



# Ark Academy Primary Newsletter

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Issue 5

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the half term holiday there are a number of events and meeting opportunities that we hope you will be able to join us for, this week and next week.

### Parent Consultations

You will have received a letter this week that invites you to our Autumn Parent Consultation evenings on either Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October or Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This is a very important and useful time for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their current attainment and progress, along with how they have settled into their new year group. Please complete and return the appointment slip in later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October so that your child's teacher can make a suitable appointment for you.

### Engaging with your child's reading and reading record

To ensure all of our children are receiving high quality reading experiences, we have decided to take a whole school approach to our use of reading records for pupils who have completed the phonics program. We ask that parents/carers read with their children and sign their reading record on 5 separate evenings per week, indicating what pages have been read and if there were any notes to communicate. This would ideally be done on Monday - Friday, but given the everyday demands of families, we felt that it is important to give you the flexibility to decide on which 5 nights suit. Teachers will then check for the 5 signatures indicating the completed reading sessions on Monday, at the same time they check spelling tests that have been signed. Please support your child by ensuring their book is signed regularly. Reading is a fundamental element of life in Ark Academy, it is only with genuine partnership that we can deliver on the outcomes our children deserve. We look forward to our work together on this.

### Raising funds for Library Books

We will be holding a Primary Fundraising Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. All proceeds from this day will go towards buying new reading books to support your child's home reading. We will invite all children to come to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1 and we will be holding an afternoon sponsored Readathon. Your child will be asked to read for a sustained period of time, suitable for their age, and we ask that you assist them in collecting sponsorship for this. We will also be inviting you, their parent/carer, to join us for the session to read with your child if you are available. We will be selling refreshments (cakes and hot chocolate) which you and your child can purchase in readiness for cosying down and enjoy reading as part of the Readathon. A letter and sponsorship form will be sent home before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this fun end to the half term and, whether you can join us or not, we hope that you will be able to support your child in collecting sponsors to enable us to buy lots of new reading books for the school.

Ian Doswell  
Headteacher

### Attendance

KS1	
FHAWK	94.17
FNEWT	90.83
1FLAN	95.56
1PYTH	96.67
2DAVN	98.89
2ESCH	97.22

KS2	
3ARCH	100.00
3FIBO	95.00
4EULR	99.41
4PASC	94.72
5DEVI	94.09
5FARL	95.28
6COPR	92.50
6GALI	93.01

Keeping high attendance in the school is vitally important for the success of our students. Please ensure you make non urgent appointments e.g. to the dentist in the school holidays or after school.

**Well done Archimedes class for 100% attendance this week! Keep it up!!**

### KS2 Art competition

Thank you to all those who entered the art competition. The standard was very high and made the judging very difficult. We are pleased to announce the winners were:

**Zion—Pascal  
Faraday — Devi  
Zina—Copernicus  
Eleina—Euler**

*Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Ian Doswell, or Peter Watkins in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.*

## CORE VALUE AWARDS

Pythagoras	Nadia	Soraya	Vithujan	Ayaan
Flannery	Subhan	Sergiu	Noah	Hind
Escher	Reem	Neel	Shamiksha	Johara
Fibonacci	Zakariya	Yvonne	Aarish	Myriam
Archimedes	Tanisi	Faith	Ali	Tyler
Euler	Charlotte	Zakariah	Karen	Flavia
Pascal	Omari	Desire	Faheema	Alexander
Farley	Amanda	Victoria	Abdallah	Zaid
Devi	Mathusan	Kyanna	Celestina	Jumanah
Copernicus	Aditya	Gabriela	Daiana	Krish
Galileo	Hadi	Saleem	Emilia	Azka
Headteacher Award	Taabish (Year 1)			

## Year 6 African masks workshop



Please be reminded that the school will be closed for staff training on the following days next term.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Both Year 6 classes had the opportunity to create wooden masks from tribes from the Ivory Coast. These masks turned out to be incredible with lots of extremely colourful patterns. After this we learned a delightful dance routine. There is no doubt that it was a very fun activity.

*Aditya Galileo*

## Events happening at Brent library

**Family Learning Festival Wonderful World:** Monday 24th, Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th October 2.30pm—4.30pm. Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

**Celebrate the 150th birthday of Beatrix Potter:** Thursday 27th October 2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Make a Creepy Haunted House:** Friday 28th October 2.30-3.30pm

**Maggie the Dragon Snap Happy Heathy Teeth workshop:** Tuesday 8th November 10.30am - 11am. Suitable for under 5's

**Make a Christmas tree wand:** Friday 16th December 10.30am—11.30am. Christmas fun for the under 5's.

## Harvest Food Bank Appeal

Miss Burke, Miss Taylor and the Year 1 children are hoping to collect as much non-perishable food as part of their Harvest "Civitas" project. This is an excellent idea that will help all of the children, as well as the Year 1 pupils, learn about supporting those less fortunate. All donated food will be given to the Brent Food Bank who will distribute the food around the area where it is most needed. The teachers have sent a letter to you all explaining how to donate but please be reminded that all donated foods must be either tinned or dried and must be within the sell by date shown on the item. All donations should be brought to school no later than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Please see Miss Burke or Miss Taylor in Year 1 if you require further guidance about what to donate.