



THE COURT

The Avanti Court Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

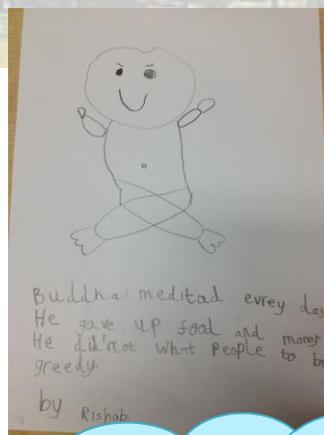
Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Next week we will learn about the festival of Buddha's Birthday and celebrate all that he taught the world. I was lucky enough to live in Nepal when I left University, living with a family in the Himalayas and being part of their life. Celebrating with them was a life enriching experience. They taught me so much, living the ethos that Lord Buddha spread in India. In particular they showed how powerful good deeds are, self-less service for the benefit of all living beings, of respecting everything and of seeing the connections that link us all to one:

"Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtue appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and the guidance of virtue."

I am pleased to report that the Local Authority conducted a mid-year review (inspection) of our work. They observed teaching and learning in all classes including intervention groups, reading and phonics. See overleaf for comments about our success so far. These visits are important because they help us ensure that our judgments are correct and our aims aspirational – both visitors were sure that we are clear about what makes good teaching and learning.

Have a good weekend, James Biddulph



Year 1 Love to Learn!

We have been learning about the historical figure of Buddha. We discovered Buddha was born a Prince called Siddhartha. Buddha abandoned his luxuries and decided to take the 'middle path' to become enlightened.....Year 1



Please write comments on our posts on Facebook. We'd like rich comments from parents about what their children are saying about their school learning. So 'like' us... And jot down a few lines. Thanks to mums who are doing this. Great!!
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New Classes:

You will be notified of your child's new Year 1 Class after half term.

You will also find out class teachers and teaching assistants.

We are recruiting Teaching Assistants after half term. Please check the website should you have the skills and qualifications to apply.

Key Dates:

22nd May (Morning): Reception Children's 'Fairy Tale' Visit to Barkingside Park

24th May: Half term holiday closing at 3.10pm

9th June: London Ratha Yatra

17th June: Phonics Check for Year 1

1st July: INSET Day – No school for children

6th July: Summer Fete – A Courtly Affair!

12th July: Sports Day 9-12pm

17th July: Avanti Court Ratha Yatra Festival Day

18th July: Happy Birthday Avanti Court!! 5.30-7pm

Local Authority Visits the School

Avanti Court was visited by John Myer and Maureen Hart from Redbridge Children's Services. This is what they said about our school:
"The children in Reception are making good progress in acquiring phonic knowledge and apply this successfully to their independent writing." Maureen Hart

John Myer observed a Year 1 Numeracy lesson: *"It was well organised and pupils made good progress. Standards were high with a significant number of pupils achieving above the expectation for their age."*



Reception this week continued their theme of 'Fairy Tales' Blanco Class did a wonderful display of Little Red Riding Hood and the Wicked Wolf!!

On Fridays we are requesting reception parents to enter through the main back door of the school (facing playground). This is to keep the gym warm enough for PE.

Golden Book Achievers

White: Krzysztof
Blanco: Tanushk
Balta: Anika Bansal
Shukla: Divija
Blue: Vikram

Attendance

Full school: 94.20%
White: 97%
Blanco: 99%
Shukla: 67.62%
Balta: 90.48%
Blue: 99.33%

Next Week's Menu

WEEK 3	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
MAIN DISH	Matar Paneer (Pea & Curd Cheese Curry) with Rice	Veg Tart	Macaroni Cheese	Margharita Pizza	Veg Pie
VEGETABLES	Winter Mixed Salad	Carrot and Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Sweetcorn or Green Beans	Peas
DESSERT	Ice Cream & Fruit	Rice Crispies	Jelly & Ice Cream	Chocolate Cookies	Rice Pudding (Jam)

Quote of the week

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

— Gautama Buddha