

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and hope that all families had a lovely half term week. It has been lovely welcoming the children back into school and settling back into their learning.

Accent Catering

We would like to thank our school caterers Accent Catering and our school kitchen team led by Chef Katiane for their hard work in supporting the school with the increase in numbers of children having a school meal.

Accent's October Newsletter

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/090-ULTRA-PROCESSED-FOODS.pdf>

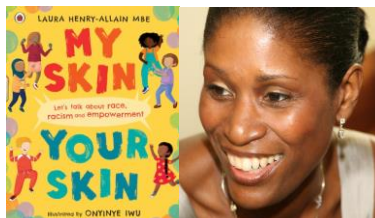
Autumn term menu

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Rhodes-Avenue-Menu-Autumn-2023.pdf>

Anti-Racism

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee of the governing body are currently working on an Anti-Racism policy which will be shared with all parents when it has been finalised.

This term Reception Year Group Leader (Laura Moore) attended Anti-Racist Practice in the Early Years training. It highlighted what anti-racist practice is and why we must start this work during children's earliest years.



In the Spring term Infant Year Group Leaders (Sophie Papworth and Clarence Ng) will be attending an Anti-Racism training session led by Laura Henry-Allain MBE

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

During next Monday's INSET day (Monday 13th November) Mpula Lawton (from ARISE - Anti-Racism in Schools and Education) will be leading INSET for all teachers and support staff on Unconscious Bias. Unconscious bias is a term that describes the associations we hold, outside our conscious awareness and control.

Interim Head Teacher (Maria Panayiotou) and governors on the governing body's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee will be attending Haringey's Racial Equity Conference 'Changing the Narrative'.

This term we are running a number of sessions for parents and carers around talking to your children about diversity, race and racism. Mpula Lawton from ARISE (Anti-Racism in Schools and Education) will be leading the workshops. All the sessions will take place on Zoom and start at 7pm. The sessions will also be recorded if you are unable to attend on the night.

The three sessions are:

- **Tuesday 14th November 2023: Talking to your child about racism.** This session explores racial literacy, focusing on language and strategies for talking to your children about issues of race and racism.
- **Tuesday 21st November 2023: Diversity and Empowerment.** This session considers diversity, inclusion and belonging at home. In the session, time will be spent looking at books, activities and tips that can be used to empower your children to love themselves and value others.
- **Tuesday 28th November 2023: Speaking up and speaking out.** This session explores setting boundaries, tackling racist bullying, and safely standing up for yourself and others.

The Zoom details and link for the 3 sessions is:

Meeting ID: 824 5836 6170

Passcode: 171772

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82458366170?pwd=eNXBVrDFOv91f7j6pyKmtzIwthLKOI.1>

ARISE website

ARISE

Anti-Racism in Schools and Education

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

The school has confirmed dates with Mpula Lawton within the spring term for her to lead age-appropriate assemblies for all children on anti-racism following on from her assemblies in the summer term.

Cars

We would like to thank parents who use a car when dropping off or picking up their children for their support with keeping children safe on and around Rhodes Avenue. We would like to request that parents communicate our expectations on parking and driving on Rhodes Avenue with adults who are responsible for dropping off and picking up your child.

We would kindly ask that drivers do not park across residents' driveways. Please allow additional time in your journeys to find a parking space before dropping and picking up children.

Please find a link below to the Met Police's Nuisance Parking advice on parking across driveways:
<https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-parking/>

Dates for the diary – autumn term

Monday 6 th November 2023	Year 5 Viking Day
Friday 10 th November 2023	5AG Class Assembly
Monday 13 th November 2023	INSET Day
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	Individual School Photos
Thursday 16 th November 2023	RAPSA Christmas Jumper Sale
Friday 17 th November 2023	4TW Class Assembly

Saturday 25 th November 2023	RAPSA Winter Fair
Thursday 30 th November 2023	Flu Vaccination Team in school
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	Infant Shows
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	RAPSA Santa's Grotto for EYFS + KS1
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Infant Choir Carol Concert
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Junior Christmas Shows
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Junior Christmas Shows
Friday 15 th December 2023	Junior Christmas Shows
Monday 18 th December 2023	Junior Choir Concert
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Nursery Christmas Shows
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Reception Christmas Show
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish

Diversity Initiative

This half term we continued with our diversity initiative, which supports the school's recent work to restructure the curriculum to increase the representation of minority perspectives in school life.



Our second speaker was Alex Morgan who came into school to tell junior children about his journey to becoming an intellectual property law solicitor. He inspired them all by telling them about his superpower - patents.

Our third speaker was Elaine Banton who came into school to tell junior children about her superpower – being a barrister. She inspired them all and children heard about the importance of sharing your superpower by helping others whilst on your own career journey.

We are pleased to report that we already have our next three inspirational speakers lined up and we look forward to sharing their superpowers with you in our next Headteacher's newsletter.

We would still be keen to hear from more 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.

Forest School



The school would like to thank Rhodes Avenue PSA for paying for half of (the other half of the money was raised from this year's Holi Festival) our recently installed Forest School sink. The school paid for the installation costs.

The school would also like to thank Rhodes Avenue PSA for paying for the installation of electrics within the Forest School cabin which will further enhance our Platinum Status Green Tree School Award. Please click on the link below for a tour of our cabin.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/VID-20231101-WA0008.mp4>

Haringey Educational Psychology Service webinars

Please find a link to Haringey Educational Psychology Service's autumn term webinars for parents. This term's webinars will focus on Managing Behaviour and Managing Children's Anxiety.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Haringey-EPS-webinars-flyer.docx>

Haringey SEND Newsletter

Please find below the link to Haringey's SEND Newsletter (October 2023 edition):

<https://mailchi.mp/haringey/send-news-2596628>

Parents of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are strongly advised to have their say on Haringey Council's SEND Banding Consultation. Information about the consultation can be found within the newsletter.

Nursery applications for 2024-2025

If your child was born between 1.9.2020 – 31.8.2021 and you would like to apply for a space in our nursery for September 2024 please complete the online application form which can be found on our school website (link below). The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024 and any applications made after this date will be added to the waiting list in accordance with our admissions policy.

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

Oral Health



Kirsty Spittle (Reception → Year 1 Transition Year Group Leader) writes:

'A smile is for life'

As a busy parent myself, I understand how hard it can be to find helpful information at the time you need it. Each month I will be researching a different topic and including advice for parents within the Headteacher's Newsletter. This month, I am beginning with Oral Health. As a Reception teacher, the following statement I read really resonated with me – 'more than 1/3 of 5 year olds in Haringey could have enamel decay or more serious dental problems, new figures suggest' by *Sonja Tutty, Data Reporter, O London world. Published 3rd Apr 2023.*

I have found some really useful resources that can help us in helping our children to prevent tooth decay.



NHS dental care for children is FREE.

[A Practical Guide to Children's Teeth](https://rhodesavenue.school/a-practical-guide-to-childrens-teeth/)

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[Preventing Tooth Decay](https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Preventing-Tooth-Decay-Infographic-Dark-Background.pdf)

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Preventing-Tooth-Decay-Infographic-Dark-Background.pdf>

[NHS Children's Teeth](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/)

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[Advice for parents of children with Autism](https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BSPD-Advice-for-parents-of-children-with-autism-Jan-17.pdf)

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[Find a dentist](https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist)

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>

I highly recommend watching these fun, age-appropriate videos made by Dr Ranj with your child/ren.

<https://www.bspd.co.uk/Kidsvids>

SEND Coffee Mornings

Here are a reminder of the dates of the coffee mornings for the autumn term. These coffee mornings will be hosted by Jette Rayner (SENDSCO).

Thursday 2nd November 9.10am in the Wedge – Autism focus

- Parents share success and challenges along the way from diagnosis to applying for secondary school.
- An opportunity to ask questions and talk about the challenges and successes

Thursday 7th December 9.10am – Dyslexia focus

- What is happening at school?
- An opportunity to ask questions and talk about the challenges and successes



Rhodes Avenue PSA

A reminder that Rhodes Avenue PSA have already planned in dates for you for this academic year. Please add these dates to your diaries if you haven't already done so. Rhodes Avenue PSA will send out further information about each event closer to the time. We would like to thank everyone who supports Rhodes Avenue PSA with these events; every little bit of help, whether in person or from afar, really helps.

Thu 16/11/23 - Xmas Jumper Sale

Sat 25/11/23 - Winter Fair

Tue 12/12/23 - Santa's Grotto for EYFS & KS1

Sun 03/03/24 - Jumble Sale

Sat 23/06/24 - Summer Fair

<https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/rapsa/>

@RapsaRhodes

https://www.instagram.com/rapsa_rhodes/

Term Dates 2023-2024

Please find a link below to the term dates for 2023-2024. These are always available on the school's website. The term dates for 2024-2025 will shortly be uploaded also. Please double check term dates before booking holidays.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Term-Dates-2023-24.pdf>

Best wishes,
Maria

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