



NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2016



From Mrs Silke and Miss Patel

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my introductory letter, I am writing to say what a great first couple of days I have had in our lovely school.

I have met with Miss Patel, Jonathan Molver, Damian MacBeath and the senior leadership team. I have also met with class teachers and support staff and thoroughly enjoyed leading the achievement assemblies, alongside Miss Patel, with your wonderful children this morning.

It has been lovely to meet many of you in the playground.

Over the next few weeks, I will be investing time in getting to know the staff at school but also your children. I hope that you have all put the head teacher's tea party in your diaries for 28th November at 2:30, so that I can get to know you too, but please do come and introduce yourselves in the meantime as you drop off your children.

Very best wishes for a successful future, working in partnership with you all.

Ali Silke
Principal

Just in case you missed the announcement in our last issue, it is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of our head boy, girl and deputies. They were presented with their badges in assembly this week. Congratulations!



Head Boy: **Joshua Ramasawmy**

Head Girl: **Rym Daoud**

Deputy Head Boy: **Tejas Gadkari**

Deputy Head Girl: **Sana Ghose**

We are now a **cashless** school. This means we will no longer be accepting money as payment for lunches, breakfast and afterschool clubs and educational visits. Please go to www.parentpay.com to make payments electronically and do not hesitate to contact the academy office if you have any concerns.

Miss Lawlor

I'm sure you've been wondering about our field. As part of the new building work, which includes the field area, work has been done to improve the drainage on the field. This should be completed by the end of next week.

Impressive home learning at Ark Oval!

All children from all year groups have been extremely busy over the half term break engaging in home learning linked to this half term's topics. It has been really fantastic to see so many children, who have used their creativity and time to make models and exhibits, which have been proudly displayed in classrooms. Here are some examples that we would like to share with you:



Gas masks in year 6



Posters about flags in year 2



Celtic villages made by year 3

Next week some children will be sharing their achievements and work with the rest of the school in our assemblies on Friday. We will let parents know, so that they can capture this moment and attend the assembly. However, all children will also get to 'show and tell' in their classes, so we all celebrate the learning that took place in the holidays.

A polite reminder:

Dates for your diary

'Meet the Principal' tea party

Monday 28th November

2:30 pm in the Lower Hall

Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was:

Respect

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

Manchester	Kaden Francis
York	Ruby Albertella
Roehampton	Dulcie Formoso
Exeter	Amir Ali
Liverpool	Donell Campbell
Winchester	Gabriel Selvatici
Canterbury	Abeiha Farooq
Brighton	Caterina Trotter
Dundee	Jennifer Medeiros-Almeida
Durham	Shaniece May
Aberdeen	Sharon Kunolova
Glasgow	Thanushini Kanesamoorthy
Westminster	Kimberley Benavides Velasco
Oxford	Jason Vedha
Cambridge	Jabilo Joseph



This week's attendance figures

The highest attending class in KSI is: **Winchester**

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

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

We would like to thank the PTA for organising the KSI disco on 21st October. It was a well-attended, enjoyable event and our children came dressed in their wonderful costumes! Thank you to our parents, who as usual, fully support us in our endeavour to achieve the very best for the children at Ark Oval.

We wish you an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Kind wishes,

Alison Silke and Prerna Patel