



From Miss Patel

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy half term at Ark Oval! Time has flown by and what an amazing half term it has been. Children have been working so hard in lessons and have been impressing visitors with their commitment and determination to progress well in all areas. We are all so very proud of our young people at Ark Oval!

We are so proud of our wonderful Year 6's, after having such a successful start to the year. The children have been working extremely hard to produce a range of different work. We have been practising our story writing skills, and the children have created a story to share with their families over the half term; they also created some fantastic information texts about Brazil to go in our new library.

Year 6 have also had an experience of life beyond school! They have been applying for the job of head boy and girl. All children in year 6 were given the opportunity of applying. They had to fill in a job application, persuading us why they should be considered for the posts. Candidates, who met the job specification, were shortlisted and interviewed by Mrs Williams and Miss Francis. Miss Francis said, "I was extremely

impressed with the quality of answers given by all the children." I am very pleased to announce that our:

Head Boy is **Joshua Ramasawmy**

Head Girl is **Rym Daoud**

Deputy Head Boy is **Tejas Gadkari**

Deputy Head Girl is **Sana Ghose**

Congratulations!

Dates for your diary

The academy will be going **cashless** from 1st November. A letter went out to all parents Monday with personal login details. Please could you keep it in a safe place and use it to make payments electronically via www.parentpay.com for:

- Lunches
- Breakfast and after school clubs
- Educational visits

Miss Lawlor

Family SEAL workshops will be starting next half term and we would like to invite parents along to an information coffee morning in the music pavilion on **10th November at 8:30am**. The workshops are about working together and sharing ideas to help children gain the skills they need to cope with the social aspects of school. We will work on areas, such as understanding another's point of view, working in a group, being resilient things get difficult and managing worries. Please come along and find out more information about how family SEAL works and enjoy a coffee with other parents.

Miss Allen

This half term we will be saying goodbye to a few members of staff. **Mr Shires**, additional educator in Brighton class will be moving onto working in the hospitality industry. However, he assures me that he wants to return to teaching in the future as a teacher. We wish Aaron every success!

Ms Lowe, additional educator in year 5 is also leaving us to pursue a career in administration. She is very excited but so sad to be leaving us after 7 years!

Lastly but not least, **Mrs Sas**, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is retiring after 22 years long years at Ark Oval. She has seen many of our children grow and flourish over the years and has supported them during their lunch times, making friends and playing with them. Good luck Mrs Sas!

Whilst we say goodbye to some staff, we also say welcome back to others. Miss Allen, our family pastoral manager, returned back this week after her maternity leave. She has been extremely busy meeting the many families she has supported over the years and working with our PTA to organise the KS1 disco today. We look forward to seeing you and your children at this evening event at the academy tonight.

Miss Hellicar returns to us after maternity leave, as class teacher of Brighton class. She has visited us on many occasions and has met her class. Miss Hellicar is extremely excited to come back, and looking forward to being a teacher in year 3.

Miss Makin is also returning to teach as year 2 additional educator and I know she is eager to share her artistic talents with the children and will be offering opportunities for children to develop their art skills in fun clubs.

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

In assembly today, I had the pleasure to give out 283 certificates to children who achieved 100% attendance.

This week's attendance trophies go to:

The highest attending class in KS 1: **Winchester**

The highest attending class in KS 2: **Westminster**



Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was:

Integrity

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

Manchester	Chipo Mukandidze Burie
York	Ojin Ahamadi
Roehampton	Ayoki Gray-Thorne
Exeter	Israel Olushola
Liverpool	Malaika Nyanzi
Winchester	Michaelangelo Fraser
Canterbury	Abbas Hussain
Brighton	Aaron Nikaj
Dundee	Aiden Barnett
Durham	Tendwe Matemura
Aberdeen	Srushtee More
Glasgow	Alfie Burgess
Westminster	Mojdha Habibullah
Oxford	Jamaal Powell
Cambridge	Kiarn Wontumi

I would like to thank all staff for supporting our children and ensuring that they work to the best of their ability. Likewise, these achievements would not have happened without the continued support and backing we receive from our parents and carers. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

I would like to wish all our families a restful and safe half term break. I look forward to seeing you and your children on **Monday 31st October.**

Kind regards,

Miss Patel