



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 2

What a great start to the new school year! It has been wonderful catching up with so many of you, hearing all about your summer adventures, at home and abroad, and finding out about your summer challenge. I'm sure you will be pleased to know that we met our summer challenge and, as a family, we visited 10 new parks and Jaiden read every single day without protesting.

I have heard of some great adventures: A Year 5 child travelled over 100 metres on different slides, a Year 4 child helped with the cooking at least once a week and someone in Year 1 learnt how to ride a bike. What great accomplishments!

I would like to officially welcome all new families to Rhodes Avenue. The school doesn't feel complete until our Nursery and Reception children are in school. I hope parents and carers managed to find the time to have a coffee with RAPSA last Friday. RAPSA is a fantastic organisation that supports the school not only financially but also helps to create a wonderful sense of community. As a member of Rhodes Avenue Primary you are automatically a member of RAPSA.

This summer we have developed many areas of school. I know you will have noticed our two additional Pods - Thank you RAPSA. These spaces will be used for group teaching, parent meetings, to support pupils' emotional wellbeing and we are hoping to turn one into a Science lab (we are currently waiting to see if our bid to the Ogden Trust is successful). The school has been painted and new interactive white boards have been installed in the KS1 and 2 classrooms.

What's new for this year?

We have increased our afterschool provision for Early Years and for Years 1 to 6 and have also increased capacity for our Breakfast club. The demand continues to be high and we will always try our very best to meet your needs.

All teachers have received Forest School training and Ms Hurst will be joining our specialist team to deliver sessions for the whole school. Dan Shafran will be increasing his hours to expand on the very successful whole class music lessons, trialed last year. Dan will continue with the Samba Drumming (Yr5) as well as teaching the ukulele in Years 3 and 4, Year 6 will compose and write a piece of music in the Spring term. Children in Years 1 and 2 will be taught how to play the recorder by Miss McGahon and Miss Chambers.

Our specialist team is continuing to grow. Bren Amooty (sports and PE), Rosie Sawyer (art and design), Nadine Chadier (French), Paula Hurst (outdoor learning), Dan Shafran (music). Did you know our class teachers also specialize in a particular area? We have found that by sharing expertise across a year group the children are able to access higher quality learning. The school staff list highlights teacher specialisms.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/our-school/staff/>



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.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend one of the two homework meetings. The presentation is now available for you to view on the website. As discussed at the meeting our new approach is developmental and we will be seeking your views throughout the school year. The adaptation of this policy was instigated by the feedback we received from you in the last parent survey. Your views are important to us so please take the time to complete a survey and share your views with us.

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 also like to welcome some new members to the Rhodes Avenue community:

Daniel Norman – Class Teacher – Design Technology Lead



I'm really excited about starting at Rhodes Avenue. Some of you may remember me if you have older children as I worked here almost a decade ago. I have spent the last eight years working at Highgate Primary School and have also worked at the British School in Kathmandu. This is my 16th year of teaching and I have taught from Year 2 to Year 6. I love teaching and all that comes with it - if your child comes home and insists that their teacher was dressed in character and was singing on their table, it is more than likely that it is true. If I can inspire your children to be motivated independent learners and have fun along the way anything is worth a try!

I have a two year old boy called Ernest, so do say 'hello!' if you see us about! In between family life and work, I like to run and cycle. I love challenges and have even passed the Royal Marines Commando Course as a reservist many years ago and completed the Etape bike race in France. I am currently studying Mandarin at the South Bank University on a weekend: If you are a Mandarin speaker do test me!

Talia Ross – Class Teacher



My name is Talia Ross and I am thrilled to be joining the Rhodes Avenue team. I recently completed my PGCE with the LDBS SCITT programme and trained at a local school in Haringey. Prior to my PGCE, I studied German at Nottingham University and spent a year abroad teaching English in Hamburg .

It will probably not come as a surprise then, that I am very passionate about language learning as well as grammar. I am very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead with 4TR!

Elisaveta Guerrasimova – Breakfast Club Playworker



We would like to welcome Lisa to our Breakfast Club team. The staffing increase has enabled the number of places to increase from 40 to 70.



Year 6 2018

It has been wonderful seeing the children visit the school and share their Year 7 stories with us.

Where did our children transition to?

Alexandra Secondary School	72
Broomfield	1
Duke Aldridge Academy	1
Fortismere	2
Heartlands	1
Highgate School	1
City London Boys	2
JCoss	3
St Hilda's CofE (Liverpool)	1
Latymer	3
Hendon	1
Friern	1
Mount House	1

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

Snacks and Celebrations

The school provides children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 with fresh fruit or vegetables daily. Next 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



Congratulations Damion who has been crowned 2018 Middlesex Squash Champion following a gruelling 2 day competition.

Kitty had the wonderful opportunity to be in the new HSBC commercial. Keep your eyes peeled for her debut.



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.





Friends of Albert Road Recreation Ground & Play Area

Jazz Fest – Sunday 30th September 1pm

BBQ and live music

COMMUNITY EVENT & ACTION AT ALBERT RD REC POND

We are having a community event at the Pond & Wildlife area at Albert Rec.

DATE: Sunday 7th October

TIME: 10 - 1pm.

At 11am the HORNSEY FIRE BRIGADE are coming with their fire engine to refill the pond!

FOOD: Soup & sandwiches at the Pavilion

We hope lots of children and adults will come and muck in.

After a long hot summer the pond has completely dried out and the area is looking a little sad. Nature will revive it and there are already signs of new growth but we need to give it a hand. By the spring it will be lovely and ready to be enjoyed by all again.

Dates for the diary:

17 October is FARRG AGM at the Pavilion at 7.30pm. All welcome!

28 Nov - 2 Dec The Big Tree Plant at Albert Rd Rec.

We have secured a grant from **The Mayor's Greener City Fund** to plant trees, shrubs & hedge whips - so we all have more shade in the summer. Find out more at FARRG AGM.

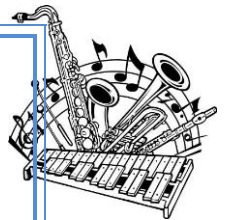
A 'note' about Music

Music Monday started last 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.

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

The school has accessed some **free** parenting workshops for parents from ParentGym (this course is a repeat of the course which has been running in school for the last 2 years). The programme ParentGym runs for **6 weeks** and will take place in school in Witham Hall on **Wednesday EVENINGS 7-9pm**, starting on **Wednesday 10th October 2018** (with a **taster session on Wednesday 3rd October 2018**). In order for the programme to run in school again we need to have commitment from a set number of parents. If you would be interested in attending this course please let me - Maria Panayiotou (Deputy Headteacher) - know by e mailing me on mpanayiotou.309@lgflmail.org (please include your child's name and class in the e mail). If the number of requests outnumber the spaces available we will operate a waiting list for the next programme which will run in the spring/summer term. I will e mail all parents to confirm their place or to advise them if they have been added onto the waiting list. Please click on the following link in order to look at the ParentGym Feedback reports completed by the Rhodes Avenue parents who have previously completed the programme: <https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/surveys/>

Kind regards,

Maria Panayiotou

Deputy Headteacher - Rhodes Avenue Primary School



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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 well above national and local averages and above the London top quartile for reading, writing and maths at the expected and greater depth standards.

Early Years Foundation Stage

	At expected Level			
	Rhodes Avenue (18)	Compared to 2017	LA 18	National (18)
GLD	83.3%↑	74%	75.6%	71.5%

The number of children achieving a 'good level of development' at the end of the foundation stage was 83.3%; this remains well above local and national averages.

Year 1 Phonics

	Rhodes Avenue (18)	Rhodes Avenue % (17)	LA (17)	National (18)
Phonics	91.6% ↓	96%	82.8%	82.6%

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 91.6%.

End of Key Stage 1 Attainment

	School EXS+ (18)	School EXS +(17)	LA EXS +(17)	National Data (18)	School GDS (18)	School GDS (17)	LA GDS (17)	National Data (18)
Reading	88%↓	89%	79.1%	75.5%	48%↑	41%	30%	25.7%
Writing	83%↓	87%	74.2%	70%	34%↑	24%	20.4%	15.9%
Maths	88%=	88%	78.4%	76%	39%↑	33%	26.3%	21.8%
Combined	80%=	80%	69.4%	65.4%	31%↑	18%	14.5%	11.7%
science				82.2%				

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

	School EXS 18	LA EXS	National EXS 2018	School GDS 18	LA GDS	National GDS 18
Reading	94 %	76%	75%	53%	30.9%	27.8%
SPAG	90%	81.3%	78%	51%	39%	19.7%
Maths	92%	78.2%	75.4%	47%	27%	23.4%
Writing Teacher Assessment	90%	81.8%	78%	43.3%	27.7%	34.2%
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	81.1%	67.2%	64.2%	30%	14.2%	9.7%
science	98.9%	84.3%	82.4%			

	School Scaled Score (18)	LA Scaled Score	London Top Quartile	National Average Scaled Score (18)
Reading	110	105	106	105
SPAG	110	107	108	104
Maths	108	104	106	106

Progress Measure (The National progress score is 0)

Progress measures: KS1 to KS2		Percentile Rank	LA
	2018	2018	2018
Reading progress score	2.9	Top 25%	0.7
Writing progress score	2.0	Top 25%	1.6
Maths progress score	2.3	Top 25%	0.8

Results by the end of Key Stage 2 – 2018 - outstanding! Pupils attain significantly higher than local and national averages in all areas.

Progress data indicates pupils make better than the expected progress.

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

Please visit our school calendar

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

Please visit the website for the school term dates. Only exceptional leave will be authorised during term time. Please check the school term dates before booking your holiday.

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



Which inspirational people will the children be learning about this half term?

Nursery



Ourselves

Year 1



Joy Adamson

Year 3



Lewis Latimer

Year 5



Helen Sharman

Reception



Year 2



Usain Bolt

Year 4



Nelson Mandela

Year 6



Katherine Johnson

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
Headteacher

