



Message from the Head of School

12th February 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children at Ark Bentworth have been taking part in many exciting events over the last couple of weeks in school. On Friday a group of children from Year 2 travelled to Ark Atwood to take part in a Mega Maths Challenge! This involved solving lots of different maths problems and earning points not only for their answers but also their team work skills and thinking rationale—well done to all the children who took part for representing our school and showing such good team work skills!

Fifteen children from Years 4, 5 and 6 also had an interesting day out on Friday, they visited Burlington Danes Academy to take part in a sports leader training session. The children learnt how to play a number of different games and produced posters about the importance of health and fitness in education. Next half term these children are going to have a special role as play leaders during our lunchtime structured play sessions. They will be teaching the rest of the classes how to play the games and encouraging all children to get involved. They are all excellent role models for the children in our school, well done play leaders.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent forum last week, your involvement and feedback is extremely important to us and we have some interesting ideas about next steps we can take. Please see the bottom of the newsletter for more information about parent involvement in fundraising next term, we really would love your help!

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you for the start of Spring 2 on the 23rd February.

Gemma Grierson

Message to Parent/Carers



All lunches need to be booked and paid for on-line, by **Wednesday at 7pm**. If you are having difficulty logging on using your current password please come into the office for a new one.

Dates for your diary

Parent Meetings sign up - First week back
Parent Meetings - Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd March
Year 2 visit to Science Museum - Wednesday 25th April
Whole School International food festival - Wednesday 1st April

Parent Involvement

Parents and carers - are you potentially interested in getting involved in supporting the school with fundraising and activities and helping to organise a group of parents?

We are looking for a parent or carer who would like to take a lead in organising a parent group to set up a fundraising stall at the **international food festival** next term.

This parent would need to be happy to share their contact details with other parents and organise a group meeting to help plan and set up the stall. They would need to take a lead in managing the stall and the other parents involved. If you think you would be interested in this role. Please leave your details with the school office or speak to Mrs Grierson.

Spread A Smile



This half term Year 4's PSHE lessons have been about 'The joy of giving'. So Monday and Tuesday the children went to Media Village and handed out small gifts to passers-by. As you can see by the photos they really did make people's day and had a great time doing so.

I was so nervous but then I felt happy because the people's reactions were so good. Emmal



*It was fun and felt nice to give. Chloe N
I felt happy and it showed people care about us. Ellie N*



Message from the new parent governor

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for voting for me to be your new parent governor. I am excited to be part of the Ark Bentworth Primary Academy governing body and hope to provide the school with a parent's perspective as well as assisting the school in any way that will be beneficial for the students and school as a whole. Please feel free to approach me at any time.



Thank you.

Mrs Saba Hammad

Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Roehampton** with **97.6%** and **2nd** was **Oxford Brookes** with **97.4%** and **3rd** is **Clarke** with **95.1%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **95.1%**. 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.

Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

Inspiration

Year 3 have been doing some fantastic work at home for their independent learning folders! They have been investigating as part of their Science and have made some great musical instruments to practice their Samba rhythms. Keep up the hard work Year 3!



Reminder to parents

Could all parents please remember to book your child into breakfast prior to them attending. Some children are turning up without booking in. If in an emergency you need your child to attend without booking the cost will be £1.

Bookings can be made in advance through the office.

Birthday wishes to :

Reception: Lano Sangalo
Year 2: Micah McLeod
Year 3: Yousef Abou-Zaid, Sulayman Hared
Year 4: Preston Samba, Tia Patterson
Year 5: Aflah Mahad-Ali

