

## **Headteacher's Newsletter – July 2023**

### **Adrian**

The school would like to thank the parents and children who attended the 'Celebration of the Life of Adrian Hall' event at Alexandra Palace on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. We would like to particularly thank our hard-working Co-Chairs of Governors, Fiona Doyle and Helen Walsh, who organised this whole event. It was truly a celebration of Adrian's achievements as a teacher, leader, husband, father and friend to many.

Those within the community who were unable to attend this event can read the written tributes which were written within the programme for the event by clicking on the link below:

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Adrian-programme-V2.pdf>

The school would also like to thank the parents and children who attended the unveiling of Adrian's memorial on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Children, now and in the future, will be able to enjoy 'Adrian's Amphitheatre' for many years to come.



### **Assemblies about Racism**



Last month we welcomed back to Rhodes Avenue Mpula Lawton from ARISE (Anti-Racism in Schools Education). She led two assemblies for children in Years 1-6 - Years 1-3 'Anti-Racism' And Years 4-5 'Racism, Discrimination and Me'.

Next academic year we will be working with Mpula again. Mpula will be leading training sessions for staff in school, leading further assemblies to include children within the early years (Nursery+Reception) as well as leading sessions for parents on how to talk to children about race and racism. We would like to ask that all parents attend these sessions. When parents join our school we ask that all parents support us in being actively anti-racist and attending these sessions in one way you can support the school's Positive Code of Conduct.

Racism is a structural problem in our society that affects all of us one way or another. Taking time to learn about racism and how it works in society are part of the journey towards becoming anti-

racist. By doing this work, you can begin to look at your own values and the values in our society, and ask yourself what needs to change in order to create a better society for all.

<https://www.theariseproject.org.uk/>  
<https://www.theariseproject.org.uk/assemblies>

### Assistant Headteacher (Interim)



We are pleased to announce that Jette Rayner (currently the school's Leading Practitioner for Inclusion and Year 1 Year Group Leader) was recently appointed as Interim Assistant Headteacher (responsible for Inclusion/SEND). Jette will take up this post in September and will lead Inclusion until the appointment of a permanent Assistant Headteacher.

### Staff Leavers

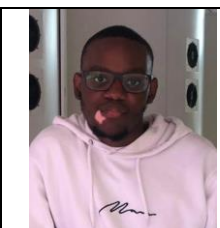
We would like to thank the following members of staff who will be leaving Rhodes Avenue. We thank them for all of their hard work with our children in the different roles they have led and wish them luck in their next adventure.

Teaching assistant **Yeliz Akturk** joined the school in September 2022 and will be leaving at the end of term.



Higher Level Teaching Assistant **Kim Barnard-Lim** joined the school in October 1999 and left us at the end of June this year to spend time drifting with family and friends while making new memories.

Class teacher and English Subject Leader **Sarah Chambers** joined the school in September 2014 and will be leaving at the end of term for a new life by the sea.



Apprentice Sydney **Chako-Ngindu** will be leaving at the end of term after having completed his apprenticeship within our admin team.

Teaching assistant **Zehra Davis** joined the school in October 2018 and left us at the end of June this year.



School Meals Supervisory Assistant **Daniella Greenfield** joined the school in July 2019 and left us at the end of June this year to pursue new challenges.

Specialist French Teacher **Adeline Gregoire** joined the school in July 2019 and will be leaving at the end term.



Assistant Headteacher **Matthew Henson** joined the school in September 2021 and will be leaving at the end of term to try something new and different in his life.



Early Years SENDCO Anne Rawcliffe joined the school in September 2009 and will be retiring at the end of term.

Early Years Breakfast Club lead play worker and School Meals Supervisory Assistant **Vikki Roe** joined the school in December 2007 and left us at the end of June this year to pursue new challenges.



Nursery Nurse **Margaret Stow** joined the school in September 1979 as part of Blanche Neville School before transferring to Rhodes Avenue in her current capacity. She will be leaving at the end of term but will be volunteering in school.



Teaching assistant **Betty Wang** joined the school in May 1995 and will be retiring at the end of term.

## Books

We have recently been notified that our school librarian Amanda Chilton has been successful in a grant application for the library. The school will be receiving a grant of £3000 in order to further increase the number of books we have in both the school library and within classroom book corners. The money received will be spent on increasing the representation of inclusion and diversity within books all children are exposed to. If you have any recommendations for books (or would like to donate some you have used with your children) which represent and promote inclusion and diversity please email our school librarian (Amanda Chilton) [amanda.chilton@rhodesavenue.org](mailto:amanda.chilton@rhodesavenue.org)

We would like to thank the parent who read the last newsletter and connected the school with Jhalak Prize. We look forward to welcoming to Rhodes Avenue authors of books by British/British resident BAME writers connected to Jhalak Prize next academic year. The school has received a large bundle of books which are written by BAME writers which will be going into our libraries, further increasing representation of inclusion and diversity.



<https://www.jhalakprize.com/>

## Cars

Apologies to the majority of drivers who follow the Highway Code, road safety and vehicle rules when driving around the school location. An email was sent to the main contact for each child in school about cars driving on, around and stopping on Rhodes Avenue. Despite this email being sent, I am afraid that a minority of car drivers have continued to park on the double yellow lines, have performed three-point turns in the middle of the road (whilst also talking on a mobile phone) and have stopped on the zig zags to allow children to come out of the car.

For the safety of our children and before something serious happen, I would like to once again remind the minority of car drivers of the following:

**Double yellow lines** – these indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping. I have checked with Haringey Council and if parking on this restriction a driver could receive a PCN of £130. Photo from outside of the school is below.





**Three-point turns** – are not against the law unless you are breaking some other law whilst doing so. Three-point turns on Rhodes Avenue in front of and near the school entrance are DANGEROUS.

**School keep clear zig zags** - These are shown as yellow zigzag markings directly outside the school. No vehicles should park on the zigzag or even stop to set down passengers whilst the restrictions are in force. Drivers are advised to check the times of the restrictions on the nearby yellow time plates. The restriction times on Rhodes Avenue are 08:30 to 16:30. I have checked with Haringey Council and parking on this restriction a driver could receive a PCN of £130. If anyone stops in the road next to the zigzags that is the same offence. Photos from outside of the school are below.



There are exceptions to parking where someone is a Blue Badge Holder and staff will check dashboards. Blue Badge Holders must ensure that the blue badge is visible at all times and to check parking rules on gov.uk (rules differ in different boroughs).

Haringey Council's civil enforcement team will be attending the area to monitor the parking of cars on the above.

If your child is collected by someone other than you and they are collected by someone who drives we would kindly request that you communicate this information to them also. We are currently liaising with Haringey Council about how to report car drivers who are not following the Highway Code, road safety and vehicle rules. We have been taking photographs and looking into how to report the minority of car drivers who are putting the lives of our children in danger.

The following photographs were taken after the school's email last week.



### Consideration

'Consideration' is one of our school values. Our school's vision statement states that 'we will show consideration as everyone is of equal value and important'. As a school we focus on what consideration means when we teach and interact with one another. Consideration is about careful thought and something that is or is to be kept in mind in making a decision, evaluating facts etc.

It is not within the school's control or remit to be involved in what happens outside of school but we have had a few incidents this term within school involving children which stem from things which have happened outside of school. We have taught additional Ourselves and Others sessions in school to educate and support our children. Adults are children's first role models. We would kindly ask that when families are connecting with one another that they consider different families' circumstances and make an additional effort to model this to children. Everyone lives in different types of homes, not everyone goes on holiday and not everyone can afford luxuries. It would be

lovely when we return to school in September to hear from all children that they have had a lovely summer holiday period; meeting up with friends being at the core, even better if they can say that they have connected with children in their class they have never connected with before. There are lots of things that families can do when getting together that are free/low cost and can include everyone. Adults are the ones that can control this; children will have fun however they connect.

### Dates for the diary

The term dates for 2023-2024 are on the website. Please do look at these before booking any holidays for next academic year.

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

Some initial dates for you below, including the year group curriculum meetings for parents in Years 1-6.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – INSET day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – INSET day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Autumn term starts. Children's first day back after the holidays.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year 4 meeting for parents (9am)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year 6 meeting for parents (2.45pm)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year 3 meeting for parents (9am)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year 5 meeting for parents (2.45pm)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year 1 meeting for parents (9am)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year 2 meeting for parents (2.45pm)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – INSET day

### Data

Please find below the provisional attainment data for across the school for this academic year.

#### Early Years Foundation Stage

GLD	Rhodes Avenue 2023	Rhodes Avenue 2022	Rhodes Avenue 2021
	81%↑	69%↓	71.9%↑

GLD – Good Level of Development

#### Year 1 Phonics

	Rhodes Avenue % 2023	Rhodes Avenue % 2022	Rhodes Avenue % (2021)
Phonics	94%↑	90%↑	88%↓
Phonics by the end of KS1	93%	99%↑	98%↓

#### Year 2 Phonics retakes

	Rhodes Avenue % (2023)	Rhodes Avenue % (2022)
Phonics – Current Y2 2023 (8 children did the re-take and 6 achieved)	75%	92% %

### End of Key Stage 1

	School EXS+ (2023)	School EXS+ (22)	School EXS+ (21)	School GDS (23)	School GDS (22)	School GDS (21)
Reading	88%↑	83%↓	86%↓	31%↑	29%↑	34%↑
Writing	84%↑	77%↑	68%↓	21%↑	13%↓	22%↓
Maths	87%↓	89%↑	82%↓	29%↑	28%↑	27%↓
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	78%↑	76%↑	62%↓	14%↑	10%↓	14%↓

EXS+ - Met Expected Standard

GDS - Greater Depth Standard

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

2022-2023 25-20 marks	2021-2022 25-20 marks	2022-2023 19-15 marks	2021-2022 19-15 marks	2022-2023 14-10 marks	2021-2022 14-10 marks	2022-2023 9-5 marks	2021-2022 9-5 marks	2022-2023 Below 5 marks	2021- 2022 Below 5 marks	2022-2023 Did not take	2021- 2022 Did not take
76%	62%	17%	23%	6%	12%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
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### End of Key Stage Two attainment

	School EXS+ 2023	School EXS+ 2022	School EXS+ 2021	School GDS 2023	School GDS 2022	School GDS 2021
Reading	95%↑	91%↓	94%↓	60%=	60%	64%↓
SPAG	91%↑	85%↓	98%↑	51%↓	55%	55%↑
Maths	97%=	97%↑	91%↓	60%↓	65%	48%↓
Writing Teacher Assessment	94%↑	93%↓	94%=	37%↓	38%	38%↓
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	93%↑	88%↓	89%↓	33%	30%	32%↓

EXS+ - Met Expected Standard

GDS - Greater Depth Standard

### Year 6 comparison data – KS1 → KS2

	Rhodes Avenue 2019 Current Year 6 when they were Year 2	Rhodes Avenue 2023 Current Year 6
KS1 RWM Combined EXS+	76%	93%
KS1 RWM Combined GDS	20%	33%
KS1 Reading EXS	85%	95%
KS1 Reading GDS	41%	60%
KS1 Writing EXS	78%	94%
KS1 Writing GDS	29%	37%
KS1 Maths EXS	86%	97%
KS1 Maths GDS	34%	60%

### Diversity Initiative

This half term saw the launch of our new initiative which we communicated to you in the last newsletter. This diversity initiative supports the school's recent work to restructure the curriculum to increase the representation of minority perspectives in school life.

Our first speaker was Consultant Neurosurgeon at Addenbrookes Hospital, Mr Ibrahim Jalloh. Our junior children were inspired by Ibrahim's presentation and had lots of questions for him. Ibrahim

was awarded the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies Young Neurosurgeon of the Year Award.



Our next two speakers include a solicitor who specialises in patent litigation and has experience of proceedings before the High Court of Appeal and an executive producer who has a BAFTA to their name.

We would still be keen to hear from any parents from Black groups/the African diaspora who would like to support this diversity initiative, either by speaking at assemblies themselves or by recommending inspiring professionals. Please email the school office if you would like to support this initiative and address your email to Maria.

### **Dogs**

Please can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time, including within the staff car park area. We would also kindly request that dogs are not tied to the railings right in front of the entrance of the Rhodes Avenue road site (photo below) or on the railings near to the entrances of the two park gate entrances. The school cannot take responsibility for dogs left unaided. When the entrances/exits are open, the school is responsible for keeping children safe.



### **Gate on boulevard**



Please, please, please do not try to open the large gate on the boulevard when it is closed. This gate is on a timer and will open at the designated times (stated on the poster) at the beginning and end of the day as part of our safeguarding procedures. We have observed adults forcing this gate open in order to pass through at times when passing through is not allowed. We have had to



repair this gate more than once. It has cost the school £1000 on each occasion we have had to repair it and this is paid from the school budget which means less money for resources for children. We have placed signs on this gate to remind adults not to force it open.

### **Governors Annual Report to Parents**

Please find the link below to the Governing Body's Annual Report to Parents which was also emailed out to parents earlier this week.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Governors-Annual-Report-2022-2023.pdf>

On behalf of the school I would like to thank all of our governors who volunteer all of their time in order to work with the Senior Leadership Team to drive the strategic development of the school and raise standards of achievement for the children in our school. They always go over and above for the school but this year have done so even more.

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

### **Haringey Libraries School Newsletter**

Please find a link below to a link to Haringey Libraries School newsletter which is full of information about events being run by libraries within the borough during the summer holidays. The nearest library to our school is Alexandra Park Library.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/School-Newsletter-Summer-2023-3.pdf>

### **Haringey Public Health**

Please find a link below to a letter from Haringey Public Health which we have been asked to share with you. The letter is about protecting children from Measles and Polio.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Polio-MMR-letter-to-parents-guardians.pdf>

### **Keeping children safe while out and about**

We have had many reports over the last few months about incidents in the park next to the school and on roads around the school. As we approach the summer holidays we would like to provide parents with some tips on how to support your children in keeping safe when out and about in the community.

#### Protecting young children

Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is rare. Even so, these seven tips can help protect your child:

- tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around;
- make sure your child knows never to walk away with strangers;
- make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a stranger makes contact with them, and never to keep this secret;
- if your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus;
- if your child has to use a lift – tell them only to use lifts with friends, and not to feel worried

about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there;

- if your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop;
- have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart.

#### While you are out with your children

Sometimes, young children can still be vulnerable even if you are with them. Following these simple precautions should give you peace of mind:

- try to keep your children within your sight or another adult's whom you trust;
- use reins for your toddler - these will keep your child nearby even if you get distracted;
- when out and about visiting places, always arrange a meeting point for you and your child, in case either of you get lost;
- make sure you all travel together in the same train carriage, or have seats close together on a bus or coach;
- always go with your child into public toilets;
- remind your child never to talk to strangers, even if you are nearby.

#### **Local Offer**

Please find a link below to a poster advertising Haringey's Local Offer. The Local Offer is information for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and explains the support Haringey offers in Haringey for these children and young people.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/1411.64-SEND-local-offer-poster-FINAL.pdf>

#### **Universal Free School Meals Programme**

Please find a link below to a letter from the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, about free school meals for all London primary school children for the academic year 2023-2024.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Mayor-of-London-letter-UFSM-London-Borough-of-Haringey.pdf>

#### **Rhodes Avenue PSA**

We would like to thank the Rhodes Avenue PSA for all of their hard work this year. Since the last newsletter we have had the Summer Fair which was a great success. The following message was previously sent by Rhodes Avenue PSA to parents by e mail.

‘Thank you to everyone who came to and spent money at the summer fair. We hope you had a fantastic time and we really appreciate your support. Planning and running the event is a huge undertaking made possible thanks to the time and dedication of a large number of parents, staff and children. A massive thank you to the 200+ volunteers on the day – *face-painting, cooking on the BBQ, serving at the bar, supervising children's activities, selling food and drink, on the entrance, providing live music, and more* - for setting up, running the event and clearing up so well on such a hot day. A big thank you to the committee for the months of planning and running around behind the scenes, to the premises staff for all their hard work for this event, to the

wonderful Rhodes Avenue staff for all their support, to Tesco for the ice lolly contribution and to our KFH sponsors. An enormous thank you to the children and to Jessica (JK Dance) and Jo (Wonder Theatre Training Academy and Choir) for the fantastic performances. Thank you to all who contributed to making the Summer Fair a great success.

We are delighted to announce that with your support and generosity we've raised a grand total of **£9,500** for the school from this event. Thank you!

### **Password**

An action will shortly be required of you in order to support us in preparing for September 2023. It takes time to get to know all of the new faces/names of parents/carers of new children starting in classes each year. In order to support collection arrangements from our After School Club provision or for incidents where the people who normally collect children from school have arranged for others to collect their children in emergency situations we will be asking all parents to provide a password which can be shared with new people picking up children so that they can use it to pick up children. Parents/carers must always notify the school if anyone new is picking up their children. You will shortly be receiving an online survey (SurveyMonkey) asking you for the password which you would like the school to hold for your child for use in situations such as these.

### **Snacks for September**

Children in Nursery-Year 2 are given fruit/vegetables by the school for their morning playtime snack. Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring their own. In advance of September we would like to remind parents of the snacks children can bring in for morning playtimes. The following list was agreed at School Council and circulated earlier this year.

- fruit or cereal bars
- pretzels
- yo-yos
- dried fruit
- mini sandwiches
- yoghurt
- baked crackers
- rice cakes
- breadsticks and dips
- Babybels/cheese
- Flapjacks
- Popcorn
- Pumpkin seeds
- Seaweed

We remain a nut-free school and children should not be eating chocolate, sweets or crisps at morning playtime.

### **Summer holiday activities/information for parents in receipt of benefits**

Here is some information on free and discounted days out for families where parents are receipt of benefits. Please double check this information with the provider first.

#### Better Leisure Centres

If you receive any of the following benefits: Housing Benefit, Income Support, Job Seekers' Allowance, Working Families Tax Credit, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit, Refugee Status, or Disability Personal Independence Payment, you may be eligible for a discounted concessionary membership at Better Leisure Centres.

#### Tate

Visitors who are eligible for Universal Credit or Pension Credit, as well as Income Support and Job

Seekers Allowance recipients, can enjoy a discounted rate of £5 for admission to all exhibitions at both Tate Britain and Tate Modern. For families with children aged between 12-18 years old, each exhibition at Tate Britain and Tate Modern will be available at a reduced rate of £5 per child.

#### Wakehurst and Kew Gardens

Anyone who is in receipt of Pension credit or Universal credit can pre-book online at [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org) or pay £1 on the gate. Proof of Universal Credit, Pension Credit, or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) must be presented upon arrival.

#### London Zoo and Whipsnade Zoo

Families can purchase tickets starting at £3 (children under 3 are free) for any day of the week until September 3rd. To be eligible, you must be receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, or Jobseeker's Allowance. Book London Zoo here and Whipsnade Zoo.

#### V&A Museum

While most events at the V&A are free of charge, Universal Credit recipients can obtain complimentary admission to select paid exhibitions by presenting their Universal Credit documentation. Children under the age of 12 can typically enter for free. To view a list of upcoming events, please refer to the V&A website.

#### Tower Bridge

Are you a resident of Southwark, Tower Hamlets, or the City of London? Take advantage of their Community Ticket offer and explore Tower Bridge for only £1.

#### Royal Albert Hall

For select family events, the Royal Albert Hall provides subsidised tickets for £1 to children and families who meet specific criteria. Eligible individuals include children who receive free school meals, those who are looked after by the local authority or in foster care, families residing in social housing, or those who are eligible for housing benefit.

#### Little Angel Theatre

The "Puppets For All" initiative is open to individuals who receive state benefits and may not have the financial means to attend a theatre performance.

#### The Cartoon Museum

Proof of being a Universal Credit recipient is required to obtain £2 tickets to The Cartoon Museum.

#### Headstone Manor & Museum

While entry to Headstone Manor & Museum is free, some of their events may require payment. However, if you receive benefits, you can purchase tickets for these events at a discounted rate.

#### Westminster Abbey

If you are an adult who is receiving Universal Credit, you have the opportunity to benefit from a discounted admission fee of £7 for either yourself or a family (consisting of one adult and one child) when visiting Westminster Abbey. You just need to present your Universal Credit letter upon arrival. You cannot book these tickets online.

#### London Transport Museum

If you receive Universal Credit, you can purchase tickets to the London Transport Museum for just £1. Additionally, children under the age of 17 can visit for free! You will need to bring proof of your latest correspondence.

#### Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery

If you're planning a visit to Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery, you'll be pleased to learn that certain events at the venue offer £1 tickets for individuals who receive benefits such as Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit, have a household income below £30,000 per year, or hold a Blue Light Card for emergency service workers, NHS, social care sector, and armed forces.

#### RHS

Visitors in receipt of Universal or Pension Credit will be able to visit RHS Bridgewater, RHS Harlow Carr, RHS Hyde Hall, RHS Rosemoor and RHS Wisely for just £1.



### Chelsea Physic Garden

Individuals who are receiving Pension Credit, Universal Credit, or have Refugee Status can obtain tickets to Chelsea Physic Garden for a discounted price of £5.

### Apple Store

Children can participate in the Apple Store workshops for free, regardless of whether their families receive any type of benefits.

### Barbican

Every Friday at Barbican, a new release film screening is available at a 'Pay What You Can' price. You can choose a price between £3 to £15 and enjoy the movie. It's an opportunity to watch the latest films at a price that suits you the best.

We would like to thank the parent who researched and gathered all of this information together for our school community.

## **Vacancies**

Please see our 'School Vacancies' webpage for further details if you or anyone you know is looking for work in schools. We update this webpage when vacancies arise in school. You will also find listings for vacancies in our network schools on this webpage.

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

I would like to thank the whole school community for supporting one another this year. The last five months have been challenging for the whole school but I know that Adrian would have been so proud of how everyone has pulled together. One of Adrian's last pieces of work was working on the school's Vision Statement and the community's response to his death reminds me of it and the vision itself remains his legacy. A reminder of it for you is below.

### Our School Vision Statement

We want our children to:

Know who they are

Respect others for who they are

Never stop learning

We will act with **cooperation** because we are a **community**.

We will use **creativity** to learn and grow.

We will show **consideration** as everyone is of equal value and important.

I hope all of our school community has a well deserved rest over the summer holiday period. The staff and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023. We will be emailing you reminders for arrangements for the return to school towards the end of the school holidays.

Best wishes,  
Maria

Maria Panayiotou – Interim Headteacher