

Dear Parents / Carers,

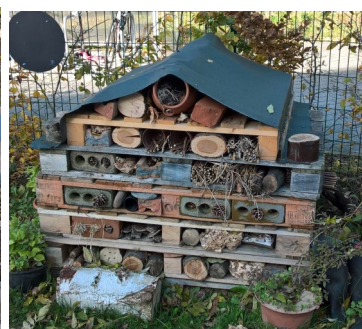
Welcome back to the start of our next half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a very enjoyable and restful week. As always, the children have returned positively and have made a great start to their learning this week.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the lunch served on Monday. As you were aware, despite the secondary school being closed, we remained open as Primary will have their training day on 14th November 2016, when all staff will attend the next session of Talk for Writing training. With secondary closed, we could only provide a sandwich (packed) lunch for the children, which appeared to be well received by the children. Full lunch service has now resumed for the rest of the term.

We held two very successful and enjoyable parent consultation evenings before half term and it was lovely to see and meet with so many of you. These sessions are invaluable in strengthening and maintaining our home/school partnership and I trust that you found the time to meet with your child's class teacher useful. During these evenings, it was brought to my attention that some parents are unsure of methods and language in mathematics lessons. The methods we use at Ark are on the website under: Primary – Primary Curriculum – Mathematics Mastery.

I would also like to say an enormous thank you for the incredible support we received during the fundraising day on Friday 21st October. Our Readathon, dress down day and cake sale helped to raise in excess of £1700, which will support our purchase of new home reading books in the coming months. A final figure is yet to be calculated, as we still have money coming in. Once I have this amount I will share it with you in a future newsletter.

You may have also noticed the new climbing frame in the Reception playground, which we were able to buy following your generous support during International Day. With the hard work of Mrs Harrison and her mother, Miss Devlin and Mrs Evan's husband, we have also been able to create the mud kitchen and bug hotel, which I know the children enjoy using immensely in their learning. A big thank you to them! I would also like to thank you on behalf of the children and staff; we are genuinely so grateful, and extremely touched, by the generosity you show the school on a regular basis.



Dates for the rest of this term have been included in this newsletter, but with Christmas fast approaching we will also be confirming the dates of concerts and celebrations in next week's newsletter.

Ian Doswell
Primary Headteacher

Art competition



We are pleased to announce that the winner of the Art Competition was Faraday Walsh from Year 5. Faraday joined the Art teachers in secondary, along with the other winners across the school, to work on a large version of his winning entry. We are looking forward to this being displayed in the Primary hall very soon. Well done Faraday!!

Attendance

Well done for Euler for getting the highest percentage attendance for the week before half term.

Keep up the good work Euler!!

CLASS	%		
		3ARCH	98.21
		3FIBO	97.88
		4EULR	99.49
		4PASC	91.84
		5DEVI	96.92
		5FARL	93.59
		6COPR	93.59
		6GALI	92.82
		TOTAL	95.97
1FLAN	96.67		
1PYTH	98.46		
2DAVN	98.97		
2ESCH	95.64		
FHAWK	94.63		
FNEWT	95.13		

Core Value Awards

Pythagoras	Yashay	Rakeab	Eeman	Aliyah
Flannery	Layla	Diya	Ashrita	Etna
Escher	Hollie	Ilyas	Ritesh	Irtiqa
Da Vinci	Filip	Daliana-Debra	Ahmed	Angelika
Fibonacci	Fatima	Toby	Mayar	Sajad
Archimedes	Insia	Sasha	Pavel	Amy
Euler	Jemima	La'Rae	Eniola	Jahrell
Pascal	Helan	Cavan Nash Pinheiro	Alizah	Hannah
Farley	Adam	Prabhjot	Hibah	Samreen
Devi	Hasina	Tinsae	Mahek	Faraday
Copernicus	Gursimran	Rahul	Zina	Misha
Galileo	Abigail	Sienna	Ryan	Warsame
Headteacher Award	Abigail - year 6			

Future dates

Friday 4th November	Financial sessions for Year 5 and 6 (in school)
Monday 7th November	Year 5 trip to Museum of London
Monday 14th November	Staff Training Day – school closed
W/c Tuesday 15th November	Anti Bullying week
Friday 25th November	Staff Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 29th November	Year 6 Junior Citizenship
Wednesday 30th November	NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe day
Thursday 1st December	Year 4 trip to Living Rainforest
Monday 5th - Friday 9th December	Assessment week
Monday 5th - Monday 12th December	Book Fair
Friday 9th December	Staff Training Day – school closed
Monday 12th December	Carol concert to Kenbrook Nursing home (TBC)
Tuesday 13th December	Lost property drop in (8.15am and 3.30pm)
Friday 16th December	Last Day of term – school closes at 12pm
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school