



Ark Bentworth Primary Academy

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A message from the Interim Head of School

Another busy week here at Ark Bentworth.

We welcomed Michael Atalla & his colleagues from Microsoft on Wednesday. Michael is the World Wide Director of Education Apps & Services and he brought two of his colleagues to visit the school. Years 6 & 5 dazzled them with their knowledge and showed them their skills of using Sway to record their Science experiments and voice recorders to up-level their writing. Mr Atalla & his colleagues were very impressed with how articulate and confident the children were in their use of the technology and their understanding of how it can enhance their learning.

A huge thank you to Miss Thompson for her support of the children and staff in implementing the new Office 365 applications into the learning environment. Miss Thompson has been chosen to be a 'Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert' (MIEE) – there are only 300 in the world. This means she is able to develop this learning and support staff in their teaching using new technologies. We are all very proud of what she and the staff have achieved in a very short period of time.

There is only a few more weeks until we get to half term so I encourage all of you to make sure that that the children are in school every day and on time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Maira Cruddas



Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this Week is: **Northumbria** with **99.2%** and **2nd** is **Oxford Brookes** with **97.1%** and **3rd** is **Clarke** with **94.8%**.

Our whole school attendance for the week is **93.8%**. At Ark Bentworth Primary Academy we are aiming to exceed this target. Please support us in achieving this goal by ensuring that your child is at school by 8.45am each morning and attends every day.

100% Attendance winner of the week is:

Shreya Pandya
Congratulations!

Value of the week

Next week our value is...

Community

Aiming High, Achieving Together

Birthdays

Reception: No birthdays this week

Year 1: Ayssar Zinbi

Year 2: Sundas Hassan

Year 3: Baraa Al-Hawsawi

Year 4: No birthdays this week

Year 5: Fares Ibrahim

Year 6: Kacie Curtiss Smith, Rahmin Safi

Star Awards

Reception	Elvis Makaj
Year 1	Darcie Jennings
Year 2	Fiona Makaj
Year 3	Maryam Hersi
Year 4	Surai Ellis
Year 5	Ermal Hasaj
Year 6	Louisa Ventour-Dauchand



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Notices

Nursery & Reception Phonics & Tapestry Workshop

Nursery & Reception Parents – you are invited to a workshop on **Thursday 28th January 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** The focus is on how to support your child's learning of phonics and how to use Tapestry at home and contribute to your child's learning profile. Look forward to seeing you all

Coats

It has certainly been very cold this week. Can we make sure all the children come to school suitably dressed with a coat and if possible a hat, scarf and gloves. All coats need to be worn when the children go outside as we want to keep the children warm during their playtimes.

School Uniform

We have on sale the school scarf & new beanie hats.... the scarves are £3 and the beanie hats are £6.

Coffee Mornings

We have set aside some dates for our coffee mornings. We would like to use these times to consult with you as parents and to gather your views about life in the school, as well as invite speakers in to promote well-being. A great opportunity to come together as a community and to share ideas. They will run from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

- Wednesday 10th February 2016
- Wednesday 23rd March 2016
- Wednesday 25th May 2016

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