



# The Avenue School Newsletter



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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust this letter finds our families well. I would like to welcome you to our first newsletter for The Avenue School this academic year. As we approach the end of the Autumn term, it is fundamentally important we take a moment to reflect and share highlights from the past few months before continuing onto the next stage of this wonderful journey of development.

I very much hope you will enjoy reading what our pupils have been up to. Our pupils' achievements are a testament to our fantastic staff who have worked incredibly hard to support our pupils access their learning.

I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support. It is through collaboration between parents and carers, and school that we can provide the best possible learning environments and experiences for our pupils.

Rachel Rai | Headteacher

## School Communication

I am pleased to set out for you our approach to communication which will continue to ensure you receive important updates about the school. Over the year, there will be:

- A **whole-school newsletter** providing key information and highlighting pupil and staff achievements; this will be sent in hard copy and via email every half term.
- **Dates for Diary** providing information of events or activities taking place across the school; this is sent in hard copy and via email every half term.
- A **half termly coffee morning** where parents will have the opportunity to share ideas and provide important feedback on the school. I will also give an update on key school developments. The Spring Term coffee morning date will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 9.30am – 10.30am
- More **regular news and updates** on the school website ([www.theavenueschool.london](http://www.theavenueschool.london)) as well as on Twitter (@AvenueSchBrent) and LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/22054554/>; this will include timely articles and photos showing what the pupils have been up to. *Please be assured that we only publish photos where parents and carers have given their consent.*
- **Parent workshops** over the school year providing a range of information sessions covering various topics; dates for sessions will be indicated in the Dates for diary and reminders sent via text message.
- Our **half termly Celebration letters** provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate achievements and pupils receive their letter through the post.

## Term Dates



**Last day of half term**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Winter Holidays**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 2024

**First day of term**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## School Updates

### Enrichment activities

Our school places a strong emphasis on holistic development, and we are pleased to report our children participate in various enrichment activities. These experiences not only contribute to their physical well-being but also foster and create an environment to develop their social and communication skills. We believe in nurturing well-rounded children and young people, and your child's engagement in these activities is a testament to their growth beyond the academic expectations. I will be providing and sharing with you in the new year, 'The Avenue Promise' which outlines the activities pupils will have the opportunity to engage in during their time at The Avenue School.

### Cashless Payment System

The Avenue School is becoming a cashless school and will be implementing a payment system in the new year, further information will be available soon.

### Classroom environment

The development of our classroom environments has been one of collaboration and mutual support. We have been reviewing our classroom environments especially as we continue to grow and I look forward to inviting our families into the school to see the progress made very soon.

### Pupil progress and achievements

I was pleased to write to you in September to inform you of our process of sharing and discussing your child's progress. We have successfully started this process and parents and carers will be invited to three meetings during the school year – one meeting every term will be held to discuss your child's progress and achievements. The meetings will include one Annual Review meeting and two Home School Conversations:

#### **Meetings:**

##### **Annual Review meeting**

Each year parents and carers will be invited to attend an annual review meeting for your child. This is the meeting in which we review your child's Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). In the run up to this meeting you will receive written reports from your child's class teacher, speech and language therapist and occupational therapist alongside reports from any other professionals involved in your child's education, health or care.

##### **Home School Conversation meetings**

In addition to your child's annual review parents and carers will be invited to attend two home school conversations. These meetings are an additional opportunity to:

- Agree clear goals and targets for your child's learning
- Share your concerns and your hopes for your child
- Agree how to help your child do better

## Upcoming events and celebrations

As we conclude the autumn term, we have some exciting events and celebrations planned, and I am pleased to share a few with you below:

### **Avenue Annual Walk in the Park**

I am truly excited to be organising such an event and will update you in the new year of the details but it will provide a wonderful opportunity for all our families to come together, talk and walk together to celebrate our wonderful children and young people.

Our **Parent Reading Hub** will be launched in January 2024 and information regarding the process i.e. days and times will be shared in the spring term. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to read with our pupils.

### **Official Avenue School launch**

Please look out for your invitation for an official launch of The Avenue School where we can view the new photography and signage soon to grace the walls of our wonderful school.

### **The Avenue Café**

We have been working with Young Brent Foundation to develop and implement our Café. The café will be open to the public, serving the community but also providing opportunities for our pupils to develop practical life skills – updates will be provided throughout the spring term.

### **Recycling Project**

Our whole school project has been very successful and we will continue in the new year with a different material focus for spring. Thank you for engaging and supporting the school's climate change agenda, as we aim to achieve this through building as many opportunities for our pupils to take responsibility for their world.

### **Garden Project**

I am pleased to inform you that in the Spring term we will start the journey of developing our very own garden, where we plan to grow herbs, fruit and vegetables, which will be used in our very own school kitchen. The garden will be managed and maintained by our pupils and families.

We look forward to sharing these special moments with you and continuing to celebrate the achievements and progress of our pupils.

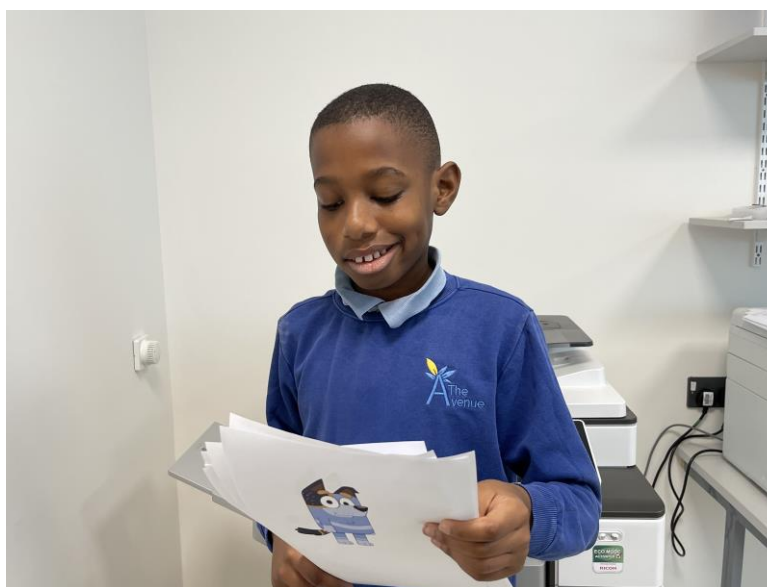
# Inside The Avenue!

*Take a look at what we have been up to this Autumn term*

## Attention Autism



## Learning – developing computing skills



## Developing Life Skills – Pupils learning to fold items of clothes through modelled demonstrations



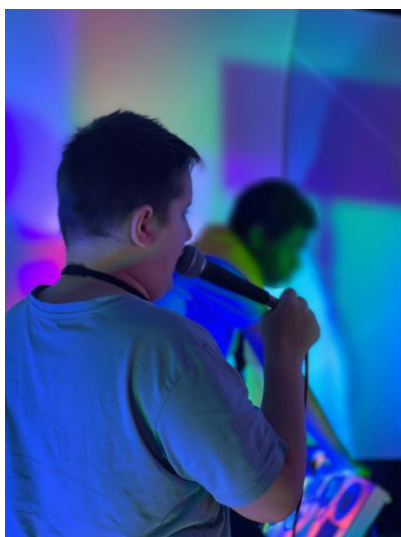


**Learning** – Pupils engaged in positive learning experiences





## Colourscape - creating a sensory experience through colour and light

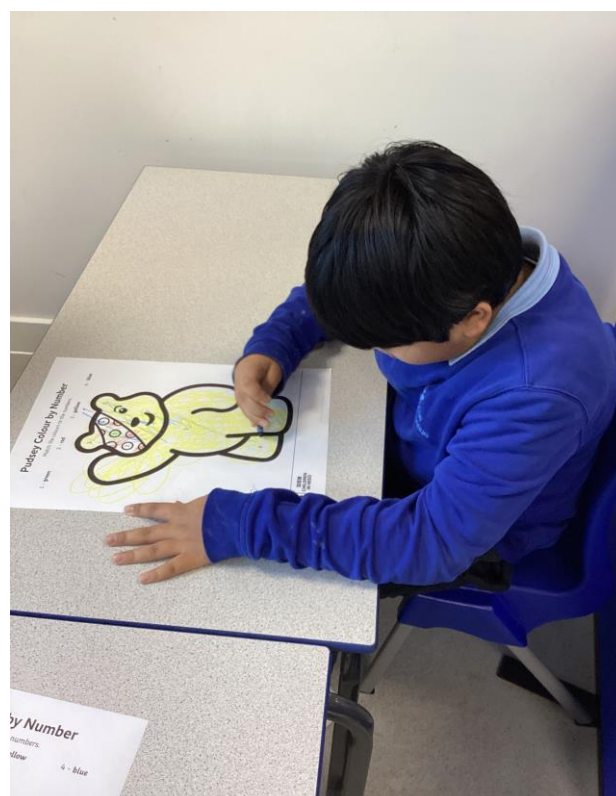
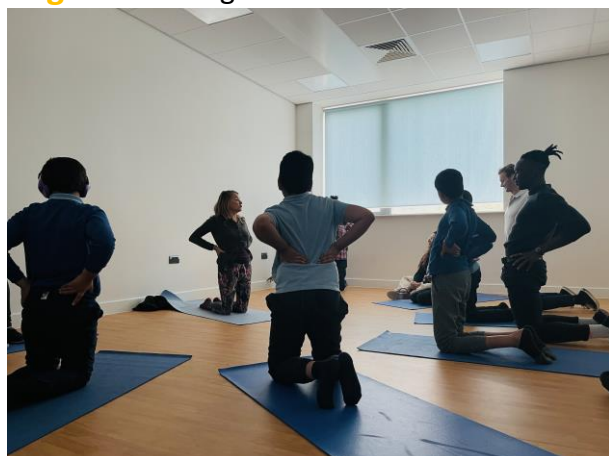




## School Cinema – Pupils applying maths skills and knowledge to real life scenarios



## Yoga - Nurturing minds and souls





## Christmas Dinner

The team worked brilliantly and created a fantastic festive dinner for our pupils.



## Santa came to Avenue town!

Santa and his helpers delivered the Christmas gifts donated to us by Wates on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

We were fortunate to work with Wates, Brent's Chinese Community Association and Young Brent Foundation to select appropriate Christmas gifts for our pupils.





