



# The Avenue School

## Newsletter

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful start to the new year and our fantastic team continue to work phenomenally hard to support our pupils to ensure they feel happy and safe at The Avenue School.

*Do you enjoy reading?*

As a child, I loved reading Judy Blume books, and would read them over and over again. What I enjoyed the most was listening to books being read to me. Next half term among many exciting events we are launching our Avenue Parent Reading Hub.

The reading hub will run once every half term and our first session will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. If you would like to join our pupils by listening to our pupil's read, reading to pupils and engaging in positive sharing reading opportunities, please email [enquiries@theavenueschool.london](mailto:enquiries@theavenueschool.london) to register your interest.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term break.

Rachel Rai | Headteacher

## Term Dates

**Last day of Spring Half Term**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Half term (school closed)**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Term starts for pupils (second half)**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Last day of Spring Term**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Easter Holidays**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Important School Reminders

### School Communications

In January 2024 we announced the introduction of School Gateway, a parent engagement application that will allow you to pay for school trips, dinner money, receive notifications on and upcoming events, and to ensure we can keep you up to date with school news.

All school related communication, newsletters, reports, dinner bookings and payments will go through School Gateway from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024. To stay up to date with what's going on at school please ensure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

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If you have any questions please contact the school 020 3829 4690 or if you would like further information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>

### Parents and Carers Survey Spring term 2024

The views of our pupils' parents and carers are really important to us. It is only by hearing your views and working with you that we can offer your child a supportive and enriching school experience.

I would therefore like to invite you to complete our Parents and Carers Survey which asks you tell us what you like about the school and make suggestions on how we might improve.

The survey, which can be accessed here <https://forms.gle/yQTvL7HLuV9eFDu5A> will be open until **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

## Picture of the Term

This term saw the installation of the phenomenal photos of our pupils, school signage and our Ofsted 'outstanding' banner.

The photos, signage and banner contribute significantly to our school establishing and stamping its identity within the trust and community. It celebrates our pupils and provides a sense of belonging. We will continue to build on this with all the work we do.

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to see our pupils' photos displayed across the school during the Parents and Carers Week. Please look out for further information after the half term.

### Ofsted Banner



### School signage - Reception area



### School signage – Outside main entrance



## Dates for Diary

### Home School Conversations

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Avenue Parent Reading Hub

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2pm - 3pm

**School Chick hatching experience** – The Happy Chick Company Week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Careers Week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Parents and Carers Week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**World Book Day** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**International Women's Day** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Parent Online training – Sleep Hygiene

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 10am - 11am

**Mother's Day** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - school to acknowledge Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Ramadan** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March and ends Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - school to acknowledge through learning

### British Science Week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Phonics Parent Session – Letter Sounds

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 9.30 - 10.30am

### Early Years Stay and Play

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 9.30am - 10.45am

**Comic Relief Red Nose Day** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### World Behaviour Analysis Day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Sign Language Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**World Poetry Day** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Parent coffee morning at The Avenue

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 9.30am – 10.30am

**Holi Festival** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Early Years Sensory Picnic (*Bring your teddies*)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2pm

### World Autism Awareness Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - school to acknowledge through learning Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



# Inside The Avenue!

*Please take a look at what we have been up to this Spring half term*



## Hummingbird Class

We had an amazing time in Hummingbird class this half term. We loved to explore and engage in activities related to our topic: 'Healthy food'.

We engaged with new books and went to the school's shop and learn how to sort fruits and vegetables.

During our art sessions we made Paper Mache bowls together and we loved it.

The pupils engaged in food craft activities during group sessions. We made Spaghetti Bolognese, created a food heart and made a pizza with peppers.

Our music sessions have been full of energy, engagement, excitement and pure joy!





### Kingfisher, Albatross, and Pelican Class

Pupils celebrating Chinese New Year!



### Parakeet Class

In Art this half term, we have been learning how to draw ourselves. We used this opportunity to practice mark-making and some pupils used mirrors to look at their features before they drew self-portraits.



### Launching a New Maths Project

At The Avenue School, one of our primary goals is to enhance our students' understanding of money and shopping, as this is a fundamental life skill. In line with this objective, we are introducing a school real shop initiative to be integrated into our Maths lessons. This engaging project allows children to visit a portable shop within the school premises, where they can purchase small toys and items while applying and enhancing their mathematical skills. The primary focus of this activity is to enable students to comprehend, familiarise, and experiment with the concept of belongings.

