



# RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The new school year has officially started and it has been truly wonderful to see all the children return to school. The attendance for last week, at 97.24%, shows just how ready all families were to return to school. School life is more than education and learning, we bring social interactions, stability and routine. Our aim is to continue to support our school community in keeping COVID safe therefore keeping the school open. Thank you for your part in adapting to the new routines and systems.

The new term has already started with **lots** of emails, communication and change. I will continue to keep you updated throughout the term on government guidance and the impact this may have on us as a school or you as a community. Thank you for your support, understanding and co-operation.

### **What's new for this year?**

We have again increased our after school provision for Early Years and for Years 1 to 6 and continue to have availability for before and after school care. The clubs operate as year group hubs with identified staff supporting care. If you do require before or after school care please contact Joanne T in the school office. Bookings for the October holiday camp will open soon, where we will operate a year group system in line with our current school operation.

We have met with all extended school club leads, viewed all risk assessments and are happy to announce that many of the school clubs will be starting in the weeks ahead. Clubs will continue to follow the school's pod and hub systems; further information was shared earlier this week.

### **Specialist Teaching**

The specialist teaching team will continue to provide Forest School, PE, Art, French and Music this year. Usually the team teach across the whole school but this year the team will support a particular year group each half term.

Our specialist team is continuing to grow. Bren Amooty (Sports and PE), Rosie Sawyer (Art and Design), Nadine Chadier and Adeline Gregoire (French), Paula Hurst (Outdoor Learning) and Dan Shafran (Music). We will also be appointing a new Sports Coach later this term.

Did you know each class teacher also specializes 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/>

### **Please Note**

If you have changed any of your contact details over the summer, your email address or your mobile number, please e mail Jo Simms in the school office so we can update the school system. Her e mail address is: [reception@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:reception@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk)



## Welcome

I would like to welcome some new members of staff to the Rhodes Avenue community:

### Fadime Has – Class Teacher –



Hello everyone!

My name is Fadime and I am the new teacher in Dormouse class (1FH). This will be my first year teaching at Rhodes Avenue primary school (exciting!), however I have obtained experience in numerous educational settings in the past.

I have a degree in psychology from City, University of London. It was during my undergraduate studies that I began to develop an interest in education and more specifically, theories underpinning how children learn, their motivators alongside barriers to learning that may be in place. During my studies my interests grew further and further which led me onto the path of completing a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at the Institute of Education (IOE) and becoming a teacher!

I have lots of experience of working in special educational needs settings and I value the importance of inclusion.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family (especially at the cinema), baking and reading (children's books in particular if I am honest!).

I am very much looking forward to supporting your children's learning journey in the year ahead.

### Tim Ershan – Class Teacher



I am really excited to have joined an amazing team at Rhodes Avenue. After working in Year 5 and within a pod of mixed ages last term, you may know me as Mr Ershan.

My path into teaching has been unconventional: I first gained an LLB Law degree and an LLM in Tax Law the following year, I entered the world of banking. I was asked to deliver a money management programme for pupils in Key Stage 2 at a local school and I fell in love with the world of teaching.

I decided to change my career path and went back to university where I gained my PGCE. I love working with children, making them laugh and watching their enquiring minds grow.

Whenever you see me walking around the school, do not hesitate to wave!

### Jessica Hardie – Teaching Assistant in Reception



#### **My Name is Jessica Hardie (I prefer to be called Jess) and I am an ex Rhodes Avenue Student**

I was born in North Middlesex Hospital and I have 2 younger (but taller) brothers, Ben and Joe, who both went to Rhodes Avenue School like me. I feel I was the best version of myself during my time at Rhodes Avenue Primary, where I learnt a lot about friendships and had 2 TA's, Kim and Betty, who taught me not to give up. I am now going to be working as a TA in reception and will put my Childcare studies into good use. It gives me a sense of pride that I can give back to the children in Reception.

*I also love Football, my teams are England and Fulham, and watching Neighbours and Coronation Street on TV. I also watch the boxsets of Friends and Gossip Girl (which I watch on Netflix). My favourite Band is 5 Seconds of Summer (which you can see from the photo), but I also like Keane and The Script as well.*



### Lucia Tillson – Play Worker



Hi, my name is Lucia Tillson, I joined Rhodes recently in September as a new Play Worker and have worked previously with children aged 0 to 7 in other Haringey Primary Schools and Nurseries. I am excited to get to know you all and your children in this term.

In my spare time I like to sing and have done some performances in the past and can bring this element when working with your children.

I am also currently learning British Sign Language, which I am finding to be challenging but very interesting.

### Olivia Papworth – Play Worker



Hello, I'm Olivia Papworth and I'm in year 13 at Alexandra Park School studying chemistry, biology and psychology a-levels. When I'm not at school I love sewing and up-cycling clothes. I am an ex-Rhodes Avenue pupil and I'm looking forward to work at the breakfast club and hope to see some of you soon!

### Snacks and Celebrations

Fresh fruit and vegetables will be provided for all children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 from next week. The children will be able to sample sugar snap peas, pears, banana, apples and satsumas – one piece each day next week.

Children in Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to bring fruit, vegetables or a healthy alternative in for a break time snack. Please support the school by sending in sensible break time snack, fruit or vegetables.

We also look forward to celebrating your child's birthday. Due to the varied dietary needs, medical conditions and COVID can we kindly ask that only treats that are individually wrapped are shared in school. Other small inexpensive treats could also be purchased to share with classes like bouncy balls, yo-yos or other party bag gifts. The children will need to pass any treats to their class teacher's, as parents are unable to visit the classrooms at this current time.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Dates for your diary

Please visit our school calendar

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

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/>

A VERY SPECIAL, WARM WELCOME  
TO ALL NEW FAMILIES JOINING THE  
SCHOOL.



## Welcome Reception and Nursery

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new families in Nursery and Reception. The children have loved their first days at Rhodes Avenue exploring, making new friends and having lots of fun.



Once again, on behalf of staff and Governors, I warmly welcome you back to the start of this new, but very strange, academic year. Please remember we are always hear to listen, offer support and advice.

To ensure you are as up to date as possible with our COVID procedures all documents are available centrally on our News Feed.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/covid-19-documentation/>

Best wishe *Adrian*

Adrian Hall  
Headteacher



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

Nursery and Reception



# VALUE OUR FAMILIES

Year 1



Emily Brown

Year 2



Faith Ringgold

Year 3



Lewis Latimer

Year 4



Carl Linnaeus

Year 5



Katherine Johnson

Year 6



Marcus Rashford



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