



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 Wild Science Visit

Year 4 had some surprise visitors last week when they came face to face with a domesticated rat and other mammals. The organisation Wild Science brought the rat, named Pinky, to visit the children because Year 4 are studying the book “**I was a Rat**”, by Philip Pullman, in which a rat wakes up one day as a boy.

An expert from Wild Science also showed the children a hedgehog, a rabbit, a gerbil and a guinea pig, and explained their different habitats and how they are classified, to link in with this term’s Year 4 science topic.



Safeguarding at Oval

It is a school’s statutory duty to have an appointed Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). This is a ‘named person’ within the school that is responsible for the safeguarding of the children who attend the school.

At Ark Oval our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Bramson and Mrs Whitehurst is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



The key aspects of their role involve making sure that staff are aware of their responsibilities around safeguarding, monitoring children as required and referring any concerns the school may have to social care. The school has its own Safeguarding Policy which sets out all their roles and responsibilities in more detail which is available on the school website.

Another aspect of their role at Ark Oval is to provide parents and children with pastoral and welfare support when families may be experiencing difficulties. They are supported in this by Anthony Powell our School and Family Keyworker.

If you are concerned about any aspect of your child’s home or school life and would like to talk these through with a member of staff please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us by emailing k.bramson@arkovalprimary.org

School Photographs – 4th and 11th May

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2

Please note the above classes will have their Class School Photograph taken on **Friday 4th May**.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Please note the above classes will have their Class School Photograph taken on **Friday 11th May**.

Full school uniform must be worn.

If your child has PE on that day please can you send them to school in full school uniform and trainers.

Summer Fair

We would still be grateful to hear from any parents that would be happy to support us with the Summer Fair which is happening on Saturday 23rd June, especially on the day setting up and running stalls. If you could help please email Miss Bramson on k.bramson@arkovalprimary.org

Donations

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask for donations of cuddly toys and second hand school uniform (which we would ask are in good WASHED condition). If you are able to help with donations of either of these please bring them to the school office.

Mufti-days

As for the Christmas Fair we will be holding 2 mufti-days to support us with the organisation of the Summer Fair. The 1st mufti-day will be on **Friday 25th May** with the donation being £1.00.

The 2nd mufti-day will be on **Friday 15th June** – with the donation being a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner. Working hours 2.5 hours per day (3.30pm-6.00pm) 12.5 hours per week term time plus 3 weeks. Please put expressions of interest in writing, and hand into the office.

Best Wishes

Ali Silke Principal

Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Event
Tuesday 1 st May 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 3 rd May	SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS
Friday 4 th May	Class School Photograph for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 8 th May at 2:45pm	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Wednesday 9 th May 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 11 th May	Class School Photograph for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 25 th May	Mufti Day - £1.00 donation please. School breaks up normal time
Tuesday 5 th June at 8:30am	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Friday 15 th June	Mufti Day – bottles for the bottle tombola
Saturday 23 rd June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 18 th July	Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	School breaks up 1.30pm

Attendance awards

From Monday 16th April to Friday 20th April 2018

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Gill Class**

The highest attending class in KS2 was: **Perkins Class**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 27th April 2018

Our Value week beginning 16th April was **Aim High**

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly. Well done!

**BLAKE
O'KEEFFE
SEUSS
BOWIE
GILL
WONDER
POTTER
ROSEN
ZEPHANIAH
HILL
LEWIS
WEIR
DARWIN
HAWKING
LOVELACE
DAVIS
PERKINS
PARKS
MANDELA**

Dylan Turner
Sebastian Marcolin
Keianna Chambers
Aryan Patel
Chase Kilby-Whelan
Izaan Urothody
Siddharth Pandey
Isaac Bewketu
Anthonia George-Taylor
Stacey Davilar
Aleksy Kowal
Layla Sullivan
Maksymilian Milczanowski
Gunjan Tripathy
Taylor Straker
Shaila Pio De Souza
Chyanne Powell
Sahel Moradi
Kyle Ronaldo Lewis

Wet Dismissal Arrangements

- Potter and Rosen classes are dismissed from the door opposite the music room.
- Zephaniah and Lovelace classes are dismissed from the main door of the old building.
- Hawking and Darwin classes are dismissed from the main building stairwell.
- Year 1 and Year 3 classes are dismissed from the hall of the old building.

Thursday 3rd May

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