



THE COURT

The Avanti Court Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It was lovely to welcome new parents to our school on Thursday evening. So many parents have chosen our school because of your word-of-mouth publicity and in promoting the school far and wide. And indeed, our youngsters are coming from far and wide with some families choosing to travel from South Newham to experience what your children experience. Thank you also for your responses to our internal survey – your comments have given us lots to think about (see some overleaf).

We have four weeks until the Summer holiday and often children become tired, bothered with hay fever and warm weather (we continue to wish!!) and anxious about moving to their new class. I hope you are reassured by the positive relationships we have with children that we will be able to manage these worries so that they are ready to join us in September.

On Monday there is an In-service Training day (INSET) and so school is closed to children. During this day teachers meet together to share information about each child so that the new class teacher understands how they learn and can prepare to support them.

With kind regards

James Biddulph

Safeguarding: An example why we need to follow procedures...

It's so important to follow our complaints and communication strategy because in not doing this the whole system is corrupted. For example, if you have a concern about a child's behaviour in your own child's class, what should you do? The first point of call is the class teacher. If this is not resolved satisfactorily and after time to monitor the situation, you can meet the Year Group Leader and then Senior Leaders if there is no change.

What cannot happen is this: you know a governor out of school. You call them one evening to mention your concern. This supersedes the Head Teacher who cannot deal with the concern within the school. Should the complaint be so serious and require a formal exclusion of the child who you have complained about, the Headteacher has to seek permission from the governors to ratify this decision. The fact that parents have contacted the governor initially means that the governing body cannot act impartially. The whole system is corrupted and it would be difficult to continue with the case. The parents' concern would be unresolved. The parents of the accused child could take this further and potentially result in legal recourse.

Please trust that we will always listen to your concerns and take every situation seriously. We will investigate and report back to you. We will never treat you or your child differently as a result of your complaint or raised concern. As a school leadership we aim to be out every morning and afternoon to give you opportunities to talk with us. Please follow procedure no matter how difficult it may be. These procedures are in place to protect everyone. Thanks James and Junaida

A Story Linked To Our Ethos

I was told an interesting story by a colleague on my recent visit to Belgium and so instead of a quote here it is as a nugget of thought linked with our communication strategy:

Once an eagle picked a dangerous snake in its claws. As the eagle flew above a small town, a drop of the snake's deadly poison fell to the ground. But it did not hit the land, instead dropping into a bowl of rice. Now, this rice was to be offered to a wise old Brahman priest by a kind and simple man. When the Brahman ate the rice his eyes turned green and he fell gasping his last breath. He had died.

The god of issuing Karma, Yamaraj (something like sin or cause and effect) looked down from his celestial palace confused. Who should I give the karma to for this deadly act? The eagle? The snake? Surely not because they are animals and cannot accrue karma. Is it for the man who offered the bowl? Surely not for he did not know that there was poison in the rice. To the Brahman? For what reason? I will have to wait to understand who will receive this heavy and bad karma.

Some days later as the simple and kind man walked to the market, an old grey lady rushed to a group of women by the fountain, whispering and pointing. Yamaraj leant in close to hear what she was saying. And this is what she said, 'it was him look, look, he is a Brahman killer beware!'

The god knew what he must do. 'This person for spreading rumor and gossip will now collect the karma for this dreadful killing act' and it was so.

The Bhagavad Gita talks of austerity of speech: always speak in a pleasing polite way which upholds the respect of everyone, be austere and don't talk unless it will benefit all and do not spread rumor or gossip because it can be so upsetting and damaging.

I loved the story and hope you do too. It certainly got me thinking and reflective about how I talk.

Phonics Check

Congratulations to Year 1 pupils
90% of children in Year 1 passed their phonics check. Compared with last year's National pilot check when only 48% children passed, this is a pretty good result. Children who didn't pass were very close and with some extra support will pass next time we run the check. Every child learns differently and we know who best to support them.

Year 1 parents will receive reports before the end of term with their children's progress score and attainment. A huge thanks to Amy for her expert teaching!

49% of parents are not accessing the online Virtual book bag (Phonics Bug).

We cannot do it alone! We need you to support your child **daily** in reading because this regular experience really does impact on children's enjoyment, and love of reading. Reading gives access to everything else in life. If you have lost your login or are unsure what to do, please talk with your class teacher as soon as possible.

Thanks, Amy (Literacy Lead)



"Important info for all children involved in the Dance club with Mrs Vadher, Past & Present. There are rehearsals next Wednesday after school for the summer Fayre. Please do not forget."

Results from Parent Survey Summer 2013

Positive Comments –

- “I know my child makes good progress from his work/progress reports”
“There is lots of security at the school, the doors have locks and codes”
“My child is happy at school, I know this because he doesn’t argue with me to go to school”
“My child’s love for learning is increasing, he attempts to read anything & everything”
“My child is happy at school because we see a big smile on his face everyday”
“The children’s learning comes first”
“On several occasions parents raise concern on various issues and the school meetings have always taken their concerns into consideration”
“The thing I like the most about Avanti Court is – In spite of being a faith school, children get the opportunity to learn about different faiths, festivals and stories attached to them. Teaching staff is maintaining high standards of education & child development throughout”
“Great staff and members of school”
“Great Leadership although some parents think they can tell the school what to do and think they are running it. We should trust that the school knows what it is doing.”

Comments For Action –

- “My child expected his brother to join soon in Year 3, but it has not happened this year (2013), so he is disappointed & upset”
“Certain projects could have been managed better”
“Sometimes my child goes happily through the gates but sometimes shows tantrums and won’t go”
“Communication with parents, will be better when a school notice board goes up”

How to improve school to make it even better?

- More after school clubs
- School Bus
- Support child’s progress with equal opportunities
- Giving regular feedback to parents
- Reading volunteers to have time to discuss issues they have with different children and how to improve children’s reading
- More options on lunch
- Swimming lessons
- Encouraging more English people to come to the school (Redbridge should send)
- School notice board
- Children’s play area
- By arranging more meetings with the class teacher about the child’s progress or by providing any evidence every 2 weeks via school’s website or letters about the child’s progress
- Growing library
- Teachers need to be more involved in events
- Meeting with other schools to compare what we are doing and leading in.

Avanti Court is the best what I love about Avanti is the food. It is a local Redbridge school everybody is included and welcome we have pure vegetarian food, we also perform and try our best.

Independent work by Pranav S. Year 1

Recently a parent said to one of our Teaching Assistants; *"We gave you our child who is like a piece of glass and you have started to shape my child into a diamond."*

What a very pleasing comment to hear.



Wear a Funny Hat Day!



Key Dates

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

26th July Last day of term!



Golden Book Achievers

White **Arryan S**
Blanco **Fiza**
Balta **Franky**
Shukla **Ria K**
Blue **Devam**

Attendance & Safeguarding

Full school **94.05%**
White **89.58%**
Blanco **90.83%**
Shukla **94.84%**
Balta **95.24%**
Blue **97.78%**

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON 1st JULY

Lunch Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Rice & Daal (Green Moong)	Cheese & Salad Baguette	Spinach with Curd Cheese & Naan Bread	Margarita Pizza	Spaghetti (Soy Mince in Tomato Sauce)
Vegetables	Green Beans	Sweetcorn	Cabbage or Peas	Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad
Dessert	Halava	Jelly & Ice Cream	Peach Crumble & Custard	Fruit Salad or Honey Yoghurt	Fruit Shortbread

We will be having a Yagya ceremony to prayer for continued auspicious blessings as the school grows. There will be 20 places for parents to attend. Look out for a slip to fill and return to the office. Names will be picked from a hat. 17th July at 3.30pm

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever" Mary Poppins