



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was an enjoyable half term break with your families. Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the terrible event on Saturday. As stated in my previous newsletter, all school trips will continue to be risk assessed, with advice being sought from Ark Central Office, the venue, and London Transport before they go ahead. If there is any doubt about safety, the trip will be postponed.

Mayor of Croydon formally opens new Year 5/6 building.



The event was attended by the Mayor of Croydon, Toni Letts OBE, local councillors, school governors and senior leaders. The Key Stage 2 choir opened the proceedings, followed by heartfelt speeches from the head girl and head boy, Rym and Joshua.

As Principal, I am thrilled we have this new facility, that I believe will help us to develop the outstanding school that every child deserves.

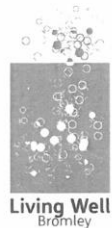
Venessa Willms OBE, Ark's Director of Primary said, "I always say that great buildings don't make great schools; it's the values and the teachers that make great schools. But having a great building does make the day job of learning and teaching a lot easier – and the learning environment that has been created here is truly special. I have every confidence that today marks a new start on the school's journey to becoming outstanding."

Food Bank – A huge success - thanks to you all

Thank you so much for your donations (pictured below) to the Penge food bank, which as you can see from the letter of thanks below, were much appreciated.



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Dear *Ark Oval Primary Academy*

We were so grateful to receive your generous donation of food for the Living Well foodbank.

Over the last four years, the Living Well foodbank has supported over 1,200 people living in Penge and the surrounding area. Through your help, we are able to make a real difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people locally.

Recently, one of our volunteers told us the following story which sums up the difference your donation has made:

"Someone came into the food bank yesterday morning who we have not seen for a while. She was very upset when she first came in a few months ago - she had lost her job, was not receiving her benefits, and was running up debts to keep herself afloat. We talked to her, gave her a bag of food and made sure she was feeling a little better before she left.

"When she arrived yesterday she told us she would not have managed without us. She said the foodbank had saved her, not just the food but because she was able to feel like her life mattered. There were hugs and tears. It's terrible that food banks have to exist - but it's good to know that we are making a difference."

If you would like to know more about Living Well, please do visit our website at www.livingwell.life or email us at hello@livingwell.life. You would always be welcome to come and visit us on a Friday at 1pm and see for yourself the difference your donation has made.

On behalf of the trustees, our volunteers and all the people we support, thank you.

Yours sincerely

CTAdonors

Charity no. 1157385

With best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal



Big Family Picnic

Friday 16th June – 2.30-5.30pm at Ark Oval Primary Academy

Come and join us for some free food, fun activities
and access to a range of services in Croydon

Our SPIRIT value of the week is **Thankfulness**

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

Swansea	Kareem Martin
Warwick	Aryan Patel
Bath	Noela Pashaj
Manchester	Kelsy Quebra Borges
York	Trisha Petwal
Roehampton	Craig Nemasango
Exeter	Summer Higginson
Liverpool	Aleksy Kowal
Winchester	Ka-Marley McTaggart-Lecky
Canterbury	Abieha Farooq
Brighton	Aaron Nikaj
Dundee	Jennifer D'Almeida
Durham	Soonaina Bhuruth
Aberdeen	Marquise Dewar
Glasgow	Jiyan Bedir
Westminster	Portia Caldwell Ozigbo
Oxford	Priyanshi Kulshrestha
Cambridge	Jurell Tull



Attendance awards

From Monday 5th June to Friday 9th June 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 16th June 2017

Well done to:

Bolton AM and Glasgow Classes

who had the best attendance last half term

Congratulations to

Kaysea Calou, (Bath Class)
Tyreece Polack-Crosdale (Westminster Class)

Who won a £10.00 W.H. Smith Voucher from the 100% Attendance Draw

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Summer Fair Saturday 17th June

There is a meeting on **Monday 12th June at 7.00pm** being held in the Dining Hall for anyone interested in helping at the Summer Fair

Please come along – we need your help!

School Closed - (Inset day)

Friday 7th July 2017