



NEWSLETTER Issue 26

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From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 had a great time last week with a visit from Charlie, a Chilean Rose Tarantula to link with their English work around the wonderful Book Charlotte's Web. Maci in Brighton class gave an amazing presentation about her pet which was so informative and interesting it was like having a professional zookeeper in school!



The children have done some great non-chronological reports as a result of the special visit.

School Uniform

Thank you, to all of you, who ensure that your children's school uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Please could all parents and carers ensure that they do this, so that found items can be returned to the rightful owner. As the weather will (hopefully) get warmer over the Summer term there could be as many as 557 jumpers being taken off in class or in the playground.

Big Week in Year 6

I am really proud of our Year 6 children who came in early for the first day of SATs week this morning and enjoyed breakfast together before sitting their reading test. I and the Ark Oval team are so grateful for all the support you have given your children during this time. You may have heard in the news about the greater challenge of the new curriculum (introduced in 2014) and the tests that were introduced last year. What makes



them tricky is that, these children have only been learning the new curriculum for 3 years.

We were really impressed by the children this morning, in the way they took the test in their stride. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them well for the rest of the week.

Spirit Value Focus for this week: Thankfulness

Green dojos and spirit awards will be given this week to children who show that “We are thankful for the opportunity to transform our dreams into goals.”

Examples of how thankfulness can be demonstrated are as follows:

We are thankful for our rich and diverse school community and show this by valuing everyone regardless of race, gender, faith, or ability.

We take time to show appreciation through events, celebrations, rewards and praise.

We are thankful for support and seek opinions of others.

We listen and respond to advice to help us achieve our goals.

I hope you all have a great week.

Best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week was

Independence

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

Swansea	Tanisha Narayan
Warwick	Aryan Patel
Bath	Kaysea Calou
Manchester	Fern Tucker-Lee
York	Giorgi Pertaia
Roehampton	Nethula Kaluthanthrige
Exeter	Medina Habibullah
Liverpool	Sreiya Umapathysivam
Winchester	Rebeca Bernardis
Canterbury	Pedro Selvatici
Brighton	Natalyia Riley-Foster
Dundee	Maci Hughes
Durham	Yaqub Obaid
Aberdeen	Renim Hagos
Glasgow	Demariuse Davidson-Campbell
Westminster	Mykala Talbot
Oxford	Hassanatu Jalloh
Cambridge	Hooria Rehman

This week's attendance awards



From Monday 2nd May to Friday 5th May 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Liverpool**

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

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 12th May 2017