



# RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I would like to wish all families a very Happy New Year. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. The Spring term is always very busy with many exciting things planned for the children; please make sure you keep up to date by visiting the school website and synchronising calendars.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for helping and supporting the school last term whether supporting on school trips, helping in the classroom or by attending any of the RAPSA events; your help is greatly appreciated.

This newsletter is a very special **GREEN** addition. We would like to share with you the wonderful things the school has been doing and to share what lies ahead to reduce our carbon footprint.

Sustainability and climate change has never been more actively discuss and at Rhodes Avenue we support the children's thinking through our school values. This topic always evokes strong feelings and we have many very passionate pupils, parents and staff within our community.

We have launched into the New Year with new resolutions and great enthusiasm for making a difference, ensuring **green fairness** for our planet and future generations. Every child in school has agreed to help combat climate change. Can you help your child achieve their resolution?

Some of the resolutions we have collectively decided to keep are:

- \* to walk, cycle or scoot to school every day.
- \* to not allowing idling in our cars
- \* to not bring single use plastics into school
- \* all water bottles should be reusable
- \* to be careful when recycling at lunch time and in class
- \* to turn off all lights and computers when they are not in use
- \* reuse and recycle old PE kits and book bags
- \* to think about our food consumption. What we eat, how much we waste and reduce the amount of meat we eat

The children would like to have their voices heard and will be writing to parliament with suggestions and ideas to combat climate change.

(Fairness is our whole school value for this half term)



The schools catering company have committed to becoming compliant with the EU single use directive and are already well ahead in their timeline planning. The company have been working tirelessly in becoming a greener business; their drive and passion for the green issues are fully supported by the school.

Accent are focusing their plans on the need to provider greener, recycle more and compost daily. The meat used in the school meals is all UK Red Tractor accredited and is sourced from within the UK. We have reduced the amount of meat being served on our menus. All fish is sourced from the Marine Stewardship Sustainability approved list. Food waste is monitored and composted and then informs future menu choices. All packaging and disposable containers are fully biodegradable.

Accent are fully committed to the schools green agenda.



# Rhodes Avenue is Going Green



## 1) SUSTAINABILITY

17 solar panels provide energy to the computer, art and music rooms - looking at getting more  
Rainwater used for toilet systems  
Sensory lighting to conserve energy  
Computers shut down at night  
Investing in greener spaces

## 2) RECYCLING

Recycling bins in every classroom  
Pen, battery and printer cartridge recycling  
Garden waste is composted  
Food waste recycled



## 3) FOOD AND DRINK

Promoting reusable water bottles - 2 new fountains  
Chickens provide breakfast club eggs  
Using homegrown food in kitchen  
Reducing beef on school menu  
Most food UK-sourced  
Using fair-trade products

## 4) TEACHING

Environmental geography taught in years 2, 4 & 5  
Reception covers environmental issues  
School values linked to environment in assemblies  
Eco warriors - school council from September  
Year 2 litter picking team  
Development of outdoor learning in forest school  
Building links to schools globally



## 5) SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Creating reusable party packs for kids' parties  
Recycled paper  
Biodegradable glitter  
Purchasing compact, reusable text books and products moving forward

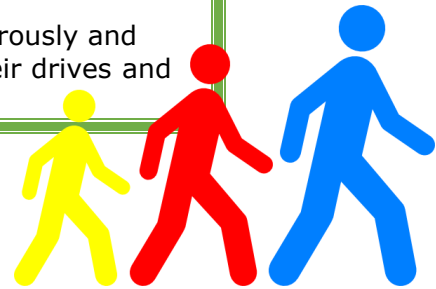


## Pollution Zone

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.



## What more could we do to help make Haringey a darker green?

Did you know you can recycle these things at school?

- Batteries
- Felt-tips
- Printer Cartridges
- Clothes at our Jumble
- Bikes and scooters
- Toys

Do you have any more idea?



## How are the staff reducing their carbon footprint?

Everything is recycled – all waste including home composting

We grow our own vegetables

We have an electric car.

I purchase from the fair fashion industry

I cycle to work every day.

I have become a vegetarian



## What could you do at home?

### 7 SINGLE-USE SWAPS AND THE TRASH YOU CAN SAVE IN ONE YEAR

1 bamboo tooth brush = 4 plastic tooth brushes

1 glass floss container = 7 plastic floss containers

1 reusable water bottle = 167 plastic water bottles

1 reusable bag = 170 plastic bags

1 reusable cup = 500 coffee cups

1 metal straw = 540 plastic straws

1 cloth towel = 7,300 paper towels

"THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE ARE THE ONES WHO DO THE LITTLE THINGS CONSISTENTLY."

Credits: Alexandra Case via Green Dream Foundation

### Can you make a change today?

We are asking the children to not bring single use plastics in their lunch boxes. This also includes snacks for Key stage 2 children at break times.



### 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. All communication is now electronic.

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](http://www.rhodesavenue.school)

**We are currently developing our Going Green page to share the great work that is taking place in school.**

### 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.



## Home Grown

As the days now increase in light our thoughts turn to what produce we can grow in our vegetable plots this spring. Everything that is grown goes straight back into our school kitchen where Andrew will create new salads and special homegrown dishes.

If you are a keen gardener and you have any spare plants, seedlings or seeds you would be happy to donate, we will happily tend and care for the plants in our vegetable garden.

Our school pupil gardening team cannot wait to start the growing season.



## Dates for your diary

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

### Term Dates

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

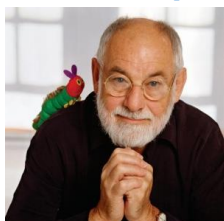
Please view 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 term dates to help plan your family time.

## Please Note:

**The change to the May bank Holiday this year from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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

### Nursery



Eric Carle

### Reception



Greta Thunberg

### Year 1



Ole Kirk Christenson

### Year 2



Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri



**Year 3**



Mary Anning

**Year 4**



Kailash Satyarthi

**Year 5**



Sonia Delaunay

**Year 6**



Sir Ian McKellen



I would like to wish all families the very best for a cleaner, greener 2020. Let's all work together to walk and talk a little more; eat a little healthier and look after ourselves and our planet a lot more.

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