



“Expect the Best... To be the Best”

Newsletter 1

Autumn 1—20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to my first newsletter. The school year has started very smoothly with pupils becoming settled with their new teacher and new class environments quickly. Most have handled these changes, as well as others, very successfully. We have also welcomed new pupils into Nursery and Reception as well as a few new admissions to the school. A special welcome if you have just joined the Avenue community!

The newsletter will now be every two weeks. I want the newsletter to be a more central go-to for you all. It will update you on the events going on in school, provide needed reminders, direct you to events and services in the local area of interest and attempt to reduce the amount of other letters and communication you receive from us. I look forward to working with you all as we move through the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me or other Senior Leadership members of the school.

Mr Franklin-Lewis



Celebrating our outcomes: 2023/2024 Results

We are extremely pleased once again with the results our children achieved last year and want to celebrate these with you!

At the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6), we achieved above national average in all areas for children reaching the expected standard, and in most areas for children achieving greater depth. Our results in EYFS, the Year 1 phonics screening test and multiplication check in Year 4 were also extremely pleasing.

Well done to our fantastic children and staff.

EYFS Good level of development:

- 76% of children (national average 68%).

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check:

- 76% of children achieved the expected standard (national average 79%).

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check:

- 40% of our children achieved the full 25 marks (national 29%) ,
- Average attainment score 22.5 (national average 20.2)

Key Stage 2 Attainment 2024:

- 74% of our children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths (national average 61%). These are provisional results and will be updated in December where we expect this to increase even further.

The breakdown of our data can be found on our website.

Year Group focus: Reception

We have started to welcome in our youngest pupils into the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our new Reception pupils successfully came for a day with a parent or carer, then managed to stay for a whole morning and, this week, they have stayed for lunch. Next week most will stay all day.



We are incredibly proud of all of them for having such a positive start to their school journey. New children are now settling into Nursery every day too.



Meet: Avenue's EMHP

Educational Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) work directly with schools to provide class workshops and groups for the whole school community.



Hi, I'm **Chika**. I am your Educational Mental Health Practitioner.



Services offered:

- One-to-one sessions with parents
- Workshops and groups
- Mental Health awareness
- Signposting
- One-to-one sessions for child anxiety or challenging behaviour

The service uses evidence-based guided self-help techniques to empower young people and to support parents/carers to take care of their emotional well-being. They can also help signpost to other services so every student gets the support that is right for them.

You will find me in school at Avenue every Monday. If you would like more information or would like to discuss a referral, please email: safeguarding@avenue.newham.sch.uk

Reminders

- We met Year 6 parents about applying for Year 7. The link to the presentation is here: [Secondary transition - Year 6 Meeting](#) The application **MUST** be made by 31st October 2024.
- Extracurricular clubs have started and will run until Christmas. Some of these still have a few places left. [Click here](#) to view a weekly schedule of clubs we are offering this term. [Click here](#) to apply for a place. Spaces are limited so if your child doesn't get a club this term, they will be more likely to be allocated one next term. If your child has been allocated, you will receive a letter confirmation. For any club queries please call the school office between 10am-3pm.
- We have spaces in our Nursery. If you have a child approaching the age of 3 or who is already 3, please find the application form [here](#).

Our Prefects



We have our group of 12 new prefects after a grueling application and interview process. They will now carry out a series of duties with their main responsibility being promoting our learning values and being a role model for other pupils. Prefects are chosen based on their behaviour and leadership qualities.

Our two Head Pupils this year are: **Areesha**, Acacia Class, and **Wahida**, Ash class. Congratulations to all twelve prefects for being chosen.

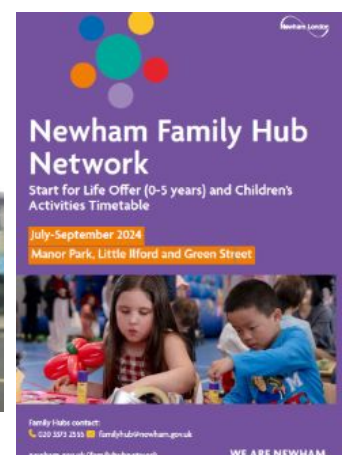
Early Help Support: Family Hubs

A Family Hub is your all-in-one solution for essential support. They bring healthcare, education, social care, and employment services all under one roof to simplify your access to the help you need.

<https://families.newham.gov.uk/>

A new family hub will be opening in Manor Park on the 25th October at the Sheringham Nursery children's centre. It will offer a range of services, including health care, child development support, and educational resources for families, including those with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

[Newham Family Hub Network for Residents](#)



Curriculum: Focus on Computing

This half term, all pupils will be talking about the need to be safe online and how to do this. They will all help to create a set of online safety rules that they will follow in school and can also follow at home. You will be given these. Please help them to put these in a prominent place at home.

We know many children are more technologically aware than we are. Knowing how to keep them safe on their devices (including knowing who are they talking to and what are they doing) is a challenge. We are always here to help but here are some useful websites for you:

- [ParentSafe \(lgfl.net\)](#)
- [Parenting Smart: Safe social media for primary aged children](#)
- [How to Keep Kids Safe on YouTube in 2024: Complete Guide](#)
- [Online safety | parent article - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [BBC Own It for children, parents/carers and teachers | Internet Matters](#)

Updating Contact Information

If you have had a change in address, contact number or emergency contacts, please ensure that the school office has your most recent details by completing the form linked [here](#).

In order to change your address on file, you will need to provide a proof of address. If you are unsure of what to provide, please contact the front office for a list of accepted documents. It is important that you are able to receive all correspondence so that you are aware of any important changes.

Nazif Hall

As you will know, Ms Nazif left Avenue in July after over 10 years at the school as our Headteacher. It is my honor to continue her great work. Two of her favourite tasks were lunch duties and taking assemblies, therefore, what better way to remember her than renaming one of our halls. It is now named:



Uniform



You are now able to purchase the branded items of our uniform online from Fashion Stop here: [APS - School Wear United](#)

Can I ask that only earrings that are studs are worn by children and that shoes are plain black. For health and safety reasons, can I also ask that girls wishing to wear religious headwear now wear a pull on hijab only, coloured black or white.

Key Dates

- **23rd September 2024:** Reception children attending full time
- **30th September 2024:** 9am - 9.25am Parent Coffee Morning: Sports Hall
- **October 2024:** Black History Month
- **3rd October 2024:** National Poetry Day
- **7th October 2024 :** National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Year 6 & Reception
- **11th October 2024:** Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6
- **18th October 2024:** Global dignity assembly and workshop Year 5&6
- **21st - 25th October 2024:** Year 5 & 6 Bikeability - Level 1
- **22nd October 2024:** Online Safety Focus Day
- **24th October 2024:** Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher

School Term and Holiday Dates Calendar 2024/2025

School Term	Public Holidays
Autumn Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024 Monday 2 September 2024 and Tuesday 3 September 2024 are Staff training INSET days. Pupils return on Wednesday 4 September 2024.	Half Term Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024 Religious Festivals Diwali: Friday 1 November 2024
Autumn Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024 Religious Festivals Vikram New Year in Gujarat: Saturday 2 November 2024 Guru Nanak's Birthday: Friday 15 November 2024 - school open	Christmas Break Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025 Religious Festivals Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall within the Christmas Break
Spring Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025 Friday 14 February 2025 is a staff training INSET day.	Half Term Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025
Spring Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025 Religious Festivals Ramadan predicted to begin evening of Friday 28 February 2025 Eid-ul-Fitr: Predicted as evening of Sunday 30 – Monday 31 March 2025 - school open	Spring Break Monday 7 April 2025 to Monday 21 April 2025 Religious Festivals Easter Sunday: 20 April 2025
Summer Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025 May Day - Monday 5 May 2024 - school closed	Half Term Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025 May Day - Monday 5 May 2024 - school closed
Summer Monday 2 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 June 2025 Tuesday 22 July 2025 is a staff training INSET day. The children's last day is therefore Monday 21 July 2025. Religious festivals Eid-ul-Adha: evening of Friday 6 June 2025 - school open	Summer Break Wednesday 23 July 2025 to <i>To be advised</i>

In Service Training Days:

The Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations (1999) require all maintained schools to open for teaching for 190 days a year, offering 380 sessions. The table sets out dates for 196 days. Pupils are to be released for a further 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as inset days or equivalent twilight sessions.

INSET Days:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025 - DISAGGREGATED
- TBC