

CHESS AT RHODES AVENUE

Chess is very popular at the school with sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (7.55am-8.55am) as well as Thursday after school (3.30pm-4.30pm).

In the new 2023-24 academic year:

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

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, 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 Wednesday morning Yr2 chess

The new Yr2 chess club will meet on Wednesday mornings. Unlike the other sessions, 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 FIDE National Instructor Kamlesh Karia who has run sessions at Rhodes Avenue for several years now. He also runs lunchtime and after school chess in other local schools including Coldfall, Muswell Hill Primary and Tetherdown.

Until recently, he worked with the charity 'Chess in Schools and Communities' teaching chess in curriculum time in schools in Newham and Tottenham.

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.