



# RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2017: Issue 3

"One kind word can warm three winter months." This Japanese proverb speaks no truer word. As winter closes in and the darkness creeps forward I have experienced nothing but warmth from our school community's kindness.

As we move into a season where many faiths celebrate light, I would like to use my Newsletter to celebrate all that is positive about Rhodes Avenue. To celebrate achievement, the warmth light can bring and hope as we move into a time of love, friendship and family.

I would like to congratulate our 'Outstanding For All' finalists 2017: Cameron Taylor – Teacher of the year award and Jo Yurky - The Councillor Egan Achievement Award. The whole school community is exceptionally proud of your achievements and contributions and we would like to recognise your work for education at Rhodes Avenue and across Haringey.

I would also like to celebrate our mention in the *Sunday Times* list of top 250 high performing state primary schools. We were placed 114<sup>th</sup> for the average points scored by the end of Key Stage 2 in 2016. This is a fantastic achievement and should be celebrated.

We have many wonderful musicians and, over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to hear the children play and perform.

#### **Carols at Bounds Green**

Bounds Green Carol Singing will be on December the 4<sup>th</sup> for the charity Shelter. Thank you, in advance, to those helping to spread the festive cheer.

#### **Instrumental performances**

The children who have been learning to play the violin and guitar will be performing on: violin – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am and the Guitar –Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm

#### **Orchestra and Year 3 performance**

The performance on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm, is one not to be missed! I look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our wonderful musicians.

#### **Christmas Concerts**

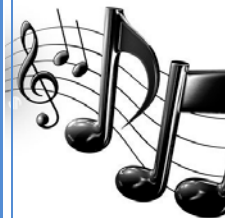
The Infant Choir will be performing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.

We also look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Choir Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at **6pm**.

(Junior Choir, Chamber Choir and Boyband)

The Music Team

Sarah Chambers, Emily Gazzard, Jo McGahon and Clarence Ng



### Chess Updates

Several Rhodes children took part in a qualifying tournament for the London Junior Chess Championships held at Garden Suburb School last Saturday.

The tournament attracted over 130 entries from North London juniors with children taking part in the U8, U10 and U12 sections.

#### U12 section

Yr6 Gregor Sanfey and Benjamin Rowland took part in this section which had 40+ children from Yr6 and Yr7. Gregor did particularly well scoring 3.5 points from his six matches earning him a place in the U12 Minor Finals.



#### U10 section

There were 60+ entries in this section with 11 of them being Yr4 and Yr5 children from Rhodes.

Yr5 - Kamran B, Felix F, Armann G and Oisin L-L

Yr4 - Andrei B, Elmira C, Harry C, Alex G, Raphael H, Sacha H and Charlie S

Andrei qualifying for the U10 Minor Finals with a score of 3.5; well done Andrei.

Gregor and Andrei will now be invited to play in the prestigious U10 and U12 Finals held later in December at the University of Westminster.

Congratulations to all players!

Kamlesh

### Star Writer

Frankie, in Year 4, entered the Learn2Think Foundation Competition and was recognized for her amazing entry. Frankie's journalist writing, on sexism within the classroom, has been commended for style, content and passion.



Well done Frankie we are all very proud.

### Christmas Trees

All of our school Christmas trees have been donated this year, we would like to say a big thank you to:



[christmastreeforest.co.uk](http://christmastreeforest.co.uk). for every tree sold, they plant a tree in the African drylands via [treeaid.org.uk](http://treeaid.org.uk) so please support them if you can.

To Pepperpots Flowers who have donated two trees & will also be selling an array of trees & wreaths at the Christmas Fair

([lucy@pepperpots.flowers](mailto:lucy@pepperpots.flowers))

And also thanks to Sunshine Garden Centre who have also donated their annual Christmas tree to Rhodes Avenue.

When the school breaks up, on the last day of the Autumn Term, all trees are donated again to families who find this time of year difficult.



## Helping Others

### Child in Need

The Nursery and reception children raised £765 for Child in Need. Thank you to the parents for helping to sell cakes and collect donations, the class representatives for organising the event, for those who played 'heads and tails' at the quiz night and to those who baked or donated goods to sell.

A great amount for a great cause!



Stanley in 3SW organised a comedy show for his class.

Stanley and his team of comedians – Ben, Xavi, Jesse

Isla, Jacob - raised a whopping £41.95 by filling

the air with laughter. Well done Stanley.

### Muswell Hill Foodbank

A huge thank you from the Muswell Hill Foodbank. Victor Mason, the co-ordinator, was overwhelmed by your generosity; 313.3Kg of foods and toiletries collected. This is enough to support 20 people with 3 days worth of food.



*Friends of Albert Road Recreation Ground & Play Area*



Thank you to all families who supported the FARRG litter pick last month. A huge amount of litter was collected, a community space being looked after by the local community.

### 10 Years old

The Badminton Club celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by fundraising for Coach Education and Macmillan. £7,823 has been raised so far to support these wonderful charities.

Thank you Judith for all the support you provide to the community and for the opportunities you provide the children at Rhodes Avenue.



## RAPSA News

Thank you if you have started shopping using our easyfundraising page - but we still need more support. Remember, the shops you buy from online donate directly to Rhodes Avenue, so it doesn't cost you a penny. Think of it like Google, find your retailer on the easyfundraising page, then click through to that retailer's official website and shop as normal. If we all did our Christmas shopping via easyfundraising we could be quids in by January.

Copy this link to sign up, it takes 2 minutes.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rhodesavenueprimary>

Huge thanks to Year 4 for putting on another fun quiz night, we'll keep you posted as to how much we've raised for the school.

We've had a couple of fantastic cake sales this term. Year 2 raised £258.95 and the Halloween cake sale which we ran across two days raised a whopping £477. Thank you!

Thanks to Rhodes' dad band The Grateful Dad who donated £100 from their recent gig at the Pavilion. The night was such a success that they're doing it again on December 7th with a banging play list to get you in the Christmas spirit. The band are donating their fee plus a percentage of the ticket sales to RAPSA. Tickets are £5 from The Pavilion.

Don't forget the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December with all the usual excitement including Santa's Grotto, the ever popular Jolly Jam Jars, face painting and of course all the lovely festive stalls to kick start your Christmas shopping.

Thanks if you bought your child's Christmas card which is a huge fundraiser for the school. Special thanks to Helen Gerolaki for organising the whole thing yet again this year.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2017

| Spring Term 2018 | Starts                           | Ends                             |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Spring 1         | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| Holiday          | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Spring 2         | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| Holiday          | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March    | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April    |

| Summer Term 2018 | Starts                         | Ends                             |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Summer 1         | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May      |
| Holiday          | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May    | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June      |
| Summer 2         | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June    | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July     |
| Holiday          | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September |

### INSET Days

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

### 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Bank Holidays

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August

The term Dates for the next two years are available on the School website.

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



**Please remember the school will close for the Autumn Term on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm and for the After School Club at 3.30pm.**

I would like to wish those celebrating a very Merry Christmas or a Happy Hanukkah. I look forward to seeing many of you in the forthcoming weeks, to wish you a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes,



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Headteacher

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