



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 1

I would like to offer a warm welcome at the start of the new academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and you are feeling refreshed and ready to start the new school year.

Please do take the time to have a look at the wonderful building work that has taken place over the summer break. I am sure you will all agree the Playground looks fantastic and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed using the new equipment and play surface. Thank you to RAPSAs and the parents, for your support and dedication to the school, without your help this project would not have been possible.

We have been developing additional learning spaces within the school: The Year 1 outdoor area now enables exciting learning opportunities and continuous provision; we have two new learning spaces, one in the lower library and the other in the wedge by Year 5 and 6.

Playground markings have been added around the school and lots of the school has had a fresh coat of paint. We take great pride in our school environment and I know this is valued by the whole school community.

What's new for this year?

We are offering 30 full time Hedgehog places and 30 part time Woodpecker places for Nursery.

We have opened an Early Years After School Club. This care will enable us to increase whole school pupil numbers from 60 to over 90 places. Breakfast club now has an earlier start time of 7.40am and will continue to offer hot and cold breakfasts for a greater number of children.

We have increased adult supervision at lunch time and now have 14 SMSA staff and 24 support staff playing with the children at lunch times. We also have two sports coaches joining the lunch team to organise a range of games and activities for the children.

Keeping up to date

We have many key events and special meetings taking place this term. I hope you all managed to attend your Class Meetings. These were planned in before the summer break and are a great way to gather information at the beginning of the school year. Please ensure you stay up to date with the school calendar by visiting the website, following us on Twitter and reading the various newsletters.

If you have changed any of your contact details over the summer, your email address or your mobile number, please see Jo Simms in the school office so we can update the school system.



Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to the school. I would also like to welcome some new members to the Rhodes Avenue community:

Amber Bowrey – Class Teacher



Hello, my name is Amber Bowrey and I have recently completed my PGCE at St. Mary's university. Some of you may be familiar with me already as I carried out my first placement of my PGCE at Rhodes back in October last year and I worked in 1SP. I am now very lucky to have that same class as my own class this year in year 2! I also covered the last few weeks of the summer term for Sarah Snead as she began her maternity leave. I am extremely excited to be joining the Rhodes Avenue team.

Clarence Ng – Class Teacher



Hi everyone! I was born in London but spent the majority of my 'adolescent' years in Hong Kong at an International School. I have a passion for music and the arts but also love crunching a few numbers! I am looking forward to joining the fabulous Rhodes Avenue team and taking on my new class.

Emma Sarkar – Class Teacher



My name is Emma Sarkar and I am delighted to be joining Rhodes Avenue as a Year 3 class teacher. I am local, with all three of my children attending Alexandra Park School from this September. Before my children were born, I worked in social care with adults with learning disabilities, first as a support worker, then as an Occupational Therapist. I began working as a teaching assistant when my youngest started school and loved it so much that I decided to train to be a teacher. I have a particular passion for teaching maths, which was my specialism, but I am interested in lots of things and consequently, I have far too many books. My favourite author is probably Neil Gaiman, but it could also be Jeanne Willis, because she wrote Tadpole's Promise, and it makes me smile every time I read it!

Meghan Grove – Class Teacher



My name is Meghan and I'm very excited to be joining Rhodes Avenue. I am teaching Owl Class and I am enjoying getting to know the wonderful children and Reception team. I completed my teacher training in 2012 and have since been teaching Nursery and Reception in the boroughs of Camden, Islington and Barnet. Prior to my PGCE I spent six years living in South East Asia, working in bilingual nurseries and Kindergartens. I was lucky enough to experience many different cultures and traditions and look forward to sharing these with the Reception children at Rhodes Avenue. Outside of school I can be found out exploring London or bouncing around at the back of a local Zumba class. I also love music and am very excited to join the staff choir.



Amy Gowan– Class Teacher



Having trained in Year 5 at Coldfall Primary School last year I am really looking forward to exciting new challenges at Rhodes, especially exploring all things philosophical and creative. I'm an eighties girl at heart, so watch out for my musical influence in the classroom!

Harry Burn – ITT Student



I feel very lucky to have joined Rhodes Avenue for my teacher training year. As a teaching assistant I have worked in many schools, but none quite like Rhodes. I am proud to be a part of the team and excited to work with such kind and enthusiastic pupils.

Emma Rawles - Additional Teacher



My name is Emma Rawles and I am very excited to be joining the Rhodes Avenue community as a PPA cover teacher. I will be working at the school from Wednesdays to Fridays, across most year groups. Previously I was a teacher nearby at Muswell Hill Primary School, so I know the local community very well. I also grew up nearby and attended a primary school locally so am particularly fond of the area. I am currently studying nutrition and yoga in my spare time and love to talk about these topics!

Louise Colley Learning support assistant



I've worked in the Early Years sector for the past 8 years, in three local preschools. I have two children one in year 5 and one now in year 8 - both spending very happy years at Rhodes Avenue. I am looking forward to working in Robin class with the Early Years team and meeting lots of new children and their parents.

Marian St Guillaume Learning Support Assistant



My working life started in schools in 2001 at Mulberry Primary School, as a Learning Mentor. This was a wonderful school and thoroughly enjoyed my 13 years there.

I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to work at Rhodes avenue and I'm looking forward to developing strong relationships with staff, children and their families.



Year 6 2017

It was a pleasure to welcome 2017 Year 6 back to school on Friday 8th September. The children came to see their amazing art work on display and to share their Year 7 adventures so far.

Where did our children transition to?

Alexandra Secondary School	43
Channing	1
Dame Alice Owen	1
Fortismere	2
Heartlands	1
Highgate School	4
Highgate Wood School	1
JCoss	1
Jewish Free School	1
Latymer	4
South Hampstead	1
Winchmore Hill	1



We would like to wish all Year 7 pupils the very best for their Secondary adventure.

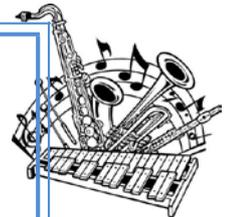
A 'note' about Music

Music Monday started this week with our Junior Choir (Years 4-6) meeting at 8.55am, the Chamber Choir will be singing at lunch time and the Orchestra started their rehearsals at 2.30pm. The Orchestra will also be joined by a Year 5 class each term as part of their music curriculum.

We look forward to welcoming back all existing members and any new children wishing to join these groups. If you would like your child to attend any of these sessions please speak to your class teachers.

We also have a dedicated team of parent volunteers who support the Orchestra. If you have any spare time and would like to be involved in enriching the children's provision please contact the school office.

Sarah Chambers: Music Leader



Snacks and Celebrations

The school provides children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 with fresh fruit or vegetables daily. This week the children will be having apples, pears, peas, banana and satsumas.

Children in Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables in for a break time snack. As the children in Year 4 swim on a Friday they are able to bring something a little more substantial in for that day only. This could be a sandwich, a cereal bar, yogurt or 2/3 biscuits not large sharing bags of crisps or full packets of biscuits.

Please support the school by sending in sensible break time snacks for a Friday and only fruit or vegetables for the rest of the week.

We also look forward to celebrating your child's birthday. Due to the varied dietary needs and medical conditions in school can we kindly ask that only cakes, preferably homemade, are provided to share as a treat. We do not encourage sweets or chocolate as many have traces of nuts. If shop bought cakes are provided please also supply the packaging to enable us to check the ingredients included. Other small inexpensive treats could also be purchased to share with classes like bouncy balls, yo-yos or other party bag gifts.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sharing Success



On Sunday 3rd September, Benjamin entered the annual show held at the Gold Course Allotments. It was the annual show at the Golf Course Allotments. I am delighted to share that Benjamin won first place in the children's root vegetable section. His prize winning carrots scored top marks and a trophy, presented by the Mayor of Haringey.

If you would like to share your child's achievements with the school community please email the office with a brief overview and photograph.

We really love hearing about success and achievements so please do share your proud moments with us.

Celebration of Achievement

Rhodes Avenue has many aspects of school life that should be celebrated, the pupils' academic achievements, their sporting talents, musical skills, the inclusive atmosphere and the quality of education provided.

The end of Key Stage results this summer demonstrate the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place at the school and I would like to congratulate the children, past and present, on their achievements. The attainment and progress data, for the school, indicates that we are performing in the top 5% of all schools in the country for reading, writing and maths at the expected and greater depth standards.

Early Years Foundation Stage

The number of children achieving a 'good level of development' at the end of the foundation stage was 74%; this remains above local and national averages.

Year 1 Phonics

	Rhodes Avenue	Rhodes Avenue % (16)	Local (17)	National (17)
Phonics	96%	91%	82.8%	81.4%

We are very pleased with our Phonic results for Year 1 pupils'. The number of children reaching the expected level was above local and national average at 96% and 5% higher than 2016 results.

End of Key Stage 1 Attainment

	Rhodes Expected Standard (17)	Local Expected Standard (17)	National Expected Standard (17)	Rhodes Greater Depth Standard (17)	Local Greater depth Standard	National Greater Depth Standard
Reading	89%	79.1%	75.8%	41%	30%	25.3%
Writing	87%	74.2%	68.4%	24%	20.4%	15.7%
Maths	88%	78.4%	75.3%	33%	26.3%	20.5%
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	80%	69.4%	63.9%	18%	14.5%	11%

An outstanding set of Key Stage 1 data when compared locally and nationally. By the end of Key Stage 1, pupils at Rhodes Avenue attain significantly higher than their peers in all subject areas.

End of Key Stage 2 Attainment

	Rhodes Expected Standard	National Expected standard	Rhodes Greater Depth Standard	Local Greater Depth Standard
Reading	97%	75%	66%	24%
SPAG	98%	77%	67%	30%
Maths	100%	75%	66%	22%
Writing Teacher Assessment	97%	76%	51%	17.7%
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	95%	61%	36%	8%

	School Scaled Score (17)	School Scaled Score (16)	National Average Scaled Score (17)
Reading	112	109	104
SPAG	112	110	106
Maths	111	109	104

Progress Measure

(The National progress score is 0)

	Progress measures: KS1 to KS2		Percentile Rank
	2017	2016	
Reading progress score	4.5	4.2	Top 5%
Writing progress score	3.3	4.4	Top 5%
Maths progress score)	4.4	4.5	Top 5%

Results by the end of Key Stage 2 – 2017 - were outstanding! Pupils attain significantly higher than local and national averages in all areas.

Progress data shows the school performs in the top 5% of all schools nationally.

This data is also available on the school website. The Department for Education will be publishing school comparison data later in the Autumn term.



Dates for your diary

	Date	Time
Author's Assembly	20 th September	10.30am
Parent Workshop School Approach to the teaching of Reading	21 st September	9.05am
Teacher Training Day	30 th October	All Day
Individual Photographs	7 th November	All Day
Parent Evening	15 th November 16 th November	From 4pm From 4pm

Please visit our school calendar

<http://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/diary-dates/>

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Term dates

Please follow the link below for Term Dates, Bank Holidays and Teacher Training Days

2017-2018

<http://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/School-Holiday-Dates-2017-2018-FINAL-2.pdf>

2018-19

http://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2018_2019-Term-Dates-Haringey.pdf

Once again, on behalf of Staff and Governors, I warmly welcome you back to the start of this new academic year.

Best wishes,

Adrian Hall
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