



**AVANTI COURT**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Excellence Virtue Devotion**



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Dear Families,  
Thank you to all parents, pupils and staff for such a wonderful Spring 2!

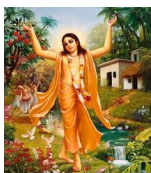
I am delighted to inform you that our school hosted an event for teachers across Redbridge to look at how we deliver mindfulness and the impact this has on the whole curriculum. Teachers from both secondary and primary schools in Redbridge were amazed at how well our pupils challenge thinking and how they have a range of strategies to deal with daily life and learning-well done!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Easter and look forward to seeing you all on the 19th April 2017!

Mrs Walters

### LORD CHAITANYA

‘Be more humble than a blade of grass; more tolerant than a tree. Offer respect to all and expect none in return. In doing so chant the Holy names of God always’



Class Attendance	Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Week of 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Week of 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Reception</b>					
Balta	97.73%	97.73%	98.18%	91.36%	94.55%
Blanco	86.19%	94.55%	95.00%	98.18%	98.18%
Shukla	85.49%	89.41%	96.08%	93.33%	97.25%
White	90.00%	98.00%	96.00%	89.52%	92.38%
<b>Year 1</b>					
Azul	71.67%	89.80%	93.33%	96.00%	95.67%
Blue	89.47%	91.00%	100.00%	98.64%	100.00%
Neela	99.33%	96.00%	98.00%	90.67%	99.00%
Niebieski	90.34%	96.67%	96.67%	98.67%	94.67%
<b>Year 2</b>					
Green	95.00%	100.00%	95.67%	98.98%	100.00%
Harit	94.48%	97.00%	95.33%	98.33%	94.67%
Verdi	91.43%	95.17%	93.79%	94.48%	91.67%
Zielony	93.00%	98.67%	96.00%	99.33%	97.00%
<b>Year 3</b>					
Dhuma-lah	96.40%	98.00%	98.00%	97.50%	97.08%
Fioletowy	94.44%	96.30%	94.44%	94.81%	93.70%
Purple	98.89%	97.04%	97.78%	97.41%	100.00%
Purpura	88.00%	95.20%	97.50%	96.67%	96.96%
<b>Year 4</b>					
Braz	97.59%	94.83%	95.17%	95.52%	92.76%
Bronce	93.57%	98.57%	98.21%	97.86%	90.71%
Bronze	93.57%	97.50%	95.71%	96.79%	98.15%
Kamsya	98.89%	91.48%	95.00%	99.31%	100.00%
<b>Year 5</b>					
Silver	96.67%	98.67%	98.00%	98.67%	95.67%
<b>Number of classes with 97% or more</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>

### HOLI AT AVANTI

What a fantastic Holi celebration we had recently at Avanti. Children and staff enjoyed the festivities through the throwing of colours.

A pupil in Year 3 said: ‘Holi is great because we all come together, it does not matter who you are as we are all the same.’

I am sure from the children’s faces you could see how much they enjoyed the experiences echoing our ethos: ‘everyone is welcome!’



### A MESSAGE FROM DARPNA TANK-PARENT GOVERNOR

It’s been a very eventful and busy spring term at Avanti Court. A highlight for me was attending the welcoming of the Deities on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>. During the celebrations, there were wonderful and confident performances by the children of Krishna Club, speeches by the Mayor, Presidents of both temples in London and Watford and other esteemed guests as well as a particularly heartfelt speech by Mrs Walters.

It really was a beautiful morning and a truly spiritually uplifting experience. The Kirtan was electric and brought everyone to their feet; I was compelled to dance myself. People of all ages and faiths were harmoniously celebrating the glory of the Deities before them; the ethos of the school ‘everyone is welcome’ couldn’t have been more true or meaningful.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of March I was once again visiting school, this time to meet with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to conduct pupil progress meetings. Each term the SLT meet with every teacher, across every year group, across the school, to discuss how pupils in the class are being assessed as well as their individual progress and attainment. This process provides SLT with clarity of how each child is developing and aims to understand what supporting strategies are being implemented by teachers to ensure consistent progress in all children. I will be reporting back to the full governing body on my visit.

I wish you all a fabulous Easter break.

# LORD CHAITANYA



## EASTER AT AVANTI

A huge thank you to Shukla class for delivering a very powerful assembly on the Easter story. Children showed respect and empathy as they performed the story through drama and music.

I was very impressed with a piece of writing by: Aadhya in Balta class who wrote: 'Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his friends and then he said: 'Peace be with you.' Jesus then prayed to God with his friends and went on a trip on a donkey. Some people were disgusted with Jesus and some were angry with Jesus. They put Jesus on a cross and Jesus and his friends were very sad. Jesus then went back to be with God.' Very well done Aadhya!

## PUPIL POWER!

Governors at Avanti asked if children could tell them about the difference the refurbishment of the Dennis Wing has made to their learning and whether the climbing structure in the lower playground is having an impact on physical play.

Pupils eloquently and confidently explained their thoughts about both areas. Pranav described the difference the vision panels have made to the once dark corridors and Caiden described how the school now has a dedicated space to teach yoga, which is calm and peaceful.

Gayatri spoke to governors about the climbing structure and how much pupils in KS1 enjoy playing on it. She also informed governors about how well children take turns on the structure so that they are safe and demonstrate our school values.

## ATTENDANCE!

As a school we wanted to achieve 97% attendance for the Spring term. We managed to reach 95.43%, which is below our target. We were hit quite hard by Chicken Pox, which of course impacted on our whole school attendance data.

**Please** do keep up the good work and remember that your child's attendance has a huge impact on their progress and attainment.

**Parents we need your help– we can reach 97% but only by working in partnership with you!**

## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

### PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

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

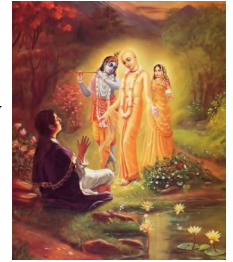


**The next Headteacher's Forum will be on: Thursday 11th May at 8:45am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to share your views and to hear the positive developments the school is making to achieve the school priorities for 2016-2017. Please do come!**

**Pupils will present the impact of peer marking, will talk about Sanskrit learning and share PE learning with you!**

## LORD CHAITANYA

Children and staff embarked on a beautiful adventure to find out more about the incarnation of Krishna, who they call Gauranga! By the end of the week we ended with a spectacular performance on Lord Chaitanya by our super talented Year 4 pupils.



Lord Chaitanya appeared 500 years ago in West Bengal. He was born to a devotional family led by his father Jaganatha 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.

## HOW HAS AVANTI SUPPORTED OTHER SCHOOLS THIS TERM?

Mrs Makwana supported a Redbridge school this term with her inspirational assembly on the festival of Holi.

Mrs Bana supported another Trust school this term with her knowledge of assessing children's learning and how to use an ICT platform to track learning.

Avanti Court Primary School opened its doors to teachers in Redbridge inviting them to come into Avanti in March. They took part in our spiritual whole school assemblies, which involved children thinking and articulating deeply about the world around them and then observed a highly interactive PRE (Philosophy, Ethics and Religion) session.

Mrs Walters was invited to talk about Avanti Court to new teachers in Redbridge and what makes our school so unique.







PUPIL LEARNING AT AVANTI...



You would know you're doing well in Maths and English because you would be meeting targets. In maths you have to sign off 2 dates to get a target met. In English you have to sign off 3 dates for a target met. If you are consistently meeting targets, that means you're doing really well. I am enjoying Maths because it is challenging.  
Ayan Hirani  
Bronze



Year 4 visit a mosque as part of RE

Why we need to look after God by: Radha in Bronze Year  
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We need to respect God because in the next life (afterlife) you may be reincarnated in the spiritual world as God's relative- his sister, his brother or maybe even his son...  
We need to respect God because how do we know we will get a second chance to respect him?  
Respecting God is known as spiritual kindness, when love is given from deep within the core of your heart.  
Love and respect is something that we should not take for granted and you have to keep showing every day- forever.  
If I show love and respect I will feel as though I am closer to God like a sister, a relative or even a friend.  
So to look after God, try to say prayers every day, be positive about everything you do and see from the smallest pea to the largest mountain, as these are gifts from God for everyone.



EYFS learn all about Jesus and Easter



The whole school studied a play by William Shakespeare



Displays celebrating significant British authors





## EASTER AT AVANTI...



## ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS AT AVANTI...



## PUPIL POWER AND THE GOVERNORS AT AVANTI...



## HOLI AT AVANTI...



## CHET PATEL – SCHOOL GOVERNOR

As a member of the Governing Body, my role is to monitor the progress and performance of the school. One of the areas I recently reviewed was: Pupil Attendance. Pupil attendance is listed as one of the schools improvement plan (SIP) priorities this year. The aim is to raise attendance levels to at least 96-97%.

### Why is raising attendance a school priority?

Avanti Court Primary School is in the lowest 10% of all schools nationally for attendance. It's not the reputation the school deserves and furthermore, this could have a major impact on school's grading following an OFSTED inspection.

All parents / carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their child regularly attends school. When a child attends school on a regular basis, they take an important step towards reaching their full potential, and are given the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills.

### My role as: Attendance Link Governor:

Ensure monitoring systems are rigorous and effective.

To ensure the attendance policy is regularly reviewed in consultation with staff, parents and pupils, and formally approved by the governing body.

Being aware of the strategies and interventions that the school uses to improve attendance and is doing everything possible to minimise the impact it has on pupil's achievement.

### What is the School doing to achieve the objectives?

Weekly attendance assemblies are taking place

Attendance certificates issued to children

Regular attendance updates published via parentmail / newsletters / Avanti Facebook page

100% attenders rewarded with badge, etc & dinner with the SLT termly

Non-uniform day for those pupils with 100% attendance

Parental fines

The school also has a responsibility to educate parents on the importance of pupil attendance. The statistical links between attendance and achievement are very strong;

Even short breaks from school can reduce a pupil's chances of succeeding at school by as much as a quarter.

At primary school level, where pupils miss up to just 14 days of school they are a quarter less likely to achieve above the expected standard in reading, writing or maths tests than those with no absence.

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. In primary schools, less than 65% of children get good results in Maths and English in schools when they have an average of 15 days absence, compared to around 90% in schools where the average is less than 8 days.

*Attendance at Avanti Court needs to remain a priority to ensure that children and young people are given the chance to achieve their potential!*

## MINDFULNESS AT AVANTI

Mrs Bana organised a wonderful event for teachers across the borough to come into Avanti to see for themselves how well mindfulness impacts on the curriculum and how well our pupils challenge each other in the classroom in order to deepen their learning and understanding. Teachers from both primary and secondary schools were impressed with what they saw and have decided to take meditation and mindfulness back to their schools.



Mr King and Mr Koorichh both led inspirational assemblies echoing the values, which

drive our school and the faith. Mrs Makwana and Mrs Hirani both led fantastic teaching sessions demonstrating how skilful they are at encouraging independent thought and deep questioning.



### WELL DONE!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Plaha and Mrs Zalnieruite who have successfully completed the HLTA Award gaining competency in 33 standards! Having highly skilled HLTAs adds significantly to the ability of classroom support staff to have an impact on pupil progress. Very well done!

### MAD SCIENCE!

Mad Science visited Avanti recently to inspire pupil's creativity and thirst for science learning. In a jam packed assembly pupils explored forces through the flight of rockets! The workshops certainly captured children's interest and imagination whilst ensuring science is fun, colourful, hands-on and full of wonder!



### YOU ASKED FOR...AND AS A RESULT WE...

**To ease the congestion outside the year 2 classrooms**— so we arranged for Year 2 to go into their classes via an alternative route, which has eased the congestion before and after school.

**A workshop on how to tackle bullying**—Mrs Enrile and Mrs Dodia led a workshop recently sharing advice about what to do should your child tell you they are being bullied.

**Later closing times for Sherpa Club**— We are just waiting for our insurance company to inform us of whether this can go ahead. Mr Sharma will be able to update you shortly.  
**More challenging maths homework**— Mrs Sanghera is currently researching an online maths platform for pupils for Sept 2017.

### SAFEGUARDING

Don't wait until you're certain if you are worried about a child. If you have any concerns or suspicions, contact the free helpline service to speak to an NSPCC counsellor 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

They will listen to your concerns, offer advice and support and can take action on your behalf if a child is in danger.

You don't have to tell them who you are if you don't want to, or you can ask them not to share your name or contact with the police or social services. Find out more about how you can remain anonymous below.

If you think a child is in immediate danger - Don't delay – call the police on 999, or call the NSPCC helpline on: [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), straight away.

### WHAT IS SEXTING?

Sexting can be seen as harmless, but creating or sharing explicit images of a child is illegal, even if the person doing **it is a child**. A young person is breaking the law if they:

-take an explicit photo or video of **themselves or a friend**

-share an explicit image or video of a child, even if it's shared between **children of the same age**

-possess, download or store an explicit image or video of a child, even if the child gave their permission for it to be created.

Please visit the NSPCC page on how to talk to your child about sexting: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>

**Please take a moment to read our Child Protection policy which can be found at:**

<http://www.avanti.org.uk/avanti-court-official/ACPS-Child-Protection-17th-March-2017.pdf>

### AN AUTHOR VISITS AVANTI...



### THE DAY AN AUTHOR VISITED...

Jack Trelawny, a leading school author visited Avanti recently. He delivered a fantastic assembly to pupils about his life as an author and shared part of a novel he has written. Prince-Chekhai in Year 4 said: 'It was brilliant to meet a real author!'

Pupils were delighted to welcome Jack to the school and were amazed to have their very own book signed by the author himself!

### OUR SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2016-2017

**Priority 1:** To further embed assessment procedures to plan for children's learning needs, including the identification of pupils, or groups of pupils, falling behind in their learning or who need additional support thus enabling pupils to continue to make outstanding progress and to achieve well.

**Priority 2:** To further develop and improve the accountability and effectiveness of the leadership team so all leaders have a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses.

**Priority 3:** Teachers use well-judged and often inspirational teaching strategies, including setting appropriate homework, that, together with sharply focused and timely support and intervention, match individual needs accurately and accelerate progress. The effective deployment of additional adults is effective so that teaching is of a consistently high quality, which ensures high quality progression for all learners.

**Priority 4:** To raise attendance to 97%

**Priority 5:** To raise the attainment of writing across the school particularly for the higher attainers/ vulnerable groups.

**Priority 6:** To develop the outdoor area in the EYFS so it is vibrant and used creatively to support different aspects of the curriculum and promotes rich talk and learning opportunities.

**Priority 7:** To ensure the school is ready for 2018 when the school is at full capacity.





WELCOMING OF THE DEITIES...



What a fantastic day it was on Saturday 25th March 2017, when pupils, staff, parents, Governors, VIPs and Faith Leaders gathered together at Avanti to celebrate the auspicious ceremony to welcome the Deities to Avanti Court. The ceremony was truly spectacular filling the school with positive energy and joining all together as one. It was for me, one of the most memorable moments of my teaching career. I would like to thank Mr Sharma, Mrs Makwana ,Mr Koorichh and the Trust for their drive and dedication to ensuring the Deities were given a wonderful welcome into Avanti and for driving the faith, which is the foundation of our school.



Our Deities names are Sri Sri Nitai Gaurachandra who represent the true love and mercy of God and remind all who enter Avanti of the spiritual realm of love and happiness with great values of humility and tolerance. It is wonderful knowing that our Deities will always be at Avanti to give causeless mercy to all of us including staff and pupils and remind us all to be: 'Be more humble than a blade of grass; more tolerant than a tree. Offer respect to all and expect none in return. In doing so chant the Holy names of God always.'

