



## Message from the Headteacher

4th October 2013

### THE JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

We have high aspirations for every child at ARK Bentworth and are seeing fantastic progress in children's work and their attitude towards learning. We need your support to continue on our journey to excellence and improve the quality of education your child is receiving.

#### Attendance:

Our attendance is currently in the bottom 20% of all schools: This is unacceptable and we are taking steps to considerably improve attendance. Parents and carers will receive an initial letter of concern if their child's attendance is below 90%, we will then monitor the attendance of these pupils carefully and take further steps if necessary to help families improve their child's attendance.

#### Parent View:

You will have received a parent questionnaire this week. It is also important for us that you complete the online survey. At the moment there are not enough responses for Ofsted to get a clear picture about your views of the school. Please take 5 minutes this weekend and complete this survey.

#### Parent Meetings:

My expectation is that every parent attends a meeting with their child's class teacher this term. If you are unable to attend the parent evenings offered it is your responsibility to get in touch with the school to make an alternative appointment.

ARK Bentworth is an excellent school, and our parent community is fantastic. We need you to continue to support us as we aim even higher and raise our expectations of what we can achieve.

Have a great weekend .

## Football Team's First Match

Today, ARK Bentworth Academy's new Football Team has gone to attend their first football match against Flora Gardens Primary School.

They will be playing a series of matches throughout the year, and of course we will keep you informed of the scores!

Please speak to Mr Narcisse if you are interested in supporting our team.

Due to popular demand, we will now be setting up a Year 3 & 4 football team, which will be training on a Monday. If your child would like to take part in football club, please speak to the office to sign up.

## Zumba

We are delighted to inform you that Zumba classes are starting again next Thursday 10th October. Classes will run from 9.00—10.00 and will be held in the school hall. There is a small charge of £2 per session. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 children will be presenting what they have learnt in a special class assembly on Thursday 10th October at 2.45.

All parents, carers and family friends are invited to share this occasion with us.

# Read, Write, Inc. Workshop

for all parents and carers of Reception pupils



*Would you like to learn more about how your child is learning to read, and how you can support them at home?*

*If so, please come along to one of our parent workshops, and receive a free story book and magnet set (RRP £100)!*



**1 FREE Storybook and Magnet Set (RRP: £100) per child, when you attend a workshop!**

**The first workshop took place today, but we are offering two more informative workshops, and you are welcome to attend whichever one suits you best. Please note each of these workshops is free and open to both Bentworth and Conway parents.**

**Thursday 10th October, 6.15pm (at ARK Conway)**

**Friday 11th October, 9.45am (at ARK Bentworth)**

## Parents Open Evening

**22-23 October**

You will be able to sign up for an Open Evening appointment from next week onwards. If your child is in Nursery, an Open Day will be held instead. Please speak to Mrs Tajeddin for further details.

## Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is Roehampton with 98%, 2<sup>nd</sup> is **Oxford Brookes with 97%** and 3<sup>rd</sup> are **Clarke with 96%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is 95%. At ARK Bentworth Primary Academy we are aiming to exceed our target of 96%. Please support us in achieving this goal by ensuring that your **child is at school by 8.55am** each morning and attends every day.

## Parent Survey Reminder

If you haven't done so already, please return the parent survey to the office as soon as possible, or complete the survey online.

We value your opinion, and your feedback will support us in our aim to continuously improve our school.

## Celebration Assembly:

**Next Friday at 9.10am  
Come and join us!**



## Birthday wishes to :

Year 5: Hagar Abou-Zaid



## STAR AWARDS: Friendship

Reception	Lerea Abrashi
Year 1	Mahdi Moradi
Year 2	Thuraya Soltani
Year 3	Daisy Sinclair-Wegener
Year 4	Louisa Ventour-Dauchand
Year 5	Brooke Zammitt
Year 6	Diana Stevanovic

## Next week's Value:

### Determination

**Difference between the impossible and the possible lies in the persons determination. Tommy Lasorda**