



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The new term is now well under way. The longest day has now past and we look forward to lighter evenings and warmer days as spring starts to make an appearance.

We have launched into the New Year with new resolutions and great enthusiasm to learning our amazing topics: The Greeks, Changes all around us, Outer Space, the Romans and Born free to name a few. We have a range of driving subjects leading these topics; History, Religious studies or exploring the world and beyond, physical Geography and its impact on human life and the globe. If you are unsure of your child's learning for this half term or next please visit your year group web page to read the Spring term Curriculum Newsletters.

At the end of the Autumn term we said farewell to Harry Burns, our Student teacher in Year 4, he is now undertaking an alternative placement at Tetherdown Primary school before returning in the Summer term. We would like to welcome Hatti Colburn who will be joining the school on her placement with us. Their placements will be for 8 weeks and we would like to wish them the very best of luck.

The whole School value for Spring Term 1 has been forgiveness, next half term we will be focusing on kindness.

Rhodes' Chess Champions

The school's team in the Barnet Junior Chess League - Yr6's Gregor, Daniel, Lachlan, Joseph, Jacob, James, George and Benjamin - scored a record 16 wins out of 18 in the second round of matches held at North London Collegiate School. This leaves the team in 3rd place - just one point off top spot - with two more rounds to be played in March.



matches. A fantastic feat.

Kamlesh Karia
Rhodes Avenue Chess

Then the U11 B team - Yr6s James , George, Benjamin and Yr5's Alexander, Harry and Kamran - finished in 1st place ahead of Radlett Prep A and local rivals Coldfall in the Heathside zonal qualifier for the English Primary Schools Championships earning a place in the semi-finals to be held in May.

Yr6 Gregor finished joint 3rd in the very competitive and popular London Junior Chess Championships (U12 Minor section). Over three days of chess, Gregor won five, drew three and only lost one of his nine



Playing it Safe

Please ensure you monitor your child's internet use. Parent controls make it an easy to keep an eye on what your child is playing and who they are playing with.

Please use the parent controls, monitor your child's account and talk about what games they are playing.

Amazing Changes in Reception

The children in Reception have been experimenting. They have painted ice using primary colours and noticed the changes in both the ice and the colours when the ice started to melt. They have bashed chalks, mixed the colours and watched the changes that have taken place. The children have used flour and water independently to prepare for making bread. The children loved adding the water gradually to the flour to notice how it changed each time they added some more liquid.

The children have also discussed the changes that take place in their own bodies as they become older.

Please keep updated with your child's learning by logging into your **Look@Me** profile.



The Groovy Greeks

I liked the soap carving because I thought the end product of a thunder bolt looked amazing!

I made the face of Hades in my soap carving - it looked really evil!

I liked being a doctor, because it was fun pretending and I loved that my mum helped too!

I liked making the oil from olives - ours burnt for over 3 minutes!

I liked the wax tablet because I have never done this before!

Year 3 launched into their new topic 'The Groovy Greeks' by becoming historians and analysing Greek artefacts and ancient coins. They travelled back through time to an amphitheatre and created their own Greek items.



Attendance

What does my child's attendance figure tell me?

Attendance during school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks

If you would like an updated percentage for your child's presence at school please contact Joanne Tillson in the school office.

The whole school attendance so far is 96.65%

Learning starts at 9am. Please support your children by ensuring they are in the playground for 8.55am. All children arriving after 9am will have to sign in at the school office as late.



Happy New Year

As per the New Year French tradition, Madame Chadier would like to share her Galette des rois recipe as some children have expressed the wish to bake it at home. Don't forget to insert a little chocolate into it, cut it in as many slices as there are people around the table. The youngest person goes under the table, to call out which slice is for which person. The person who finds the chocolate is the King or Queen of the day. Happy baking and vive le roi ou la reine ! Bonne année et bonne santé ! Happy New Year!

Congratulations Ms McGahon, who was our Queen for the day.



Pour faire cette galette il faut...

À l'extérieur: 500g de pâte feuilletée, Un grand jaune d'oeuf, Une cuillère à café d'eau

À l'intérieur: 75g de beurre non salé mou, 75g de sucre en poudre, 75g d'amande en poudre, Un oeuf bio Mélangez, le tout pour faire la frangipane



For the inside paste:

75g unsalted butter at room temperature

75g caster sugar

75g ground almonds

An egg

Mix all the above to make frangipane

To make this galette you need:

For the outside:

500g puff pastry

Make two circles,

put paste in between as per pictures above

Brush top layer with egg yolk with a teaspoon of water



Pollution Zone

A School Council initiative, for this year, is to create a pollution free zone around the school. As part of this air quality project we are hoping to reduce the number of cars within dedicated zones around the school.

Next half term the Council will be leading a special assembly and creating walking zones to help reduce air pollution around Rhodes Avenue. The map will show different walking zones – a red zone for five minute journey time to school, and a blue zone for ten minutes. If living outside of both of the zones, parents and carers are encouraged to park in the streets just outside of the blue zone, before walking the final ten minutes of their journey to school. We will share this map with you next half term and I hope you start planning in advance your journeys to and from school. You could try scooting, cycling or using public transport or just leave the house 10 minutes earlier.

If you are driving to school please can ensure you don't park dangerously and please be mindful of our neighbours by not parking across or on their drives and by switching off your ignition.



Science Day – 15th March 2017

This year we will be holding our Science Day on Thursday 15th March and we wanted to offer you the opportunity to share your skills and knowledge with the children at Rhodes Avenue.

We are looking for parents/carers to lead workshops, provide demonstrations or investigate theories throughout the day. If you work in a Science related field or you're a keen scientist and would like to join us on Science Day, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested please send an email to office@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk with your details and we will contact you to discuss further.



Ms Burrows and Miss Cronin (Leaders)

Have you visited your year group web page?

The teachers have been busy updating their web pages with lots of new information: Newsletters, class information and photographs that celebrate learning.

Lots of school information is available to you on the website; you can access the term dates, school policies, school information, documents and data as well as remain updated with the day to day school events.

Make a cup of tea, sit down and spend 5 minutes browsing what is available to you online.

www.rhodesavenue.school



RAPSA Updates

Thanks if you've signed up and are using Easyfundraising. We have raised nearly £500 so far but that's with only 108 people using it. If we all signed up we'd be in the thousands by now, so please take a look. All you need to do is visit easyfundraising first to find your trusted retailer and then click through to their website. Then that retailer will donate a percentage of whatever you spend to the school. It doesn't cost you a penny extra and there's absolutely no catch.

Here's the link to sign up:

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

The next jumble will be on Saturday 28th April and we are looking into facilitating the selling and buying of your second-hand bikes and scooters. More details to follow but might be worth hanging on to that bike you were going to give away for a few more weeks.

Tickets are still available for our Club Tropicana 80s disco night on Friday 2nd February.

So dig out those leg warmers and come on down. Tickets are £5, please email RAPSA@hotmail.co.uk or buy them on the door.

Finally, fancy a coffee and cake on us? The RAPSA team are going to host a coffee morning on Friday 9th February straight after drop off to say thanks for all your amazing work over the last year in supporting the school. A great opportunity to mingle with other mums, dads and carers and to show you all that RAPSA isn't some weird secret society, but a group of parents, just like you, trying to raise money for the school. More details to follow.

Jenny Smith





Congratulations

A huge well done to Chef Andrew, and our wonderful kitchen staff, who have been awarded the highest of 5 stars for their kitchen facilities and food preparation.

The school Council are looking forward to designing the Summer term menus with you and your team.

Well done.



Dates for your diary

	Date	Time
Year 4 Roman Day	6 th February	All day
Parent Gym – Session 1	9 th February	9.10am
RAPSA Coffee morning Witham Hall	9 th February	9.10am
RAPSA Cake Sale	9 th February	3.30pm
Spring Half Term	12 th February	
4AG Class Assembly	22 nd February	9.10am
Autism and Anxiety Coffee Morning Music Room	23 rd February	9.00am
RAPSA Spring Fair	24 th February	1-4pm
World Book Day Dress as your favorite book character	1 st March	All Day
3SP Class Assembly	2 nd March	9.10am
Parents Evening	7 th March 8 th March	
School Governors will be collecting your views on both evenings.		
Science Day	15 th March	All Day
3SW Class Assembly	16 th March	9.10am
3ES Class assembly	23 rd March	9.10am
Spring Term Ends	29 th March	3.30pm
The summer term starts for the children on Tuesday 17 th April.		

Term Dates

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

Please view 2017-2018 and the term dates for the next two years.

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