



Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for a great half term. It's amazing to think that we are 5/6 of the way through the year. There's loads of great stuff coming up after the break- can't wait.

There is no **play service** at the school at half term (the only holiday that P3 don't run a play service), but there'll be 4 weeks over the summer.

Governor elections: please see the message below and the separate email that went out. We encourage all parents/carers to read the blurbs and vote for two candidates.

Y2 have finished their **SATS** this week. Nana and Becksy report that the kids have done brilliantly with great effort and focus. Well done.

Parent Governor voting

We encourage all parents and carers to vote in the current parent governor elections. Parents/carers should have received an email from Choice Voting with a link to cast your vote. This was sent to the email address that we hold for you on our parents/carers contact database. Please check your spam folder if it is not in your main inbox.

If you have not received an email, it might be that we do not have the correct email address for you therefore please update your contact details in the office. You will be given a paper ballot to cast your vote instead. Please speak to one of the office team who would be happy to assist you.

We have 7 candidates from across our federation of schools. Read their statements (attached).

Please vote for two candidates via the Choice Voting portal or on your paper ballot. The elections will close at 3:30pm on the 13th of June 2023.

Ringworm

Ringworm is a common fungal infection and is easily treatable. It's fine for your child to go to school or nursery once they have started treatment, available from pharmacies. Let your child's teachers know they have ringworm.
How to stop ringworm spreading:

Do:

- start treatment as soon as possible
- wash towels and bedsheets regularly
- keep your skin clean and wash your hands after touching animals or soil
- regularly check your skin if you have been in contact with an infected person or animal
- take your pet to the vet if they might have ringworm (for example, patches of missing fur)

Don't

- do not share towels, combs or bedsheets with someone who has ringworm
- do not scratch a ringworm rash - this could spread it to other parts of your body

Uniform and Lates

Please can children come dressed smartly each day. Shoes can be trainers, but they need to be all black. Ties are required in KS2.

We are also noticing more lateness. A late arrival puts a child at a real disadvantage for the whole day. It's not fair on them. Aim for 8.35am to allow for any hitches on the way. Or come to breakfast club. At the end of the day, please stick to our healthy schools principle: sweets, crisps etc are still not the right food on school grounds. OK, nag over. Thanks.

From after half term, the **catering** for the school meals will move from Lunchtime Co., to being managed in-house. The staff themselves stay the same, and the menu will not change until September. The cost to families will not change. We will involve the children in some feedback about meals in order to build a menu that is both popular and balanced.

Previous Notices:

SchoolComms: please note that our new system SchoolComms via SchoolGateway has now replaced ParentMail. This system should be better for you to use for bookings, payments and communications. Please see the email that went out, and please download the App, and allow push notifications. Any problems- please see the office.

Nursery

From September we are offering free full time places for all children. We are also offering free lunches to all pupils, regardless of their family's financial situation. If you are interested in a place, or know of a family who are looking for a nursery place for September, please contact the office.

Grenfell

We will be marking the 6th anniversary at school on the date, June 14th, with a whole-school assembly for pupils and staff. We ask all children to wear uniform,

but with a green ribbon or other green accessory. On the Friday, we'll all wear Green for Grenfell.

Water

All the weather improves, can you please send the kids in with a full **water bottle** that can be brought home, rinsed and refilled to bring back. We don't need any extra plastic in our lives, so a named reusable bottle is the best. The fountains in the playground are always available at all the breaktimes for water. As we know, the RBKC water is some of the world's finest.

Free Arts Activities:

Keep creative in May with the below FREE workshops across London, or some fantastic ideas to use at home.

FREE clay club on weekends at the Tate Britain until 21st May
[Clay Studio | Tate Britain](#)

FREE story space at the Tate Britain Thursdays-Sundays 10-5pm during school holidays
[Story Space | Tate Britain](#)

Photo activities from home- use the NPG resource pack
[TWPPP-seeing-me-seeing-you.pdf \(npg.org.uk\)](#)

Have a look at the NPG portrait video series
[Next Gen - Home \(npg.org.uk\)](#)

Ideas for creative home activities
[Make and create | Stories | National Gallery, London](#)

More crafty home activities at the RA
[Families | Royal Academy of Arts](#)

FREE family workshops at the RA Sundays 21st May and 25th June
[Royal Academy of Arts](#)

FREE 'Alternative' coronation workshop at SAATchi Saturday 6th May 11-4pm
[Talks, Courses, Workshops - Learning - Saatchi Gallery](#)

OFSTED

Many of you will have seen in the news that there has been a growing level of support for reform of the current schools inspection board (OFSTED), following the suicide of a headteacher who received a damning downgrade after an inspection. Please see the email that has gone out today from me and the other heads in RBKC voicing our concerns and the wish for a review of the system. A successful, inclusive and well-loved school like Avondale does not benefit from a looming threat of outside judgement, and all-too-often for schools the inspections (and the fear of inspections) distracts from the business of improving the education and experiences of the children. As a federation, we are eliminating references to OFSTED gradings from our websites and communications. The grading system only pits one school against another, and we are all in the business of helping children to do their best. [Here is the letter](#) from Headteachers in this borough.

Pick-up

Please can we ensure that if your child/ren are being collected by someone who is not the regular person that you contact the office to let them know of the change.

For enhanced security, please give the person collecting a one-word password, and let the office know. This is just a simple way of keeping the children safe and avoiding any delays in collection if we have to phone to verify.

Federation

Federation: the governing boards from Avondale and the Fox Federation both separately and unanimously voted in favour of Avondale and St Anne's joining the Fox Federation. Please see the email today with more details. We are very grateful to our governors for their work on this project. At this stage, our governors were able to opt in to be part of the reformed governing board and three (Peter Bassett, Sarah Abdelmula and James Bracher) elected to do so. This means that the other governors, many of whom have worked on our board for many years, had their last meeting this week. We gave a little something to them to say thanks, but we are very thankful to:

Charlie Manners (chair of governors), Sarah Melville, Annie Newell, Lucy Lubbock, Cassie Goldman, Duncan Peltier, Steffanie Brown, and Dani Witte. Most of them will remain involved in the school through Avondale Extra, voluntary reading and other very generous activities.

Photos from this Week:

Reception's Dinosaur Museum



Reception's amazing Dinosaur Museum in the hall this week!



What a week, more slime time, adventures at forest school, cricket and mini beast cupcake making and honey comb tasting. These nursery children are all experiencing so much.



Year 4 making their cards with moving parts in DT this week



This week, Year 6 had the first of their four sessions working with 'My Bank.' This organisation helps young people understand how to be responsible with money in a fun, engaging way. The children learnt lots and had a great time - they are looking forward to the next three sessions after half term.



Great constructions in Arts and Crafts Club!

CANALSIDE SAFE CAMP

Free sports camp for ages 8-16
 Priority to FREE SCHOOL MEALS

LONDON SPORTS TRUST

MAY-JUNE HALF TERM 2023
TUESDAY 30TH MAY -
FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
10AM-3PM
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Fox Primary School, Kensington Place, W8

Fundraising event

Bargains

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GARAGE SALE

Sunday 11th June
 2pm-4.30pm

Jewellery · Baby, kids & adult clothing · Shoes · Accessories · Toys · Books · Scooters ·

Sporting goods · Household items · Ornaments · Face painting · Coffee · Cakes · Treats & more!



This is a free family art project under the Westway, at Maxilla, set up after Grenfell and funded by Grenfell Recovery funds. Families can sign up online.

<https://www.acava.org/news/flourish-unfold-free-creative-family-workshops-this-may-half-term/>

Next week (wb: 5th June)

Monday	Y6 into university all week
Tuesday	Y1 art project Kripali's to the postal museum School Photos!
Wednesday	Natalie's to Science Museum Hockey coaching
Thursday	
Friday	Nursery tour Y1 Kenyan workshop Natalie's at ST Mary's University Friday assemblies School closes 2.15pm

Summer Term events

Coronation celebration	Su1W3 5 May
KS2 SATS	Su1W4 8-12 May
KS1 SATS	Su1W6 22-23 May
Y4 xtables check	Su2w1 (3 weeks 5 June onwards)
School photos	Su2W1 Tuesday 6 June
Grenfell 6th year anniversary	Su2w2 14 June
Assessments	Su2w3 +4 19 June onwards
Y6 School Journey	Su2W3 21-23 June
RSE week	Su2W4 26-30 June
Avondale's got talent	Su2W4 29 June PM
Y6 jazz workshop	Su2W5+6 (11 July performance)
Summer fair	Su2W5 Friday 7 July
Sports day/s	Su2W7 17 July KS1 + 18 July KS2
Rec Graduation	Su2W7 19 July am
Y6 Graduation/leavers	Su2W7 20 July am
Class parties	Su2W7 21 July

News and reminders (new items in blue, previous items in black)

Food for collection

We've partnered with Sainsbury's via Neighbourly to have a food collection each week on a Friday at 2.15pm. There will be a range of grocery items, some are near date, or best before, others not, and the range may change each time. Please come and collect from under the shelter.

Cost of living

As we know, the costs of everything are ever-increasing. If you are struggling as a family with making ends meet, please have a chat with Michele in case there is anything we can help with.

CPOMS

CPOMS - Child Protection Online Management System- is a digital record that we use for attendance, behaviour and child protection information. 13,000 schools in the UK use this, the largest provider of its type. Schools who have the same system can securely transfer information for children who are leaving or joining. Avondale have been using it for over two years, and it replaces paper-based records. All staff have received training on how to use the system. Information has levels of access, and is secured with two-factor authentication.

School Tours

We offer school tours for prospective parents at 9am. If you know of a family interested in having a look around, please pass on the info. Bookings via the office.

Calendar

A live calendar for school events is found [here](#)

Friday afternoon

School finishes on a Friday at 2.15pm. The full 32.5hrs of schooling is fulfilled during the week. For parents and carers in work or education who have no other childcare, there are a limited number of places and these are allocated following application and at the school's discretion.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all parents that have booked clubs this week. We request that you arrive on time at 4.30pm to collect your child using the main school gate in Gorham Place.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rec/KS1 Football Matt/Tris	Rec/KS1 Multi Skills Tris/Arzu	Rec/KS1 Arts and Crafts Mandy/Tina	Year3/4 Football Matt/Izora	Year1/2 Taekwondo
KS2 Judo Kelly Judo/Alison	KS2 Arts/Crafts Mandy/	Yr5 Football League (selected students) Matt/Alison	Year 4-6 Guitar Joe/Arzu	
	Yr5/6 Football Matt/Alison		Year 5 Dodgeball Laura (selected students)	
	KS1 Drumming Joe/Marie			

	Year 6 Handball @ Fox Michele/Laura (selected students)			
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Please pay on the Schoogateway App or visit the school office if you wish to book.



Stars of the Week



Kripali	Anveer	For settling in so well in our school and class. You've started to show more confidence to use your language and you're already starting to read and write words - keep it up!
Alexa	Aisha	For amazing effort in Phonics this week. You are listening well, showing enthusiasm and challenging yourself. Keep up the good work!
Cassi	Felix	For smashing our class target of improving our independence. Felix always stays on task and puts his all into his work! I've loved reading your writing in English this term. Well done, Felix!
Emily	Adam Q	For trying his best in phonics this week. Adam has just joined us and is already learning our class routines and expectations! Well done Adam, keep up the good work.
Becksy	The Whole Class	For another amazing week in their SATs tests. Well done and be proud of yourself.
Nana	Noah	For a fantastic time with us in Year 2! Noah we have loved teaching you and we are so proud of your progress. Your funny stories and cheeky smile will be missed. Good luck in your new school!
Pippa	Whole Class	What an amazing first Year 3 and year group assembly! You spoke to clearly and confidently, and sung beautifully. We are so proud of you!
George	Whole class	For a fantastic first year group assembly! You all said your lines confidently and clearly!! We are so proud of your hard work! Well done!! From George and Izora
Emma	Abbas	For his positive focused approach to learning every single day! You are a fantastic role model and we look forward to seeing this continue in second half of the Summer term. Well done!
Hanna	Windysel	For showing some fantastic perseverance in your writing this week. You have tried really hard to be more independent with your learning and have produce some wonderful writing. The build up of your story was full of really descriptive language, well done!
Francesca	Kaisar-Rose	For persevering in writing this week. You have thought really carefully about how to make your story exciting and engaging, even though it is challenging. Keep it up!

Jodie	Adam A	For producing some fantastic writing this week. I was so impressed with the build up of your story. It showcased your imagination, your sentence construction and your careful choice of vocabulary. Keep it up!
Tim	Ismaeel	For the effort you have put into all areas of learning this week - especially your narrative writing. I have been extremely impressed with your sentence variety and ambitious vocabulary. Well done!
Natalie	Adna	For producing amazing learning in English this week. You have used ambitious vocabulary to bring your writing to life. At the same time, you always display role model behaviour in all areas of school life! Well done!
Nursery		

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory and all children should be in school unless they are ill. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, I remind parents that they need to contact the school office either by phone: 020 7727 7727 or via the Parent mail App or via email: info@apsafederation.com before the start of the school day.

We are having a real push on attendance and punctuality this year.

Thank you

Winning classes this week:

KS1 Winners:
Alexa's 100%

KS2 Winners:
Hanna's 98.6%

And finally...

Y3 transported us to ancient Egypt this week in their assembly. Their enthusiasm for the learning was really evident- well done to the whole of Y3

Have a lovely half term and enjoy the great weather.

Ben McMullen