

# AVONDALE PARK'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAY: **THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017 - WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2018**

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED IN TERM TIME**

## Events happening in school next week

## News and Reminders

Mon 6Nov	
Tue 7th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Time to Talk' Parents Workshop: 9.00am</li> <li>-Y5 taking part in Astrodome workshop</li> <li>-Y6 taking part in Maya Workshop</li> <li>-Y4 visiting Marylebone School taking part in Science Workshops</li> <li>-Nursery Governors' Committee: 10.00am</li> <li>-Y5 Play rehearsal: 3.15-5.00pm</li> </ul>
Wed 8th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Forest School for groups from Reception classes</li> <li>-Vicki Evans, Educational Psychologist, visiting school</li> <li>-PSED workshop for Nursery Parents: 9.15am</li> <li>-Parent Rep Meeting: 2.15pm</li> <li>-Governors' Finance Committee Meeting: 5.00pm</li> </ul>
Thurs 9th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Governors visiting classrooms to observe Teaching and Learning</li> <li>-Y6 Height and Weight checks</li> <li>-Oak Nursery Class Family Day at Forest school: 9.30am. All parents and siblings of children in Oak class are warmly invited</li> <li>-Willow Nursery Class Family Day at Forest School : 1.15pm All parents and siblings of children in Willow class are warmly invited</li> <li>-Daisy's Y4 Class Assembly: 2.55pm. All parents/carers of children in her class are warmly invited</li> <li>-Y5 Play rehearsal: 3.15-5.00pm</li> </ul>
Fri 10th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bi-lingual Book Club in Nursery: 9.00am</li> <li>-Y3 classes out to Basquiat Art Exhibition at The Barbican</li> <li>-Artist,Jasmin Bhanji leading an art project with children in Nursery classes</li> </ul>

### CONGRATULATIONS

We were treated to a great assembly this week from Emma's Year 3 Class on Scavengers and Settlers. We were stunned with the amount of information they gave us on the Stone Age and Iron Age; and impressed with the confidence shown in their first class assembly in Key Stage 2. Well done to you all!

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Can I remind parents that all children should be in school every day on time unless they are ill. Already there are some children with low attendance so early on in the year and the evidence is very strong that good attendance at school correlates to high attainment. Please ensure that you do not take your children out of school in term time as we have thirteen weeks school holiday each year. KS2 children should be in the playground by 8.50am each morning ready to go to their classes for early work; and KS1 children should be in the playground at 8.55am, ready to go up to classes with their teacher at 9.00am. Nursery and Reception children should be in the playground by 9.00am I ask that all parents make every effort to ensure that they meet these statutory requirements.

### ADVICE REGARDING BONFIRE NIGHT

We always remind children at this time of year about keeping safe on Bonfire Night; but this year, we are aware that some children and families affected by the fire in Grenfell Tower may find being around bonfires and fireworks difficult. The attached letter describes some of the potentially difficult effects of being around bonfires and fireworks and gives extended hours for The Grenfell Outreach (NHS) Team on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. For those of you planning to go celebrate Bonfire Night, have a lovely time and keep safe.

### PARENTS EVENINGS

A reminder to parents that our first Parents Evenings of the year will be taking place Monday 13, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Teachers will be sending home appointment slips early next week so please makes sure you return them to request your preferred day and time.

### ATTENDANCE

16/10/2017 - 20/10/2017

The overall figure for the school for the week before half term was **95.4%** which is **below** our target of **96%**

**The best two classes last week were:**

Best attendance in KS1 for last week was

**Colette's Year 1 – 98.8%**

Best attendance in KS2 for last week was:

**Nick's Year 5 – 100%**

### Music Club on Saturday Morning

Anthony and Melissa s who run the mini clarinet club on Friday pm at Avondale are setting up a Saturday morning music club to be based in the area, in Notting hill Prep School on Lancaster road opposite the library.They are inviting children from Avondale to join so if you are interested, please ask at the school office. It will be £10 per term.



# Stars of the week

## A huge well done to you all!



<b>Stephanie's Reception</b>	<b>ANITA</b> – For always listening to the adults and tidying up fantastically and being a caring and kind friend! Well done!
<b>Kripali's Reception</b>	<b>MAYA</b> – For growing in confidence to speak in front of others and use full sentences when answering questions – well done!
<b>Tricia's Year 1</b>	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> – For their excellent sharing of knowledge in our toy workshop. The curator was so impressed, she thought you could all work at the museum. Well done Year 1!
<b>Colette's Year 1</b>	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> – For your wonderful behaviour on the class trip to the museum and your excellent contributions during the workshop.
<b>Katie's Year 2</b>	<b>ANIA</b> – For your amazing description this week. You have included so many excellent features in your writing and we are all very proud of you.
<b>Alexa's Year 2</b>	<b>RAYYAN</b> – For a super first half term at Avondale! You have settled in so well and worked hard to follow out expectations! You are a great friend and we are all so pleased that you come to Avondale!
<b>Emma's Year 3</b>	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> – For their amazing informative exit point. You re-created an incredible museum and we were all so proud of the knowledge and skills you have learnt about the stone age to the iron age.
<b>Rebecca's Year 3</b>	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> – For showing fantastic behaviour on our trip – you were all so engaged and helpful and made it a fantastic day out!
<b>Julia's Year 4</b>	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> – For an amazing class assembly! You all performed so well and it was so lovely to see you all smiling and enjoying yourself!
<b>Daisy's Year 4</b>	<b>ALI</b> – For performing well in his Mathematics test class during assessment week
<b>Nick's Year 5</b>	<b>MUHAMMAD</b> – For showing that when he gets his head down and focusses he can produce amazing work and set an exemplary attitude
<b>Francesca's Year 5</b>	<b>BRENNE</b> – For being such a good friend to others and helping in any way possible. Well done.
<b>Tim/Mary's Year 6</b>	<b>SIDNEY</b> – For the fantastic learning you produced during our 'Out of Africa' IPC project.
<b>Russell's Year 6</b>	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> – For a fantastic effort to put on a very informative and well presented assembly. Well done!

### "IN IT TO WIN IT" ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARD

#### THE WINNER FOR LAST WEEK

**Tiziana Formoso: Stephaine's Reception**  
**Mujtaba : Year 5 Nick**



#### Headteacher's Award



A huge thank you to our Y5 School Councillors, Olive Corky-Ireland, Roon Guled, Mujtaba Mohamed and Zaiynideen Dabous-Ziana who welcomed a large group of visitors this week. They were polite, helpful and excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done to you all!

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02 November 2017

Dear Parent,

**Support available during the Guy Fawkes Night weekend**

We're about to have Guy Fawkes Night, a weekend of fireworks and bonfires. Many people, especially children, are expected to take part.

However, some people may find this difficult, finding it revives traumatic, frightening memories. We're advising everyone to be aware of this and decide what they want to do. Many will not want to participate, but some will.

Traumatic memories can be revived by many sensations: a sight, a smell, a noise. These can trigger a response that takes people back to difficult times. Stress can trigger a release of adrenaline and the body's 'fight or flight' defence system. If you or your child are affected, you may feel your breathing change, your heart rate increase, and your awareness heighten.

If you or your child do experience feelings like this, please remember: **although panic attacks are frightening, they're not dangerous.** An attack won't cause you any physical harm, and it's unlikely that you'll be admitted to hospital if it happens.

If you or your child should be affected by a panic attack:

- Stay where you are, if possible
- Breathe slowly and deeply
- Remind yourself that the attack will pass
- Focus on positive, peaceful and relaxing images
- Remember it isn't life threatening

If you find it difficult, you can phone our 24-hour service – **0800 0234 650** – to talk to trained people who can help you through it.

The Grenfell Outreach (NHS) Team are working on Sunday 5 November with increased hours, from 10am to 11pm. We're at The Curve from 10am until it closes at 6pm, and also have a roaming team of senior staff and therapists.

You can call the Outreach Team on the day on **020 8962 4393**.

Regards,

Grenfell Health & Wellbeing Programme