

The Avenue Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with what's going on... w/e 22.09.2023



Head teacher's message I hope that you have all had a really positive week. It very much feels that we are now firmly settled into rhythm and routine that school brings. School has felt very busy this week – lots of excited pupils engaging in learning, continuing to build new relationships and excitedly wanting to interact with the wider team when transitioning around the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to focus on the importance of pupil attendance at school. Following the lockdowns there are many pupils nationally who are struggling engage in school again. It is vital that we all work together to ensure that each individual pupil's attendance is prioritised and maximised. Health issues aside, many of you will have seen that, following clear Government guidance, that many in term time holiday requests will not be authorised. Parents, I thank you for your understanding and support with this key priority. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes, Symon

Literacy News

Welcome to Literacy News. In this column, I will present you our amazing Literacy schemes, phonics vocabulary, reading book suggestions, as well as sharing with you some of the amazing literacy achievements of our pupils.

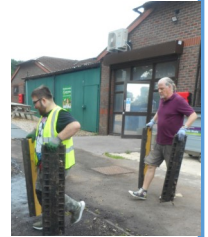
Currently in our school we are following high-quality phonics teaching and improving literacy levels schemes, such as: Twinkl Phonics Level 1, Read Write Inc (RWInc), Fresh Start and Literacy & Language.

This week I would like to share with you some great experiences some of our pupils have had within Read Write Inc (RWInc) and Fresh Start curriculum. Our school was chosen to make films for teachers across the whole country on how to use Read Write Inc Phonics as well as Fresh Start Programme with young people with moderate to severe learning difficulties in Special Schools or SEND/ASN units in mainstreams school. This is an amazing achievement for our whole school, to be recognised for our exceptional teaching practice. Just before Easter 23, we had a filming crew from Ruth Miskin Team making training films over two days. This offered great opportunities for our children to take part in filming, seeing various cameras and sound systems. Our teachers shared their professional knowledge, experience and interactions they have with their pupils. Currently some of those films are only accessible via school subscription for teaching staff. However, I am sure that our teachers will share those films during parents evening.

Gosia—Reading and Writing co-ordinator

Careers and Work Related Learning

Last week Andrew from 6th form started his work experience at The Rangers Station in Prospect Park. He was extremely eager to get started and was not disappointed. His duties included leaf blowing, setting up the mini golf course, safety checks on the low ropes and litter picking in the football courts. I think its safe to say that Andrew had a great first week and is excited for week two.



Sign of the week—'Help'



Important reminder

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to have a plan in place to be able to collect their child from school, in the event of illness/emergency. School no longer have the capacity to transport pupils home. If you have any queries, please speak to Kelly Boahene (family support worker).

Outside spaces—Fundraising

As you would have seen on last weeks newsletter the school has had some major works completed over the summer and the MUGA and Indoor Playground look fantastic. Our next big project is working on our outside spaces and this is where we would like your help please. If any of you have contacts with local Garden Centres, DIY stores or even contacts in local businesses who would like to get involved then please let us know. Our main focus is the Sensory Trail. Involvement can be anything donation of materials, fund raising events or a financial donation towards our Project. We have already seen the impact our new areas have had on the pupils here and would really like to expand that to our other outside spaces as well.

If you have any leads please contact agreen@avenue.reading.sch.uk



Key
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Parents
Evening

12th Oct

Half term

23rd –
27th Oct

INSET
Days

30th &
31st Oct

Christmas
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24th Nov