



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016



**From Miss Patel**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 have been story telling!

We are very excited at Oval, that Year 2, Winchester, Exeter and Liverpool classes have been working really hard to develop their storytelling skills.

Over the course of a few weeks, they have learnt well-written stories, such as 'Monkey-See, Monkey-Do', off by heart and performed it in front of their class, with their best storyteller voices and actions.

They then created story maps to help them along the way and once they knew it really well, they invented and wrote their own fantastic stories.



We are extremely proud of our Year 2 authors!

### Dates for your diary

**KSI Disco – 21<sup>st</sup> October**

5:30 – 7:30 pm in the lower hall

Tickets are available to purchase at the academy office!

Come and join the fun at the disco!

The academy will be going cashless from 1<sup>st</sup> November – more details to follow next week.

Over 30 parents joined me for the first coffee morning of the year on 11<sup>th</sup> October. It was extremely enjoyable for me to meet you over a hot drink and biscuit to discuss how the academy and parents could improve communication and how we could work together effectively to ensure that our children achieve their full potential. Many parents expressed that they wanted to communicate with their child's class teacher.



### Here are ways you can get in touch:

Phone the academy office on 0208 688 3000 and leave a message for the class teacher to contact you or

Send an email, addressed to your child's class teacher to [office@arkovalprimary.org](mailto:office@arkovalprimary.org) and the office will ensure that the message is passed on for the teacher to email or phone you back.

We are happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time to discuss any concerns you may have or ways we can support your child to progress.

## This week's attendance figures



The highest attending class in KS1 is: **Roehampton**

The highest attending class in KS2 is: **Durham and Cambridge**

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

## Holidays during term time

It is a legal requirement that your child is in school regularly and on time. The Department of Education expect pupils to achieve above 95% attendance in order for them to reach their full academic potential. At Ark Oval Primary Academy, we make your child's attendance and achievement our priority. If they come to school every day we can achieve much success.

I have received a number of requests from parents who have requested permission to take their son/daughter out of school on a family holiday during term time. Term time holidays are detrimental to the learning and overall school experience of individual pupils and must be avoided. **They will not be authorised.** There are generous amounts of holiday time - over 13 weeks that can be used to book holidays and travel abroad.

Did you know...?

90% attendance means your child is missing 4 weeks in the year and they may be classed as a persistent absentee. By the time they leave school they will have lost a full year's education.

80% attendance means missing more than half a term each year! Over the child's whole school career they will miss over 2 whole school years. This learning is lost and will never be recovered.

We encourage you to support our efforts in promoting positive outcomes for your child by ensuring they come to school every day and on time.

Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was:

### Perseverance

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

Manchester	Alfie Nash
York	Jiya Nirmal Kumar
Roehampton	Craig Nema Sango
Exeter	Daniela Pinho Verdades
Liverpool	Ouya Thasathan
Winchester	Jessica Williams
Canterbury	Sabirah Masood
Brighton	Mithra Madhu Prasad
Dundee	Kaate Nyanzi
Durham	Nethrani Gadamsetty
Aberdeen	Micah Asemota
Glasgow	Shyanne Martin
Westminster	Catia de Pinho Verdades
Oxford	Derek Boateng
Cambridge	Oumaima Zerouali

A polite reminder:

As we are a **healthy school** please can I request parents who give snacks at break time or prepare packed lunches for their children to ensure that meals do not contain:

- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Sweets
- Fizzy drinks or fruit juices

With only a week to go to half term, this last week is really exciting as we are electing our head boy and girl. Year 6 have taken applications home this weekend to complete and the senior team look forward to shortlisting a number of candidates for the jobs! Good luck!

Next week I will announce the outcome.

Have a great weekend families!

Best wishes,

Prerna Patel