

CHESS AT RHODES AVENUE

Chess is very popular at the school with sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (8.00am-8.55am) as well as Thursday after school (3.30pm-4.30pm).

In the new 2021-22 academic year:

- Monday morning chess will be for Yr3s.
- Wednesday morning chess will be for Yr5s.
- Thursday morning chess will be for Yr4s.
- Thursday after school will be the NEW Yr2 session.
- Friday morning chess will be for Yr6s.

Each session aims to give children the opportunity to enjoy playing chess whilst learning to improve their game.

The sessions are divided in two parts. We start with a short coaching session covering anything from opening traps, chess tactics to win material, end game checkmate patterns, middle game plans etc.

Afterwards the children play chess with their friends which is what they really want to do!

Children making progress in chess also get an opportunity to represent the school's U9 and U11 chess teams in local, regional and national tournaments.

NEW Thursday after school Yr2 chess

The new Yr2 chess club will meet on Thursdays after school. Unlike the other clubs, it is open to absolute beginners, but it helps if children know the basics of the game (or learn them over the summer).

Chess is led by Kamlesh Karia who has run chess clubs at Rhodes Avenue for several years now. He also runs lunchtime and after school chess clubs in other local schools including Eden, Coldfall and Muswell Hill Primary as well as working with the charity 'Chess in Schools and Communities' teaching chess in curriculum time in several schools.

If your child plays chess at home and wants to improve or is in Yr2 and wants to learn to play chess, please email kamleshkaria@sky.com for more information.