



Headteacher's Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025

Dates for the diary

Monday 30 th June 2025	New Nursery Parent Information Session
Monday 30 th June 2025	New Reception Parent Information Session
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Year 5 Active Bystander workshops
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Year 5CD Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	1MS trip to Woodberry Wetlands
Friday 4 th July 2025	1SP trip to Woodberry Wetlands
Monday 7 th July 2025	End of year reports emailed to parents
Tuesday 7 th July 2025	Open Classrooms for Nursery-Year 5
Tuesday 7 th July 2025	Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	1AK trip to Woodberry Wetlands
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Reception Summer Dance Show
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Year 3 trip to the Khalsa Jatha British Isles Gurdwara
Friday 11 th July 2025	INSET day
Monday 14 th July 2025	Year 3 Natural History Museum
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Year 4 Celtic Harmony trip
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Show
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Show
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 3 Choir Concert
Friday 18 th July 2025	Summer Choir Concert
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	End of summer term

Reading Books

From Monday 7th July we will stop sending home books so that we can commence our whole school book stock take. Please check your bookshelves at home for any guided reading books or library books which belong to school and send them into school with your child. This will support us in not ordering replacements unnecessarily.

Chef Manager Luigi



Rhodes Avenue has a new Chef Manager. Chef Manager Luigi was born and raised in Florence, Italy. Luigi's passion for cooking began early, his family opened a restaurant when he was just 13. He trained at the prestigious Giorgio Vasari cookery school and later worked at the Savoy Grill in London under none other than Gordon Ramsay. Now a proud father, Luigi chose to move into school catering, to take on a new challenge – creating nutritious, high-quality meals for children.

"When I visited Rhodes Avenue, I instantly felt this was the right place for me. I'm proud to be part of a school that cares so much about its pupils, just like I do."

French

Our school language is French and it is taught to all junior children. Our Specialist French teacher and MFL Subject Lead is Samantha Gape and she teaches all children in the juniors once a week. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in European Studies and completed her teacher training at the University of Cambridge. Sam has been teaching languages for 20 years at primary and secondary level both in the UK and abroad. She speaks several languages herself and aims to foster the same curiosity, passion and respect for other languages and cultures in her lessons to children.



If you would like to find out about our French curriculum you may find further information on our newly updated French webpage. There are also links to useful websites in order to support French learning at home.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/our-learning/french/>

Exercise books

As we approach the end of the academic year term, we would like to let you know that at the end of the year completed exercise books will be sent home for you to celebrate your child's hard work and progress. Any unfinished books will remain in school so that children can continue using them next academic year. This will allow teachers to see each child's progression and build on their prior learning more effectively from the very start of term.

Eid Celebration

Our recent Eid Celebration event raised £3227.79. We have some additional money to add to this amount. The money raised has been shared between UNICEF and the school.

Open Classrooms

You will be receiving your child's end of year attainment report via email on Monday 7th July 2025. For Nursery-Year 5, we will be hosting Open Classrooms on Tuesday 8th July 2025 (3.30-5pm) where you can discuss your child's report with their class teacher should you wish to. Year 6 parents will have been emailed separately about arrangements for their end of year parent meeting.

Park

We have had to lead assemblies in school about the newly opened playground area within the park next to the school. Prior to its opening we held Open Water Safety sessions for the children. Recently the school has been informed of incidents in the park whereby children within the community around our school have not been demonstrating positive behaviour. Unfortunately, we have also had reports of adults not demonstrating positive behaviour. The school has sought advice from the Safer Schools Team who advise that any incidents should be reported to the police immediately. Incidents can be reported by calling 101 or via their website (met.police.uk). They recommend you report using the latter and to include as much information as possible in your report. Any additional information required by the school will only be provided if requested by the police.

Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC)

Many Rhodes Avenue children enjoy online gaming at home; we know this because they tell us and we hear them talking about gaming to each other. It is important that we work together to help children play safely and responsibly should they be gaming. While gaming can be fun and social, it also carries risks such as exposure to inappropriate content, online strangers, and pressure to make in-game purchases. We encourage all parents to take an active interest in the games their children are playing, to set clear boundaries around screen time, and to regularly check privacy and chat settings. It's also helpful to have open conversations with your child about who they're interacting with online and what to do if something doesn't feel right. To support you in this, we've included some useful links below of guidance on reducing risks when children are gaming. We strongly recommend taking a few moments to explore them.



FORTNITE

Fortnite Parental and Safety Controls guide

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/fortnite-battle-royale-parental-controls/>

Minecraft Parental and Safety Controls guide

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>



Roblox Parental and Safety Controls guide

<https://teched-off.com/online-parental-controls/v/roblox-parental-and-safety-controls>



Trespassing on school property

An unknown adult was caught on our CCTV trespassing onto the school property when the school was closed on 15 June. We have reported this trespassing to the police. Our CCTV shows that this unknown adult came onto the school site to access a ball that had entered our site. Regardless of the reason for entering our school site, the unknown adult should not have entered which is why we have reported this to the police. No adult should enter the school property without the consent of the school.

Thank you Rhodes Avenue PSA

On behalf of the children I would like to thank Rhodes Avenue PSA for the money donated to the school for our recent works. RAPSA donated half the money to the works in our playground and the other half was accessed via a grant from the CSDS Foundation. Artificial grass has been added to the caged area and new climbing frames have been installed. Our Reception outdoor learning area has also had a new climbing frame installed for our young children to play on.



Vision

Do you know the missing 3 words from our school vision? Answers at the end of the newsletter.

At Rhodes Avenue, we want our children to:
Know who they are
Respect others for who they are
Never stop learning

School values:

We will act with cooperation [REDACTED] we are a community.
We [REDACTED] use creativity to learn and grow.
We will show consideration as everyone is of equal [REDACTED] and importance.

Year 2 trip to Science Museum

Year 2 had an exciting and inspiring visit to the London Science Museum! They explored a range of fascinating galleries, including the Information Age, the Flight Gallery, and Making the Modern World. These exhibitions helped to deepen their understanding of materials, inventions and the incredible history of technology. A highlight of the day was a special 3D screening of Our Beautiful Planet, where children experienced the Earth from space and gained insight into the life of an astronaut. The powerful message about climate change left many feeling inspired to help protect our planet—and maybe even become space travellers themselves one day!



Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens

Last week Year 5 enjoyed an educational visit to Kew Gardens as part of their Geography learning on rainforests. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of plant life, biodiversity, and the importance of conservation.

During the visit, pupils explored the stunning Palm House and Temperate House, where they encountered an incredible variety of plants from different climates around the world. They were fascinated by the towering rainforest trees, tropical flowers, and the unique adaptations of desert plants. They also enjoyed exploring the Treetop Walkway, which gave them a bird's-eye view of the gardens and an appreciation of how ecosystems work from above.



Year 6 Junior Citizens trip

This week our Year 6 children took part in Haringey's Junior Citizens Day — a fantastic, hands-on event designed to prepare children for the transition to secondary school and life beyond. Held in collaboration with local emergency services and community organisations, the day focused on promoting safety, awareness, and responsible citizenship. This year saw eight scenarios covering The Met Police's messages of Stranger Danger, Awareness of Knife Crime, Gang crime, use of 999, London Fire Brigade, TfL citizens, and Smarter Travel's Road Safety activity.

Best wishes,
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