gold– Gold Class 98%

Silver– Shulka Class 97%

Bronze– White Class 96%



CHILDREN IN NEED 2015

Goodness me, the school was taken over by super strong super heroes on Friday 13th November! Mrs Sahota led the super heroes in collecting money and I am pleased to say the school raised just over £400 for Children in Need. What a fantastic achievement -well done all super heroes!



AVANTI COURT DIWALI



TERM DATES 2015-2016

Autumn term 2 ends– on: Thursday 17th December for Nursery pupils

Autumn term 2 ends on: Friday 18th December at 1:30pm for Reception-Year 4

Spring terms 1 begins on: Monday 4th January 2016

Spring term1 ends: Friday 12th February 2016

Spring term 2 begins on: Monday February 22nd 2016

Spring term 2 ends on: Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer term 1 begins on: Monday 11th April 2016

Summer term 1 ends on: Friday 27th May 2016

THE NATIVITY IS NEARLY HERE!

Nursery AM (Mayur), Balta, and White class will be performing the Wiggly Nativity on:

Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 10.30am

Nursery PM (Peacock), Shukla and Blanco class will be performing on:

Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 2.30pm

AVANTI COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



CARLTON DRIVE
BARKINGSIDE
IG61LZ

Tel
0208 551 9489

Email
avanticourt@avanti.org.uk

PARKING AND SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are leaving their children alone in the playground before 8:30am. This is a gentle reminder that all children should be supervised by a parent/carer until 8:20am.

Please refrain from parking on the grass area of Avanti Court as the cars are ruining the grass and it creates tension between the school community and the residents.

Let's work together to keep our children safe.

EKADASHI

Please note that according to the ISKCON calendar, the next Ekadashi falls on Sunday [GMT Time]. Therefore we will not be altering the menu on Monday.

OUR SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

The Ambassadors were very proud to have received their Ambassador Badges from Wes Streeting, our Local MP, who attended our whole school assembly on Monday 2nd November 2015. The Ambassadors have been busy meeting and discussing ways to improve whole school attendance. There were lots of great ideas, and finally they agreed on hosting a cinema afternoon in school. Please see the letter sent out :week beginning 2-11-15 for further details.

They are also in negotiations with Mr Sharma to see if the school will purchase a Kindle to raffle away every term! Their idea is that those children who are here for a whole term everyday receive a raffle ticket-if their name is pulled out at the end of the term they receive Kindle for their family – a great idea Mr Sharama!

The Ambassadors will be holding meetings in their classes, to find out more about ideas to improve the school further, from their peers.



PEACE...

In light of the recent events in Paris, some parents have asked the school about how they would tackle the conversation with their children.

Terrorism attacks scare us all, they can make us feel worried and apprehensive about the future. However, it is important to put the threat into perspective knowing that other risks such as traffic accidents are still more likely to occur than a violent incident. The best way to defend our freedom and way of life is to go about our daily life as we are used to and not resort to fear and panic. Our school places the highest importance to policy and procedures that deal with security including access control by unauthorized people. This has been in place for years and is there to protect our staff and children.

During our assemblies over the last two weeks we remembered those who have lost their lives in conflicts and wars since the end of the First World War. As a community we have reflected on how important it is to never forget the need for peace and that we as children, and future leaders, can learn from the horrors of the past to ensure future peace.

This week our thoughts and prayers have gone to the people of Paris and to those suffering atrocity and hardship in the world now. As a school we hope for peace throughout the world.

If you would like some guidance and advice about how to talk to your child about the events in Paris please visit: <http://www.closeronline.co.uk/2015/11/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-terrorism-and-terror-attacks>

REMINDER

If you have a concern about your child it is really important that you speak to the class teacher first. If you would like further advice please speak to the year group leader who will be more than happy to assist. Failing this, please speak to the Deputy Headteacher Mrs Bana or the Assistant Headteacher Mrs Sivadasan and then of course if you are still not happy with the outcome please do come and see me. If we follow this course of action we can solve issues efficiently and quickly.

Year Group Leaders are:

Nursery/Reception– Ms Sahota

Year 1– Mrs Hirani

Year 2– Mrs Makwana

Year 3–Mr Patel

Year 4– Mrs Sanghera

Please do not rely on **emailing** staff as there may be a time delay in dealing with any concerns you may have and as a school our aim is to deal with concerns as efficiently as possible.