

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and are now settled back into the routine of school after our first week back.

I trust that you received my letter last week informing you that assessment reports will be coming home this week. I can confirm that these will be sent to you, via your child, on Friday 28th April 2017.

Also a reminder that key external assessments will take place as follows:

KS2 SATs Week – w/b 8th May 2017
KS1 SATs Week – w/b 15th May 2017
Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests – w/b 12th June 2017

Timetables and relevant information should now have been sent to you via your child's class teacher. If you require any further information do see them at the end of the day.

You will also receive the termly Parent Calendar this week, which gives the overview if all dates of events and trips between now and July 2017.

Wishing you a lovely week ahead.

Ian Doswell

Year 4 trip to Oxford University

On Thursday last week, Year 4 made a visit to Oxford University, as part of our Pencil Project that Miss Vellacott has been working on in school. The Pencil Project has been started to promote the children's understanding and experience of life after Ark Academy – what we refer to as their pathways for the future. As you know, it is Ark's mission to be able to give each child the opportunity to succeed at the university or career of their choice, regardless of their starting point. By highlighting the many pathways that exist for the children in their futures we are enabling them to have high and real aspirations.



The Pencil Project started with Miss Vellacott contacting many of the top universities in the country and asking for some of their branded pencils. We had responses from Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick and Nottingham to name a few and the children only use these very special pencils when they undertake their very special termly assessments. The next step has been to reach out to universities and give the children the opportunity to visit them so they gain an understanding of what a university is and hopefully inspire them to want to attend in the future. By all accounts it really was a fantastic day and we are very grateful to Oxford for their time and dedication to the children. Year 6 will also visit Oxford in June and there are plans in place for other year groups to visit different universities in the coming months.



Well done Year 4 and to Miss Vellacott for an excellent trip.

Termly Core Value Awards

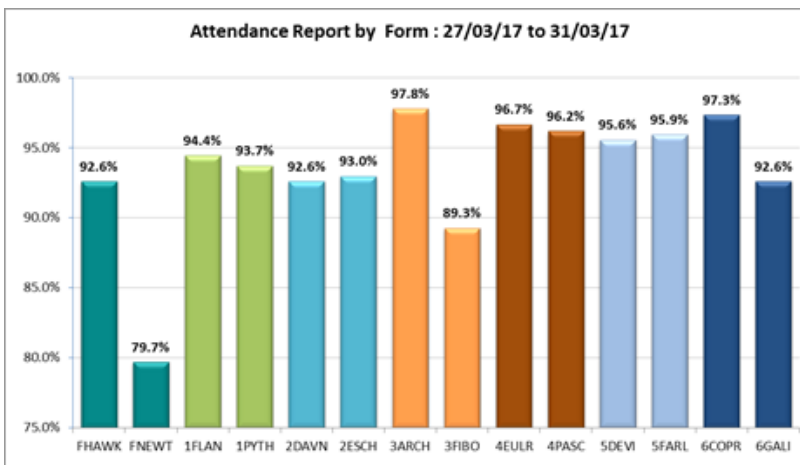
class	Persistence	Participation	Excellence	Civitas
Newton	Ilyas Moussari	Siddharth Sandeep	Rukaya Ali	Niyah Johnson
Hawking	Kevin Toth	Haytham Qamar	Ryan Maharjan	Karimi Furqan
Pythagoras	Soraya Pereira	Nicholas Tavares Marques Monteiro	Yashay Maheshwary	Rakeab Seifu
Flannery	Alexander Wilson Campbell	Kiara Fernandes	Hind Abdelatti	Ridwan Elmi
Escher	Stefan Peterman	Johara Grzeziczak	Amirdhini Balaji	Ritesh Patel
Da Vinci	Zoya Karim	Dana Mohammad	Bilal Saleem	Norman Bogar
Fibonacci	Zion Mangaru	Shaurya Bhatt	Myriam Azam	Nethuyma Panditha
Archimedes	Ikenna Ogbusi	Tyrese Austin Hunt	Dhiviya Balachandran	Sasha Okpalajiaku
Euler	Eniola Opedou	Amina Abderrahmane	Zakariya Hicham	Sophia Timothy
Pascal	Hemil Patel	Lee'rna Rivers Benoit-Parkins	Samuel Sarfo	Shagira Sellathurai
Farley	Doren Bogar	Zahraa Alshaibani	Maryam Jalout	Mugdha Battula
Devi	Ria Jethwa	Celestina Aryee	Salma Metwaly	Temi Olowoniyi
Copernicus	Priyansha Bakshi	Mark Douglas	Mohammad Sheikh	Nitya Srivastava
Galileo	Zahra Moosa	Jayden Appiah	Ghofran Grzeziczak	Patryk Rekawic

ATTENDANCE

As you will know, our attendance has been excellent during the Spring term, with most weeks hitting or exceeding our target of 97%. During our Celebration Assembly last week we recognised all of those children who had achieved 100% attendance during the Spring term and they received certificates. All of the names of these children then went into our termly draw and I am pleased to announce that the winners were as follows:

EYFS/KS1 - Filip Tandaric (Year 2 Da Vinci)
KS2 - Mayar Al-Naimy (Year 3 Fibonacci)

Both children received a £10 Amazon Voucher.



Sadly, our attendance went down to 93% in the final week of last term. This is a real shame as our overall attendance for the term will be affected by this and we will be under target. We will be investigating the absence of each child during this week so that we can identify specific reasons for the low figure and I will report these to you next week. We will also be holding attendance surgeries again this term for parents of those children whose attendance is below target and causing concern.

Well done to Year 3 Archimedes for exceeding target during this week. Please ensure your child is in school every day and arrives at school on time. This is especially important for those children who will be undertaking external tests in the coming weeks.

