



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 did themselves proud, last week, and really did their best, during SATs week.

Geography at Ark Oval

Year one have been learning lots of interesting facts about Antarctica in the freezing South Pole.



Their English work has been linked to geography by reading the lovely book *The Emperor's Egg* to help them learn about the features of an information text, both as readers and writers.



In contrast, Year 4 have been learning about St. Lucia, a somewhat warmer location! They too, have been doing a great job writing information leaflets about St Lucia.



Big Family Picnic

We are thrilled to report that we have been allocated funding by Croydon to receive funding for a Big Family Picnic event on Friday 16th June from 2:30 to 5pm for all Ark Oval families. Finger food and fun activities will be provided for the children and tea, coffee and cake will be provided for the adults. It will be a great way to celebrate getting the field back together, and kick off our fabulous Summer Fayre weekend.

So do get the date in the diary now – Friday 16th June at 2:30. We look forward to seeing you there. If you can only arrive at usual pick time of 3:30 that's fine. After school club will run as usual.

**Spirit Value Focus for this week:
Perseverance**

Green dojos and spirit awards will be given this week to children who show that they never give up even when they find something difficult. They will be given to children, who demonstrate that they embrace challenge, because they know that pushing ourselves makes us better and we can always improve and achieve more.

It was lovely hearing year 2 children, chatting excitedly on their way into school yesterday as they were due to sit their first SATs paper. These papers only form part of the teacher assessment of a child's progress in terms of age related expectations, so we do try and keep them in perspective for these young children, some of whom are only 6 years old.

I hope you all have a great week.

Best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week was **Thankfulness**
The following children demonstrated this value last week and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Naomi Dawodu
Warwick	Zuzanna Abdi
Bath	Dacian Mahmood
Manchester	Asma Khanafereh
York	Shaylah-Marie Wallace
Roehampton	Daniella Faronbi
Exeter	Keiron Chambers
Liverpool	Aarush Satapathy
Winchester	Fabiana Lucani Galindo
Canterbury	Jay Bajaj
Brighton	Samira Hutchful
Dundee	Pavesan Sivakumar
Durham	Harini Peratheepan
Aberdeen	Santanah Fritz
Glasgow	Serife Ozkok
Westminster	Muhammed Rehman
Oxford and Cambridge Class	

Well done to the wonderful Year 6's, who have worked extremely hard this week in their SATs. We are all so proud of you; you tried your best and that is more than we could ask of you! You showed amazing perseverance and courage this week. Great work Year 6!

This week's attendance awards 

From Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Warwick**

The highest attending class in KS2 was:

Dundee/Glasgow/Oxford

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 19th May 2017