



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2016: Issue 3

This is a wonderful time of the year with so much nature to see and enjoy. As darkness creeps forward and the winter chills set in the air, can I remind all families to stay safe.

The children should be collected by an adult at the end of the day, especially if attending an after school club. Lights are fitted to bikes and scooters and we hope to see **all** children wearing a coat to school.

I would like to congratulate the pupils from 4DR and 4SC for their magical class assemblies. 60 drummers, story tellers and singers performed in their 'Amazing Africa' Assembly.

We are looking forward to sharing 5ST and 4CB assemblies in the next few days and weeks.

Please take note of the dates for your diaries as I wouldn't want you to miss any of the wonderful events taking place. Parents evening booking open this Friday and the Quiz tickets are on sale for an evening that cannot be missed.

Chess Champions

Some of our chess champions:
Kamran B, Harry C, Lachlan D
and Gregor S

I hope the matches went well last night and I can't wait to hear how you've all done.

We are very proud of all players, whether beginner or advanced, keep up the great work.

Thank you also to Kamlesh for your support with the after school club and for organising the competitions.



Learning starts at 9am

Please support your children by ensuring they are in the school playground for 8.55am.

The whole school attendance so far is 97.8% and I would like to congratulate classes 2SS (x2), 4SC 9x2), 1JM, 5AD on achieving 100% attendance in October/November.



Walk with Henry

As part of the "walk to school" week a group of children from Year 3 participated in 'Haringey Walks'.

Henry the bear walked over 10 miles and we helped him from St Martin of Porres to Ally Pally before Henry then walked to Muswell Hill Primary.

Over 25,000 steps, well done Henry, and his teddy friends from Year 3.



Learning in Year 5

To end our topic on the Arctic and Antarctic, Year 5 visited the National Maritime Museum. There, the children looked around the museum; took part in a hands on exhibition and listened to a very informative talk on exploration and Shackleton.



" I enjoyed sketching the swords and seeing the ancient ships" William.

" I liked listening to the stories and finding about the journeys Shackleton took" Hannah

To celebrate 80 years of television and the upcoming BAFTAs some Year 5 children went to Alexandra Palace to participate in a range of different workshops. We were fortunate to see BBC TV presenters, a behind the scene special effects professional - who works on Dr Who - and the producer of 'Hetty Feather'. Congratulations to Martha from 5JF who won 'a design an alien competition'. All in all a great celebration of TV.

"It was really exciting. I was very happy to meet some of my favourite TV presenters" Murzan.

Alison Davies



How are we teaching reading?

You may have heard that our approach to the teaching of reading has changed. On our staff training day, 31st October, the teachers spent the day researching different approaches to the teaching of reading. We looked at the impact of a range of different strategies had and reviewed our guided approach.

This year we will be teaching whole class reading, group reading as well as individual reading around a central text. At the end of the school year we will review the impact of each approach before deciding on our preferred style.

We hope your children have shared the new book titles they are learning with you and are as excited about their reading lessons as we are.

We will be holding a special reading evening for parents at the start of the new term to share how we are teaching reading and how you can support your child at home.

In the meantime if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Getley, English Subject Leader.



Nursery Offer September 2017

The school will be offering: 30 places x 30 hours and 30 places for 15 hours provision.

Some parents will qualify for 30 hours of free provision, others will have the option to pay for additional hours.

[Do you meet the criteria for 30 hours of free Nursery?](#)

Not everyone is eligible - the extra 15 hours are only available to **working parents** who work more than 16 hours a week and earn under £100,000 per year. This is different to the current free childcare scheme which is open to everyone (15hours).

To be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- * Your child will be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts
- * You'll work more than 16 hours per week
- * You'll have an annual income of less than £100,000

To register your interest or request further information please ask at the school office. We will also be providing a paid extended offer for the full time Nursery children.



Intra Gymnastics



Congratulations and well done to all children who participated in the gymnastic intra competition; a special mention to our first, second and third place winners above.

Children moving into Year 3 were allocated their school House and joined the rest of the juniors for the first intra competition. Each intra-school competition will allow children to gain points for their House, this will then go towards their total sports day score and give an overall winner at the end of the year. The competitions allow **every single child** to compete in a tournament/competition either as part of a team or as an individual. All results are published on the website for parents to see.

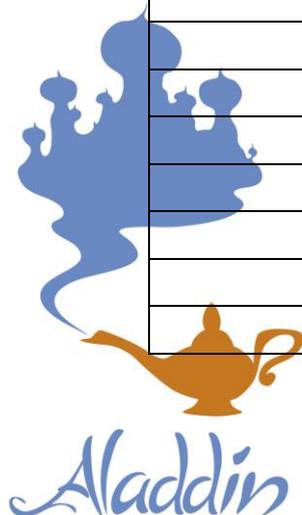
The Second half term intra-school competition will be Indoor Athletics.

Adem Ali

Christmas Show Timetable

The dates and times for the 2016 Christmas show are below. I hope this provides you with sufficient time to book time from work for a show that cannot be missed!

Show 1	Show 2	Show 3
WEDNESDAY 7 TH DECEMBER – 10 AM THURSDAY 8 TH DECEMBER – 2 PM	THURSDAY 8 TH DECEMBER – 10 AM FRIDAY 9 TH DECEMBER – 2 PM	WEDNESDAY 7 TH DECEMBER – 2 PM FRIDAY 9 TH DECEMBER – 10 AM
RSP	RMC	RLM
1JM	1KB/MT	1SP
2SS	2CT	2KG
3JR	3NW/DJ	3RM
4SC	4DR	4CB
5ST	5AD	5JF
Year 6	Year 6	Year 6



Dates for your diary

	Date	Time
5ST Class assembly	11 th November	
Jumble Sale	12 th November	13.00-16.00
Parents/Carers' Evening	16 th November	16.00-20.00
	17 th November	16.00-18.00
School Governors will be collecting your views on both evenings.		
Nursery Cake Sale	18 th November	15.30
Quiz Night	18 th November	19.00
4CB Class assembly	25 th November	09.10
Year 5 cake Sale	2 nd December	15.30
Christmas Fair	3 rd December	14.00-17.00
Christmas Show	7 th , 8 th , 9 th December	
Infant Choir Concert	12 th December	15.00
Rock Steady Performance	13 th December	
Infant Christmas Parties	13 th December	
Carol Singing at Bounds Green Station	13 th December	From 16.00
Year 1 Education Visit	14 th December	All day
Junior Christmas Parties	14 th December	
Christmas Lunch	15 th December	
Nursery Christmas Party	15 th December	
Year 3 and Orchestra Concert	19 th December	
Christmas carol Concert	20 th December	19.00
End of Autumn Term	21st December	13.30
INSET	3 rd January	All Day
Pupils return to school	4 th January	08.55



Don't forget to all add dates to your family calendars.

Did you know?

You can hire parts of the school buildings or grounds for parties, family events or social occasions.

Please contact Andrew on lettings@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk for further details.

Best wishes,

Adrian Hall
Headteacher

RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rhodes Avenue, Wood Green, London N22 7UT

Tel: 020 8888 2859/5785

Fax: 020 8881 7090

Email: office@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk

www.rhodes.haringey.sch.uk



RHODES AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL