



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



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Dear Families,
Goodness me, what a very busy first half term and we still have a week to go!

I would like to say thank you to Dr Wayne Tennent, a Senior Lecturer at the University of East London for working alongside our teachers to develop strategies for teaching comprehension.

I would like to thank both Ms Vincent and Mr Koorichh who represented Avanti Court at the University of East London recently.

Thank you to Rahul Oza from RBS who visited our school twice within the last month to train teachers on the delivery of the new computing curriculum.

I would like to also like to thank Ms Aylett the Deputy Headteacher at Kerrsion School in Newham. Ms Aylett has asked for a nine day placement at our school to develop her leadership skills in preparation for her National Professional Qualification for Headship-she will be working and learning alongside our highly skilled leadership team.

I would also like to thank Mrs Makwana and all the teachers and visitors who helped make maths week such a huge success!

Thank you families for helping us to raise attendance-as a school for the last two weeks our attendance has been 95%. If we manage to hit 97% our attendance we will be in line with the Government's expectations-we can do it!

Regards,
Mrs Walters

VALUES...

**If we are not happy within,
We cannot be happy under any circumstances.**

Quote by the Spiritual Leader Radhanath Swami



MATHS WEEK 2016!

Maths week started with an assembly titled: 'The Price is Right', where some of our lucky teachers walked away with prizes!

During the week, children really enjoyed working on their projects from designing playgrounds to making and selling biscuits! Pupils became mini architects measuring and drawing up plans to redesign areas of the school! They became mini accountants, working out the finances to purchase a number of items for the new staffroom-be careful Mr Sharma! They even transformed into little chefs baking yummy cookies to serve at their very own café.

The Avanti Maths Lions taught lessons in Reception and Year one classes, proving what fantastic mathematicians they are!

Our week ended with a celebration assembly and a game of: 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' where Mr Patel, our very own maths wizard walked away with £8000!



The grand finale was the maths gallery attended by families.

A huge thank you to all the staff and parents for making the event such a huge success!

Mrs Makwana, SLT, Year 2 Lead, NQT Lead

EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

If your child is persistently late for school, I can ask the local authority to issue a penalty notice. Seven lates over a term could lead to a penalty notice so remember....Every Second Counts!

Please do not ask for leave of absence so that your child can go on holiday or to a wedding during term time.

THANK YOU...

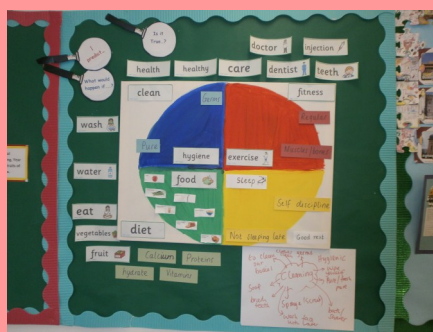
To all the parents who attended the Club Celebration event on: Tuesday 26th January 2016. The event really did promote the range of clubs on offer and of course how talented your children are!



NEWSLETTER

February 2016

DISPLAYS AT AVANTI COURT...



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!
<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

We are in the process of analysing responses from the parent survey and will update you shortly on our actions as a school.



READING HEROES!

Mrs Sivadasan has recruited several Key Stage 2 reading volunteers to help our young budding reception and nursery readers.

Our heroes have been specifically trained for their important role and they are now skilled and ready to go!

Once a week they will support our younger pupils by reading to them and will encourage them to use a range of reading strategies.

Well done to the following heroes for their support:

Jackson (Purpura), Shivani (Purpura), Naian (Dhumulah), Tejas (Dhumulah), Caiden (Purple), Aarush (Purple), Rishaa (Fioletowy), Mansi (Fioletowy), Nikita (Gold) Kiran (Gold) and Divya (Gold)

AMBASSADORS 2016!

Our Ambassadors have been very busy meeting with the Head Chef of Govinder Caterers. The Ambassadors wrote a letter to Mr Hew Miles inviting him to school to discuss the dinner menu.

In preparation for the meeting, Ambassadors led discussions with their classes to discuss what improvements / changes the children of Avanti Court Primary would like to see on the school dinner menu.

These ideas were fed back to Mr Hews during the meeting, which took place in school with the Ambassadors.

Mr Hews has taken all views on board and discussed how we can implement the changes that the children of Avanti Court would like to see.

Mrs Sanghera, Aspiring Leader, IPC Lead



ATTENDANCE-WE MUST DO BETTER!

As a school we aim to achieve 97% attendance over the Spring term. Please ensure you child comes to school otherwise they lose valuable learning time.

Weekly Attendance:

January 4th **88%**
January 11th 94%
January 18th 94%
January 25th 95%-getting better!
February 1st 95%

Parents we need your help!

WELL DONE NEELA CLASS !

Neela class were awarded the attendance trophy and the 'Come Dine with Me' experience on: Monday 25th January for achieving 100% attendance! Fioletowy class won the attendance award for the week of: February 1st.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

At Avanti Court School we believe that educational visits play an important part in the overall development of every child. Educational visits allow pupils the opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, a range of activities and experiences that serve to extend and consolidate their learning, as well as develop their personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) awareness and understanding. Our priority at Avanti Court is to ensure that all visits are **Safe, Educational and Enjoyable!**

We are so lucky to be located in an area full of exciting places to visit! We even have Barking Underground Station three minutes from the school, which takes us right into the heart of London!

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have the following Educational Visits planned for the Spring Term. Year Group Leaders will send out letters with more information shortly.

Reception

Spring 1: Hainault Fire Station

Spring 2: Valentines Park

Year 1

Spring 1: London Zoo

Spring 2: Science Museum

Year 2

Spring 1: Fairlop Farm

Spring 2: Tesco's

Year 3

Spring 1: Science Museum

Spring 2: A representative from Wildlife Paradise Park will be visiting Avanti Court

Year 4

Spring 1: London Aquarium

Spring 2: Barking Park



READING

Our teaching staff are currently working alongside Dr Wayne Tennent, a professor at the University of East London on an approach to develop comprehension within our school. Reciprocal Reading is a discussion technique that improves reading comprehension. It incorporates four main reading strategies: (1) predicting, (2) questioning, (3) clarifying, and (4) summarising. You can use these techniques at home to develop your child's comprehension skills.

Predicting

- Ask your child to look at the cover of a book, heading or illustration
- Encourage him or her to discuss what they see
- Ask them to explain or write their predictions around a text or a picture using evidence e.g. I think the book will be about...because....

Questioning

- Encourage your child to think of questions about the text/illustration using these words: how, what, who, why, when, where
- Ask your child to think of two questions that could be answered by reading the text and work alongside your child to answer them

Clarifying

- Share with your child the words or ideas that they might find confusing in the text and ask them to try and work out the meaning of the word from sentence clues
- Ask your child to explain ideas/ characters or themes within the text. Ask them to think about how they would explain the idea to a younger child

Summarising

- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words and limit the time they have to do this e.g. 30 seconds. Limiting the time they have to summarise the text will help them to focus on the main points of what they have read
- Now share your summary/retell with your child and talk about how you chose the main points from the passage

Mrs Sivadasan, AHT, English Lead, SENCO



Life at Avanti Court...



THE EARLY YEARS NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have any junk materials such as: plastic milk bottles, cardboard boxes, yogurt pots, lids or unwanted materials? If you do, please give the items to your child's class teacher. Please keep them coming in as we are always running out!

Please note, that due to allergies and hygiene reasons we cannot accept toilet rolls or egg boxes.

DATES...

The last day of this half term will be on :Friday 12th February 2016

School begins again on: Monday 22nd February 2016.

LIFE AT AVANTI COURT...



Car Safety!

Written by: Sonakshi, our Pupil Journalist from Year 4

Did you know that over 1400 children aged 0-11 are killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads every year? That is almost 27 children every week!
In 2011, a staggering 2412 children were killed or seriously injured on our roads by cars.

We have to make sure children have the right type of seat or booster when they are travelling by car. Did you know that the law states that children under three years old must be seated in a properly fitted car seat?

Remember to put your child in a car seat or booster seat and to make sure they are wearing a seatbelt even if you are going just around the corner. Always wear a seatbelt and be prepared because no-one knows what could happen!

Did you know that most accidents happen on short journeys?

Important Car Seat Information from Sonakshi:

0 to 9 months— Please use a rear facing baby seat

9 months to 4 years-Please use a forward facing baby seat

4 years to 12 years or under 135cm-Please use a booster seat

Over 12 years old—Please use an adult seat and wear a seatbelt

HEALTH AND SAFETY!

Please be aware that children should not be left alone in the playground before school. A number of parents are dropping off their children by the school gates and driving off, which means your child is unsupervised. Please can I ask again that you walk your child into school and wait with them until 8:30am if they are in Reception or Year 1. Children in Year 2, 3 and 4 go straight into class at 8:20am, but you are responsible for making sure they enter the school building.

Please do not leave any children in prams on their own while you enter the school building as they become very distressed and this is dangerous. Please keep young children with you at all times to ensure they are safe and well.

Please can I make a plea that parents do not park in Craven Gardens as the parking provided is for residents. Parents are parking on the grass verges which makes the ground very unsightly and reflects negatively on our school.

Help keep our children safe!

PARENT FORUM UPDATE...

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent forum recently. It was great to hear your views and to have the opportunity to work together to make our school even better.

You asked

For more clarification on assessment procedures at Avanti Court

So as a school we will.....

Run an assessment workshop on: Friday 9th February at 8:45am

You asked

That parents be allowed into Reception classrooms in the morning to support their child's learning

So as a school we will.....

Arrange times for parents to support their child in class over the next few weeks

You asked

If all parents were on Parentmail

So as a school we will.....

Provide a Parentmail session to support parents to register on: **14.03.16 at 2:15pm**