



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy but successful half term.

YEAR 2 SCIENTISTS AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 2 have been on an exciting trip this week to the Science Museum, to learn more about their Space topic. Huge thanks as always, to the parent volunteers who helped out on the day. The children have also done some great English work linked to this topic, using the book "Man on the Moon, a day in the life of Bob" by Simon Bartram.



ARK OVAL CHOIR THOROUGHLY ENJOY PERFORMING ARK SCHOOLS SINGING EVENT.



ARK ACADEMY SCHOOLS PROVIDE OUTSTANDING TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS(NQTs).

Following an OFSTED inspection in November, of our training and development of our NQTs, the report has been published and I am pleased to say has graded Ark Schools network as outstanding in every area. The area for development identified the need to share the good practice of London schools with those in other parts of the country. This week, we were visited by NIPT (National Induction Panel for Teachers) on a quality assurance visit to assess the progress and development of our 4 NQTs and thought I should share the feedback:

"I am really pleased with NQT provision and progression within the school, and particularly



impressed with how reflective all four teachers are as NQTs, how eager they are to develop, their reflections from peer observations/professional development and also the quality of mentoring within the school. Huge thanks go to all NQTs for their hard work and commitment but also to Hayley Francis, Angela Batchelor and Georgina Butac in their mentoring roles.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 Vouchers Are Back!

Please can you donate any Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's so that we can exchange them for cooking and sports equipment for our school. It would be appreciated if you could also ask your family and friends to collect the vouchers. ***Please drop your vouchers by 25th June 2017 in the box which is located in the School Reception Area.***

TERM DATES FOR 2017 to 2018

The term dates and INSET days have now been agreed with Ark Central Office as follows:

Autumn 1 Mon 11th Sept-Fri 20th Oct

Autumn 2 Mon 30th Oct-Weds 20th Dec

Spring 1 Weds 3rd Jan to Fri 9th Feb

Spring 2 Mon 19th Feb to Thurs 29th March

Summer 1 Mon 16th April – Fri 25th May

Summer 2 Mon 4th June – Fri 20th July

INSET DAYS SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Sept 2017 inclusive

Fri 8th December 2017

Thurs 21st Dec 2017

Tues 2nd Jan 2018

Fri 16th March 2018

Fri 6th July 2018

Please ensure that, when booking holidays, they are not during term time, as I'm afraid these cannot be authorized.

PUNCTUALITY IMPROVES AT ARK OVAL

I want to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers, for being so pro-active in getting your children to school on time, so they can start their learning promptly at 8.30. It has made a real difference to children and teachers alike. Year 4 discussed this improvement, and how grateful we are to parents for helping to make this happen. During the discussion, they made some really insightful comments regarding how they feel when they are late, or when others are late, which I thought it would be good to share. Rest assured, we always make it clear to children that it is not their fault if they are late.

Quotes on being late themselves:

"I feel frightened because I might miss something and embarrassed because everyone looks at you."

"I panic and get nervous because I will miss something and know that everyone is saying in their heads, 'why are you late?'"

"It is like a heavy weight on my shoulders and I cry inside of me because I know I won't get an award for 100% attendance"

"I feel humiliated and my heart starts to pound because when I go into the classroom everybody is looking at me and there are 29 of them and only one of me."

Quotes on other children being late:

"I feel sorry for them because there are so many eyes staring at them and they must feel lonely."

"It affects our attendance and we might not get the attendance cup."

I and the Ark Oval team, would like to wish you a very happy and restful half term break with your families and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February as there is no INSET day. Thank you as always, for working with us in partnership, in the interests of your child's progress and well-being.

Best wishes

Ali Silke
Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week beginning 30th

January was **Scholarship**

The following children demonstrated this value and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Viyana Bedir
Warwick	Zoe Siu
Bath	Kaysea Calou
Manchester	Rhythm Arora
York	Hamza Safi
Roehampton	Archit Singh
Exeter	Calum Poon
Liverpool	Shourya Singh
Winchester	Yutika Khergamkar
Canterbury	Oliver Bailey
Brighton	Taliah Lewis
Dundee	Klerson Harizi
Durham	Katie Tanner
Aberdeen	Umm-E-Raumaan Ali
Glasgow	Andreea-Mihaela Raduta
Westminster	Kezia Vickneswarakumaran
Oxford	Louis Wiltshire
Cambridge	Jia Xing Li

Our SPIRIT value of the week is: **Independence**

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

Swansea	Naomi Dawodu
Warwick	Eshaal Khan
Bath	Nayarah Campbell
Manchester	Daisy Stone
York	Shaylah-Marie Wallace
Roehampton	Bhinoya Illanthirayan
Exeter	Lawrence Ogieriakhi
Liverpool	Dante Ojeda
Winchester	Ka-marly McTaggart-Lecky
Canterbury	Krystal Wells
Brighton	Karen Elsey
Dundee	Sahar Akbari
Durham	Dayton Mwangi
Aberdeen	Suhas Thadakamalla
Glasgow	Jiya Patel
Westminster	Pranesh Ramesh
Oxford	Tahirah Kibuye
Cambridge	Ritchie Mwamengo

Recent attendance awards

From Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Warwick**

The highest attending class in KS2 was:

Canterbury

These classes displayed the attendance cups proudly this week.

From Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Warwick**

The highest attending class in KS2 is: **Brighton**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until the following week.

Congratulations to:

Warwick and Brighton

Who achieved the highest attendance from

5th January – 10th February 2017

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE HALF TERM BREAK FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF
Monday 20th February 2016

INSET DAY School closed

Friday 17th March

END OF TERM

Friday 31st March 1.15pm

FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE EASTER BREAK FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF

Tuesday 18th April