



# 'Expect the Best...to be the Best'

Summer 1, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another half term I am pleased to inform you that the half term has gone well. The children and staff have once again this half term been involved in a range of exciting learning activities and of course having lots of fun whilst doing so.

## The King's Coronation:

We all had a wonderful time at School celebrating the King's Coronation. Unfortunately due to the weather we were unable to have our picnic party outside as planned but that did not stop us from enjoying ourselves! Everyone enjoyed a Coronation assembly, sang the National anthem, ate party food and had a lovely time.



Congratulations to the following pupils who won our Crown competition:

**Year 3:** Luckyf Da Costa (Mulberry)

**Year 4:** Yusuf Sarwar (Hazel)

**Year 5:** Mahamadu Sylla (Ash)

**Year 6:** Daoud Khan (Cherry)

## Avenue Stars:

Well done to the Avenue Cheerleaders! We were thrilled when our wonderful Cheerleaders were invited to perform at Manor Park's Garden Party to celebrate the King's Coronation. With only a few rehearsals under their belts they were the stars of the show! But do not take our word for it - please watch the clip yourselves [Avenue Stars Performance](#).



## **Football Stars**

A big well done must also go to our Year 6 Boys who took part in a four-team football event with Shaftesbury Primary, Tollgate Primary and Essex Primary. Avenue's young football stars were unbeaten in the event, drawing their first game against Tollgate, 1-1, and winning against Shaftesbury & Essex, 2-1 & 2-0, respectively. Well done to Zayan, Ahmed K, Dihya, Raheem, Abdurrahman, Wilson, Ayaan A, Arda, Ibrahim M and Musa Jr.

## **Assessments:**

We are incredibly proud of our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have worked so hard and completed their end of Key stage tests (SATs) this month. The children completed their papers with great self confidence, motivation and resilience and although we are a Healthy School - they were treated with well deserved biscuits at the end of their tests!

Children in Year 1, continue to prepare for the phonic screening check and in Year 4 for the Multiplication Check. If your child is in Year 1 or Year 4 we ask that you continue to support your child by practising their phonics and/or times tables daily with them. Information on the screening check can be found here: [The Phonics Screening Check](#) with further parent videos on phonics here: [Ruth Miskin Training - YouTube](#).

Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their times tables- this will really help them to develop their knowledge and the recall speed needed when carrying out the tests.

The Phonics Screening Check will take place on the week beginning 12th June and the Multiplication Times Tables check will take place on 14th June.

## **Nursery Places:**

We continue to have a number of Nursery places and as a result are taking applications for September 2023. If you have a child who is currently 3 years old or over and would like a Nursery place please contact the School Office. If you would like to apply online the application form for Nursery can be found here [Admissions Form Nursery](#). If you wish to discuss a Nursery place for your child please contact the School Office.

## **Donations:**

We are looking to develop an app that will allow you to gain access to quality second-hand school uniforms. To help with this, if you have unwanted school uniform that you would like to donate to us, then please hand this to the school office. Year 6 parents in particular if your child does not have a sibling please do bring in their old uniforms if they are still in good quality.

## **Parent Governors Vacancies:**

I am pleased to inform you that we have recently recruited two parent Governors to our Board of Governors. We welcome Ms Shahnaz Begum and Mr Iqbal Hussain has been re-elected. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or wish to enquire about what the role entails - please do not hesitate to speak to me.

## **Parenting offer and support:**

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended the coffee morning around the theme of Online Safety and keeping your child safe while online. For those who did not attend, we would recommend <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> as a good starting point for information. There are also many guides we have access to here: if you would like any: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides> If you need any help or support in this area please do ask. For parents of children of Nursery and Reception age there is a webinar on 8th June at 10am by the Early Years Alliance - sign up here: [Screens in the early years](#)

Our next Parent and Carer coffee morning is on 13th June at 8.45-9.30am and will be on the variety of parenting support available in Newham. Everyone is welcome.

**Attendance:**

A reminder that the easiest way to inform us about reasons for absence is to use the Studybugs app rather than calling us. The app is available on the android and iphone stores. We expect contact for every day of absence. We are often asked about how long children should be kept off school with different illnesses. This: [Should I keep my child off school checklist poster](#) is a useful guide.



Any queries can now be sent to [attendance@avenue.newham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@avenue.newham.sch.uk)

**Avenue Reading Millionaire:**



The Avenue Reading competition is almost coming to an end. There are only a few weeks left. Encourage your child to read at home and then complete an AR (accelerated reader) quiz at school. There will also be a treat for the winning class in each year group. Keep on reading!

**Message from Ms Lloyd our Librarian:**

It has been proven many times that reading is good for your mental health. Sharing a story with a trusted adult helps children to feel safe and supported, but the stories themselves can also provide useful opportunities to talk about feelings and discuss complicated topics. Joining your library is free and easy, and provides you access to free ebooks and audio books, as well as an almost limitless supply of books to read together. It is important that children are given free choice in their reading, and sharing ANY book is good for your child. If you are looking for books on particular topics however contact Amy Lloyd here at school, or talk to Newham libraries for recommendations. You can also visit [empathylab.uk](http://empathylab.uk) for lists of books with specific themes or [reading-well.org.uk](http://reading-well.org.uk) for lists of books that support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

You might even like to come and join us on our next **Avenue Book Breakfast** on 21st June - read with your child whilst enjoying a light Avenue Breakfast.



**School Photographs:**

We are delighted to inform you that the school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, taking pupil class photographs for you to purchase.

**Dates for your Diary:**

<b><u>June</u></b>	<b><u>July</u></b>
<b>7th:</b> School Class Photos	<b>5th, 6th and 7th:</b> Reception vision and hearing checks; Reception and Year 6 height and weight catch ups
<b>12th:</b> Positive Relationships Week: Year 5 and 6 (Information sent out via a separate letter to Years 5 and 6)	<b>6th:</b> Little Ilford Y6 transition evening
<b>12th:</b> Year 1 Phonic Screening Check	<b>7th:</b> Year 6 Disco

<b>13th:</b> Parent and Carer Coffee Morning	<b>11th:</b> Year 6 production to Parents/ Carers at 2pm and 6pm
<b>14th :</b> Year 4 Timetables Multiplication Check	<b>11th:</b> Online Safety Focus Day
<b>21st:</b> Reading Breakfast ( details to follow)	<b>12th:</b> - Parent / carer consultations
<b>26th:</b> Avenue Entertainment Week (details to follow)	<b>13th -</b> World of Work Day

**Details to confirm all above events will follow but please save the dates in your diaries.**

**Parent and Carer Questionnaire Findings:**

Thank you once again to the 138 families that completed the questionnaire we sent out in the Spring Term. We were pleased with the many positive responses and for the suggestions on how we can make further improvements. We wanted to share a summary of everything with you and this is at the end of this newsletter. We have been carefully analysing the findings and all the suggestions made. We will be looking at these and considering how to take aspects forward. We will of course keep you informed of any changes that we make.

**Half Term:**

Please note: School will end at the usual time on **26th May 2023**. Pupils return on Monday 5th June 2023.

Wishing you a relaxing and sunny half term break.

**Mrs H. Nazif**  
**Headteacher**



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# Parent / Carer Questionnaire

## Feedback

### Scope:

- Sent to all parents in the school's newsletter, in flyers in the playground, by email and with a text message link
- Question responses were open for 3 weeks
- 138 responses received - each response from a different family in the school
- A scoring approach was used between 1 and 5

### Responses

<b>Behaviour and Safety</b>	<b>1&amp;2</b> Strongly agree and agree	<b>3</b>	<b>4&amp;5</b> Disagree and strongly disagree
The school keeps my child safe	85%	7%	8%
My child feels safe and looked after at this school	85%	5%	10%
My child knows what to do if they feel unsafe or are worried whilst at school	74%	14%	12%
My child is happy at this school	83%	8%	9%
The school teaches my child about keeping themselves healthy and safe including online	78%	13%	9%
The school teaches children about how to regulate their emotions and behaviour	75%	15%	10%
The school enables children to behave well	79%	9%	12%
The school deals effectively with any incidents of bullying	73%	15%	12%
I feel welcome when approaching the school with questions or a problem regarding the behaviour of my child	83%	8%	9%

### **Comments:**

- Involve parents in discussions about their child's behaviour with parents more frequently.
- Have appointed staff in the year group that parents can go to, email or contact via telephone regarding any concerns.
- Make sure staff are always at the entrance gate while entering school and leaving school.
- Talk to pupils about playing safely and sensibly and knowing dangers around.
- Ensure pupils are always spoken to with respect
- Pay more attention to issues that arise including bullying and unacceptable language.
- Teach children how to know how they feel and how to deal with their emotions.

<b>Learning and Progress</b>	<b>1&amp;2</b> Strongly agree and agree	<b>3</b>	<b>4&amp;5</b> Disagree and strongly disagree
My child makes good progress at the school	84%	7%	9%
My child is taught well at this school	84%	7%	9%
Teachers at the school have high expectations of my child's learning	82%	7%	11%

My child is sufficiently challenged in their learning	81%	10%	9%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	77%	10%	13%
The school keeps me informed about my child's learning and progress	71%	14%	15%
I understand how the school assesses my child	71%	15%	14%
The school offers a wide range of enrichment and extracurricular opportunities	72%	13%	15%
<b>Comments:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share assessment results with parents regularly so they are aware of areas of improvement</li> <li>• More challenging tasks set for pupils.</li> </ul>			

<b>Parental/Carer Involvement</b>	<b>1&amp;2</b> Strongly agree and agree	<b>3</b>	<b>4&amp;5</b> Disagree and strongly disagree
The school communicates with parents / carers well	75%	12%	13%
I am helped to know how to support my child in their learning	76%	11%	13%
I use the school's website regularly	67%	18%	15%
The website helps me to know what is happening at Avenue and to help my child in their learning	70%	15%	15%
Parents and carers are involved in school life	73%	17%	10%
I know who the Senior staff of the school are	66%	17%	17%
I know who the Governors at Avenue are and the work they do	49%	24%	27%
<b>Comments:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make pick up times and drop off less rushed.</li> <li>• Have a daily after school club and breakfast club in place.</li> <li>• Ensure more regular information and updates using the MarvellousMe app.</li> <li>• Weekly updates on what children are learning.</li> <li>• Better opportunities to have a daily personal chat with either the teacher or staff.</li> <li>• More notice to prepare for dress up or activity days.</li> <li>• More frequent parental evenings.</li> <li>• Have monthly newsletters and sections where student achievements are celebrated.</li> <li>• As well as parent coffee mornings, meetings after school (4-5) for parents that work.</li> <li>• Have extra curricular activities for EYFS and Reception.</li> </ul>			

<b>Overall</b>	<b>1&amp;2</b> Strongly agree and agree	<b>3</b>	<b>4&amp;5</b> Disagree and strongly disagree
The school is well led and managed	83.3%	5.2%	10.9%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes = 91.3%		No = 8.7%