



# THE COURT

## The Avanti Court Newsletter

### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/carers and children

Another wonderful festival! Lots of dancing, singing, creative art making, laughter and celebration of all that is good in life, remembering the Divine in whatever form that may take for you and your family.

We are close to the end of term now. It's getting hotter so please send cold water and a cap with your child. Children will not be having long playtimes outside because the heat is exhausting them.

This will be the last newsletter of the year. We have had many challenges this first year but our staff have handled it all with such professionalism and positivity – they are a real strength to the school and the success of our first year. There will be many challenges as we enter our second year and I hope we continue to build positive and professional relationships with you all for the best interest of every child.

Have a wonderful Summer and I look forward to seeing you in September,

Kind regards

*James Biddulph*

19-07-13: SUMMER 2

The end of a Year..... and what a Year!



#### Good News!

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Or alternatively, you can click the link on your school's website

#### PARENTS DIRECT

The Quick & Convenient Way to Order Crested School Uniform

We would like to introduce you to Brigade's online uniform ordering service, Parents Direct. This service has been set up in conjunction with your child's school to enable you to order crested uniform online anytime at your convenience with delivery to your door, or an alternative address of your choice. The site is easy to use, just register your details the first time you log on and you will be given a passcode which you can use each time you place an order.

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- Quality garments embroidered with your child's school crest
- Quick and convenient. Order what you want and when you want (no need to wait for school to place order)
- Easy to navigate site with secure payment process
- Delivery direct to your door within 14-21 working days (dependant on stock) for orders placed from October to June
- Due to it being our busiest time of year, orders received after 9th August will be delivered during September
- Delivery is only £2.95 and free for orders over £50.00

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Follow these instructions to place an order for uniform

Attend to check sizes

### Avanti Court Uniform Days!

22<sup>nd</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 4pm (SCHOOL OFFICE)

Parents please come along on the above days/time to try on samples of our uniform and pick up a leaflet to order direct to your home or see above.

# 2012-13: End of Year Report to Parents

This is a report to show the progress and achievement of children at Avanti Court in our first year. We have asked questions to help you navigate the data so it makes sense.

## What is the progress and achievement of children in Reception and Year 1?

### Year 1 Progress:

We measure progress using a point system. Over three terms (Summer to Summer) a good level of progress is anything above 4 points. For this year we can measure Autumn to Summer (so anything above 3 points is considered good by the Government)

Reading: The class made 4.87points

Writing: The class made 4.80points

Maths: The class made 4.93points

This shows **very good** progress.

### Year 1 Achievement:

At the end of Year 1 children should reach a certain level (called 1a). We are pleased to report the following achievement percentages.

Reading: 93% achieved the expected level. 56% of the class were above this level.

Writing: 93% achieved the expected level. 39% were well above this level.

Maths: 90% achieved the expected level. 30% were above this level.

### Reception:

#### Good Level of Development (GLD)

National (2012 pilot)*	Local Authority (2013)	Avanti Court (2013)
41% children reached a GLD	Not received yet	81.7 % children reached a GLD

The measurement for progress in Reception is less defined. Children progress at different pace depending on their age, experience and attitudes.

A large percentage of children entered the school learning at 30-50 months which is lower than the expected 40-60 months. Very good progress has made with 81% children achieving expectations of the Early Learning Goal and a Good Level of Development.

A Good Level of Development is defined as all children who have achieved the 3 Prime Areas of Learning (Physical Development, Communication and Language, Personal, social and emotional development and Literacy and Maths).

If we compare the school's 81% with the National average from last year's pilot data at 41%, the school is having a positive and significant impact on children's learning.

### Phonics:

Year 1: At the end of Year 1 children have a National phonics check to find out how well they can sound out and decode words. These include nonsense words (blump) that need to be phonetically read. 90% children passed the check compared with 48% in last year's National data. This shows that we have impacted significantly on children's phonic awareness and ability to read and are doing better than the National Average (pilot).

Reception: 89% of children are working at the expected phase 3 at the end of Reception.

## How well do children entitled to Pupil Premium Grant (those entitled to Free School Meals)?

For all children entitled to Free School Meals the school gains funding to provide additional support to meet their specific needs. We publish how this is used on our website. We monitor all additional support to ensure it is actually having good impact on pupils' learning and achievement. All the 8 children made good progress.

## How much progress do Special Needs Children make?

All children with specific needs made good progress over the year although they have not all made the expected Early Learning Goals. Some children take longer and with our careful interventions and good teaching, they will continue to make good progress to meet their individual targets.

## How do we ensure children are challenged?

**Reception:** Pupils who are exceeding the expected level are being provided with the following activities in the next few weeks to further challenge them:

1. Writing- *My next steps* strategy to encourage self-correction is introduced. Use of self-assessment sheets.
2. Reading- Words sent home to practice then used in comprehension activities and written work.
3. Maths- Problem solving activities and games, extension groups during focussed activities

**Year One:** 30% of children in Year 1 have exceeded in Maths, 56% have exceeded in Reading and 39.9% in Writing. The following has been done to further extend:

1. Literacy- Support from Literacy Advanced Skills Teacher with regard to planning and challenge
2. Home-learning project based on Maths
3. More focus on targets and next steps

Overall we have had a successful first year. Teachers have worked tirelessly for your children to provide them with exciting and engaging curriculum, which has included trips, visitors and theatre groups, a school farm and numerous opportunities to perform and celebrate their learning. I am grateful for all my staff's hard work. As you can imagine, opening a new school has considerable challenges, many of which we hope you have never known about – so that it is always a positive and happy environment for you and your child.

### FOAC Money Raised

Big congratulations to everyone involved in raising money for our school. We are pleased to report that over the year you have raised £2575. The summer fair alone raised £1337.

We will be asking everyone in our community how best to use this money

There has been some misinformation regarding school's budget and funding. Some parents have spread the idea that all schools are given a lump sum of money to pay for parent association activities this is not the case. Our very tight budget is mostly spent on staffing, bills and only a small percentage remains for pupil's books and curriculum. We budget for a small amount for specific events e.g. the Diwali event.

### NEW CLASS IN YEAR 1

We have had to add another class in year one next year because more children have been offered a place by the local authority. We rearranged classes considering gender balance, the dynamic of children's mix and how well children will adapt to changes. **There is no ability labelling or grouping.**

We know that some parents may have concerns but we will always work to help children develop the resilience to manage changes in life. After all this is such an important skill in life.

Some parents have said that children won't have their old friends but we know that this move will encourage them to make new friends as well as keep their old ones.

We will not be able to meet requests to change class lists.

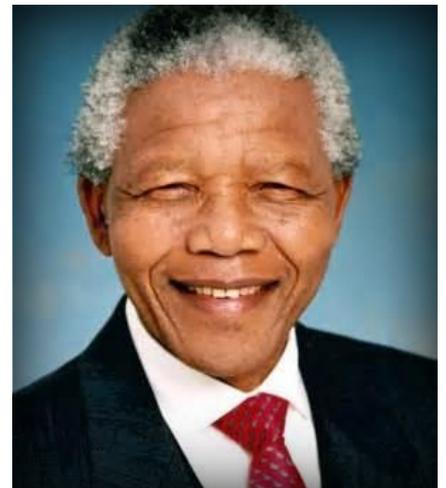
A big congratulations to the children who were only absent for half a day ALL YEAR! That means over 99.5%; Janhavi, Pavan, Ravi, Rishaa, Jahnuzan. & an INCREDIBLE HOORAY for the children who had NO DAYS out of school; Sree Manas, Joshan N, Tashi, Heeya, Shivani P and Amreena. The children have been invited on a special trip with the Head Teacher next Wednesday! Attendance really matters. Well done children, you are preparing life skills for when you are an adult and get a job!

**Nelson Mandela International Day**, also known as Mandela Day, is held on July 18 each year. The day remembers Mandela's achievements in working towards conflict resolution, democracy, human rights, peace, and reconciliation.

Nelson Mandela Day not only celebrates Nelson Mandela's life, but it is also a global call to action for people to recognize their ability to have a positive effect on others around them. The day hopes to inspire people to embrace the values that Mandela shared. These values include democracy, freedom, equality, diversity, reconciliation, and respect.

Nelson Mandela was born in Transkei, South Africa, on July 18, 1918. He is one of the most well-known anti-apartheid activists in South Africa. He was jailed in 1964 for leading the liberation movement against apartheid and for his stance on the human right to live in freedom.

Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Any medical appointments made during the school day will be authorised as long as we have medical notification however, this will be reflected on your child's attendance record if he or she is not in attendance when the register is taken. This has to be shown as an absence even though it is authorised.

Also note that any child arriving late for school 30 minutes after the registers have been taken will be deemed as having an unauthorised morning, these points are required by law and are in accordance to The London Borough of Redbridge Attendance Strategy.



### Successful parent child teacher consultations



## Key Dates

- 26<sup>th</sup> July** Last day of term!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep** Inset Days (No Children)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sep** Yr1 & Yr 2 Children start
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sep – 11<sup>th</sup> Sep** Reception Home Visits
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sep** Parent Carer curriculum meetings Yr1 & Yr 2
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sep** Parent Carer curriculum meetings reception
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Sep** Reception Half Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep** Reception Full Time
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** Eid Celebration Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** INSET School closed to children
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct–1<sup>st</sup> Nov** Half Term
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** Diwali Evening event
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** Book Week
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Dressing up for book week
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** Parent consultations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** Guru Nanak Festival day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** Hanukkah Festival day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Winter festival of lights
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** School closes 13:30
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** Christmas Break

## Golden Book Achievers

White **Raahavi**  
Blanco **Lisa**  
Balta **Arshia**  
Shukla **Shravan**  
Blue **Ranveer**

## Attendance & Safeguarding

Full school **95 %**  
White **99.52%**  
Blanco **98.50%**  
Shukla **99.05%**  
Balta **92.86%**  
Blue **92.67%**

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

There is so much **lost property**. Please collect any lost property before the end of the week. We will be donating any left property to a charity.

"You may find it is necessary to let things go; simply for the reason that they are heavy"