



Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school was awash with regal celebration today. The kids looked great in their red, white and blue party outfits, the school hall was decked out in a thousand flags. Even the most steely-hearted republicans were somewhat moved by the pageantry. The children decorated their own gingerbread kings, biscuits and cakes, and everyone had a go at that most monarchical of activities: double-dutch skipping. See pictures below.

Parent Governor Positions:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the reconstitution of our Board to include Avondale Primary School and St Anne's and Avondale Nursery, we will be running an election for 2 parent Governor positions on the Fox Federation Board. Please see the link below for nominations for this election.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsg6Hqv-CslbJqsOWHzT5laBNBQ8CX3hbiVSBkjIGSaJ8xLA/viewform>

All parents or carers of registered pupils at the schools are eligible to stand for election.

We will be electing **two Parent Governors in total** across the Federation schools. You can find more information about the position in the nomination form.

Please submit this form by **4pm on Wednesday 17th May**. Paper forms are also available at each of the school offices.

Voting will open at 9am on the 22nd May and close at 4pm on 26th May.

The new parents Governors will be invited to the Full Governing Body meeting at 5pm on 15th June 2023 at Fox Primary School.

If you have any questions about the role or the process, please contact the Chair of the Fox Governing Board, Jodie Terry: chair@foxfederation.co.uk

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.

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 \(npg.org.uk\)](http://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](#)

[Previous Notices:](#)

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.

Links to recent news articles:

<https://www.tes.com/magazine/news/general/ofsted-school-inspections-pause-ruth-perry>

Headteacher's reflection on the process of undergoing an Ofsted inspection:

<https://twitter.com/75ThunderRoad/status/1637769239783251973?t= uFKFtOVNY3lyjnpxfS8Ew6s=08>

[Geoff Barton Sky News | 21 March 2023](#)

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:



Amazing outfits and cake decorating today!



Thanks to JumpLDN for brilliant double dutch skipping sessions!

Next week

Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	SATS Week begins: GPS
Wednesday	SATS: reading Becky's to Matilda Hockey coaching
Thursday	SATS: maths 1+2 Science Dome (Y3+5)
Friday	SATS: maths 3 Friday assemblies School closes 2.15pm

Summer Term events

Coronation celebration KS	Su1W3 5 May
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; here are the next dates. 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)			

Please pay on the ParentMail App or visit the school office if you wish to book.



No Stars of the Week this week due to the coronation action



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:
Cassi's 95.8%
KS2 Winners:
Pippa's 96.4%**

And finally...

If you are watching the festivities, enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend- see you on Tuesday.

Ben McMullen