



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Dates for next week

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment Week 2 (Maths) for Y1,3,4&amp;5</li></ul>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group of Reception children visiting Forest School</li></ul>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Groups of Nursery children visiting Forest School</li><li>• Y5 classes out to KAA as part of their Science project</li><li>• Governors' Personnel meeting - 5.00pm</li></ul>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Belinda Evans – Advisory teacher for Computing, working with Y5 and Y6 children</li></ul>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Fair. 3.30-5.00pm</li><li>• Please note, Nursery and Reception Classes will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm but school will finish for Y1-Y6 at <b>3.15pm</b> on this day.</li></ul>

## Summer Fair

We will have our first Summer Fair for 3 years next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. (We have not been able to hold one for the last 2 years due to Covid.)

In order that we are confident that all children are safe, we have to ask you to pick them up and take them out of school before queuing to come back in. I appreciate that this is strange (!) but this is so that all staff can say goodbye to their children before going straight to their stall or game.

We will send another letter out next week with the arrangements for this.

Please note, there is no Extended Club on that night but parents have been told this previously.

Please see the flyer attached. You will see that there are three things we are asking you to contribute:

1. **Bottles for our Bottle Tombola:** Any full new bottles – from shampoo and shower gel to bottles of squash or alcohol to bottles of mayo or ketchup. Any bottles you have to spare will be gratefully received!
2. **Sweets:** I know that we never ask for sweets, but we are in need of packets or sweets for another game. Ideally Halal please!

We ask that you bring these in from Monday – Thursday next week and the class that brings the most in will have 30 green card points and ice poles!

3. **International food:** We would love to have an international food stall so ask that you contribute some home-made goodies for this. Please bring anything you make in on Friday.

**Thank you very much!**

## News and Information

### Staffing changes

It is the time of year when we have to say some sad goodbyes and other than Danielle and I leaving, there are a number of other staff who will be moving to new schools or new adventures:

Four teachers are leaving to teach in schools nearer to their homes: Joy Mendes da Costa will be teaching in Tooting, Laura Kettle in Twickenham, Russell Levy in Epsom and Phoebe Glenn in Edgware. Katie Garcia is moving to a school in Fulham and although not strictly closer to her home in North London, it is a much quicker and a more straight-forward journey time.

Tricia Martins has decided to take a break from teaching and is also leaving in July.

Nalini Naidoo, one of our Nursery teachers, has decided to retire and Debbie Willey, a TA here for many years, is seeking retirement on the grounds of ill-health. In addition, Caroline Rawlings, one of our Nursery Officers who has taught at St Anne's for over 30 years, is leaving to work in a school in Kew.

We will say our proper goodbyes at the end of term but for the moment, we thank them for all they continue to do for everyone here.

The good news is that the new Leadership Team have appointed new teachers who will all be in place in September. They have all visited the school and we look forward to them joining our team.

## Governors Meeting- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June the school governors met for our summer Main Governing Body meeting, the last of the school year.

On this occasion we were joined once again by Ben McMullen, our future interim head teacher. We were also joined by our current deputy head, Danielle Stevenson, who the governors had invited along so that they could offer their gratitude and best wishes for the future, along with a small gift and some flowers. As you will know, Danielle is moving on from Avondale next year, a great loss to the school. Despite her modest claims otherwise, Danielle is an exceptional teacher, and her skills and experience will be sorely missed.

Next, we had a report from governors Peter Bassett and Lucy Lubbock, regarding the Federation Working Group meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Federation Working Group is a joint sub-committee of governors from Avondale and Fox school, who have been selected to discuss matters arising from the planned federation of Avondale, Fox, Ashburnham and Avonmore primaries. Lucy, Peter and myself, as parent governor, will meet regularly with governors from the other schools, not only to deal with necessary procedures, but also to ensure Avondale pupils and teachers' best interests are represented.

Katy then presented her Headteachers report, which as always is the main point on the MGB agenda. Governors heard that we haven't yet had the final Nursery Ofsted Report but as soon as we do, we will obviously display on our website. Other items discussed included the curriculum and safeguarding arrangements to support the transition for the new Leadership Team.

Ben updated the governors on recruitment, with new teachers joining Avondale to help fill the roles of those sadly leaving the school next year. Unfortunately, persistent unauthorised absence of children was once again a major concern, with too many children missing out on vital learning as a result.

Katy's report was received with a tinge of sadness as it was her last as head teacher at Avondale. She ended it by thanking the governors for their continued support.

Governor Cassie Goldman gave us an update on Avondale Extra, our charitable fund raising arm, and the exciting things it has in the pipeline, such as the appointment of an Artist in Residence and upcoming jazz workshops.

Finally, Katy was given some flowers and a gift from the governors, to say thank you for so many years of making a difference to so many children's futures, in her warm, caring and always professional way.

**Report written by James Bracher (Parent Governor)**

## Future important dates

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment week 2 for Y1, Y3,Y4 and Y5</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Fair- 3.30-5.00pm</li> </ul>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Drugs and Alcohol (D&amp;A) to be taught during this week</li> </ul>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception Graduation- 2.00pm Parents of children in Reception are invited</li> </ul>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inset Day. School closed to children</li> </ul>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents' Evenings</li> </ul>
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6 Leavers Assembly for parents of children in Y6: 2.00pm</li> </ul>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports day for Nursery, Reception and KS1 children</li> <li>My Bank Workshops for Y6</li> </ul>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports day for KS2</li> </ul>
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's end of year parties in the afternoon</li> </ul>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of term for children</li> </ul>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inset (training) day for all staff</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P3 will be running a Playcentre here for 4 weeks over the holiday</li> </ul>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>School holidays for children</b></li> </ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inset days for all staff</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children return to school for Autumn term 2022</li> </ul>

## Summer Holiday Playcentre

We are very pleased to let you know that P3 are again running a holiday Playcentre over the summer. Please see the following details:

### Dates:

Mon 25 July- Friday 19 August

### Timing:

- 8 am to 6 pm £22.00 per child per day to include breakfast snack, school lunch and afternoon snack

- 9 am to 5pm £16.00 per child per day including school lunch and afternoon snack

The cost is reduced if families book in advance

We are also very pleased to have received confirmation of HAF Holiday activity fund for children on free school meals who can book a place 10 am to 3pm up to 4 days per week.

Please book via Magic bookings <https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>  
Please create an account and book places. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Activities in the Summer Holidays

We have been informed about free theatre tickets for children during the summer – please see link below. I imagine this will be very popular so book quickly if you are interested!

<https://officiallondontheatre.com/kids-week/>

# News from the schools

## St Anne's Nursery

The children in the Eucalyptus class have been fully engrossed in their learning with the IEYC project- 'Ocean treasures.' We have been focussing on keeping our oceans clean using the 'clean up' story to support our learning. Feeling inspired by the story we have worked together to create our own clean up poster titled '**The clean-up crew!!! - keep our oceans clean and our planet Earth green.**





This is Raniya's beautiful home learning highlighting her amazing learning based on our current project. On the left of the picture is "at night time with a shooting star", on the right side "is pollution in our ocean/seaside with people cleaning up the rubbish and saving the sea creatures."



## Reception

Reception were very lucky to have a visit from dentists who spoke about how to keep our teeth healthy and clean. The children were able to learn about how much toothpaste is needed, how to move their toothbrushes in a circular motion and that it is important to brush our teeth twice a day!



## Year 2

Year 2 have spent the afternoon making their own beautiful stepping stones for the outdoor area. They took inspiration from the book 'Tidy' and used gems and stones to decorate.



## Year 4

Emma's Year 4 visited the North Kensington Library last Friday afternoon to see the books in the children's library. The librarian read the story Wolf by Emily Gravett. Then the children explored all the books on offer from graphic novels to non-fiction. They had a great time relaxing and sharing books.

The children are now all eager to join their local library, where they can join for free and borrow up to 16 books at a time for 3 weeks!

The children were also informed about the homework club with tutors that is available every Thursday from 2pm, as well as this the children were told about a movie event starting every Sat from 9th July.

There will be more information coming about the Summer Reading Challenge, where many free events will be held at library for children.

In the meantime, check out the website for events and information.

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries-0/children/activities-and-events-children-and-young-people>





## ★ Stars of the Week ★

Class	Name
Nursery	Well Done <b>Eucalyptus class</b> what amazing learning you have been doing about looking after our oceans and seas. You are learning all about recycling and respecting the environment. Keep working and learning with such enthusiasm.
Karman's Reception	<b>FIMA</b> for being more confident and always being a role model in the class. You have shown good counting skills and you are always trying your best with your phonics.
Kripali's Reception	<b>SASHA</b> for settling into Reception and learning the routines and expectations. Your speaking and listening skills have improved and you're even starting to read sentences by yourself – keep it up!
Laura's Y1	<b>AISHA</b> for some fabulous writing in English. We were very impressed by your spelling and your recall of the story! You are also successfully applying the number facts you have learnt in order to solve maths problems.
Alexa's Y1	<b>ANTON</b> You are settling in well, learning our routines and making new friends! This week we have been very impressed with your listening skills and how well you are following instructions. Keep up the good work 😊.
Katie's Y2	<b>AHMED</b> for fantastic computing skills. You are able to log in independently and your word processing skills are fantastic. Well done!
Phoebe's Y2	<b>SUMAYA</b> for her wonderful maths. She has worked confidently and independently to solve both addition and subtraction problems using the column method. We are so impressed!

Pippa's Y3	<b>WHOLE CLASS</b> for your superb fashion show and your excellent focus and hard work in assessments this week.
Joy's Y3	<b>WHOLE CLASS</b> I am blown away by the maturity and positivity that the class have brought to their first week of assessments. I am sure that they will maintain this next week. I am also so proud of every single class member for the fashion show last week, particularly their confidence down the catwalk.
Emma's Y4	<b>OSCAR W</b> for being a superstar in his first week at Avondale. He has been getting 100% in his mental arithmetic practise tests, shown respectful behaviour and been showing his table tennis skills at playtimes playing with all children in the class. He has had a great week at settling in. Well done Oscar W!
Nana's Y4	<b>ISABELA</b> for being a calm and consistently motivated member of our class. You are showing good resilience with your learning and we are loving this new Bela. Keep it up!
Francesca's Y5	<b>RICARDO</b> for blowing us away with his confidence and determination to achieve his best in his reading assessment this week. We are so proud of you!
Becksy's Y5	<b>MASHA</b> for settling in incredibly well to life at Avondale and enthusiastically taking part in all subjects. I've been extremely impressed with her mathematical knowledge so far. Well done Masha!
Russell's Y6	<b>MEHDI</b> We have loved your contributions in lessons this week. It has been great to see you so engaged at every opportunity.
Tim & Mary's Y6	<b>MATEA</b> for always taking pride in your work, being keen to learn and being a role model to others - real golden zone behaviour!!

**Many congratulations to all our stars of the week!**

# Attendance

Thank you to those parents who have made every effort this week for their children to be in school on time every day.

The classes each Key Stage with the best attendance for the week before Half Term were:

KS1: Kripali's R Class: **96.3%**

KS2: Pippa's Y3 Class: **95.2%**

Congratulations to our winning classes.

# Community News

## Grenfell update



### **'Remembering Grenfell – our journey so far' – Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission report**

In its report, published on Monday 16 May, the Memorial Commission shares the ideas it has heard so far. More than 2,000 people are reflected in the report.

The report is a significant step towards a memorial to all those who lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower fire. It is based on conversations with bereaved families, survivors and the community so that their views on a memorial are reflected.

Read more at [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report)

## Event at The Westway Sports Centre this weekend.

We have received information of the following event at the Westway Sports Centre this Saturday – do go along!

YOUTH ACTION ALLIANCE PRESENTS...  
**#ONE COMMUNITY**  
**NORTH KENSINGTON YOUTH & COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

**FREE EVENT FOR ALL**  
**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**

**SATURDAY 25TH JUNE**  
**12 - 6PM**  
**WESTWAY SPORTS CENTRE**  
**1 CROWTHORNE ROAD W10 6RP**

FOOD, REFRESHMENTS,  
 LIVE MUSIC, TALENT SHOW,  
 FOOTBALL, CROSSFIT, FIVES &  
 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS,  
 PRIZES, BINGO, GAMING,  
 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ARTS & CRAFTS,  
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And finally

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Best wishes,  
 Katy Blackler