## ARK BENTWORTH PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Newsletter



## Message from the Assistant Headteacher

25th October 2013

It is amazing how quickly the time seems to fly by—already it is the end of the half term!

And what an eventful first half term it has been.

The children have settled into to their new year groups well, and those that have joined the school since September have made lots of friends.

The teachers have been working hard to ensure that the progress made over the last academic year is being maintained, and it is always a pleasure to walk around the school and feel a buzz of busy learning going on.

It has also been great to see the continued parental support the school is receiving: whether this is attending celebration and class assemblies, seeking out information about your child's learning during parents evening, attending Parent Forums and Headteacher's Drop-In sessions or volunteering to help out on trips—we highly value your input.

Next half term, we do however need to continue working together to raise our overall school attendance, which, after a great improvement a couple of weeks ago, has dropped down to 93% again this week, well below our school's target and national expectations. We are here to support you if you are having difficulty bringing your child to school on time, so do please take advantage of our Walking Bus and Breakfast Club. If you would like the school to support you, don't hesitate to speak to our Attendance Officer, Mrs Yasui.

We all wish you an enjoyable and restful half term break and look forward to seeing you walk through the gates on the 6th November.

## Year 2 Trip to V&A

This week, Year 2 visited the V&A Museum in South Kensington where they took part in a 'Pop-up Stories' workshop. The children viewed pieces on exhibition from Asia and Europe before creating a 'pop-up 'of their chosen piece and turning it into a story. The museum staff commented on the children's 'amazing behaviour!'.







#### **Bronze Certificates**

The following Year 6 children have achieved their Bronze Certificates for overall good attitude and behaviour:

Hafza Ismail Sara Abuzaid

Hanan Ali Rachel Panzout

Idil Abshir Sophie Quilligan

Madeeha Turay Tricia Ruiz

Maymuna Jaaweli Tasia Adefawora

Omar Hersi Sumeya Hared

## **Half Term Holidays**

School will be closed for Half Term Holidays from 28th October until 1st November.

There are training days for school staff on 4th and 5th November, so school will open again on Wednesday 6th November.

## **Parents Evening Turnout**

It was great to see so many parents attend the parents evenings this week.

If you were not able to attend, please make sure that you arrange to meet your child's class teacher at the next convenient date.

#### School Uniform and PE kit reminder

We would like to remind all parents that we expect all children to attend school with the correct school uniform.

Please make sure that your child leaves all jewellery (apart from small stud earrings) at home, that nail varnish is removed and that girls with long hair have this tied back. School shoes should be black. Boots and shoes with heels are not permitted.

You child must have a PE kit in school and as it is now turning colder, this should include a pair of navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt. Your child should also have a pair of black plimsoles for PE sessions.

If you are not sure when your child's PE days are, please speak to the relevant class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Parents Taster Session**

We had extremely positive feedback from parents who attended last Friday's School Lunch Taster session, all of which rated the quality of the food 'good' or 'very good'. It was particularly nice to see parents able to share lunch time with their children and eat together. We are now looking to arrange regular School Lunch Taster sessions—we look forward to seeing more of you next time!

"It is great to eat with the kids and see such lovely eating and good manners."

"Very nice food, we should have parents food tasting every month."

"It is very nice food and a very nice thing to do with your family."

#### Football Match Report by Monique, Najma & Samuel M in Year 5

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 it was our first football match of the year. We all were determined to win. We versed John Betts primary school, their uniform was green and yellow. The girls' match kicked off at 2:00 and the boys kicked off at 2:30.

The girls started off well by keeping possession of the ball at all times. However, it was the opponents' corner and we were tight position. Monique tried to clear the ball but it went in the goal. The final whistle blew and sadly the girls lost 1-0.

It was the boys' turn and it started off well. There were some great defences. But the other team found some space and they scored 3 goals. Amro scored a goal before the final whistle. The final score was 3-I to John Betts.

Still, it was a great experience!

## Birthday wishes to:

Nursery: Noor Year 6: Riley I I

Rec: Lerea 5 Year 6: Muhammad II

Year 2: Shaniya 7 Year 3: Elijah 8 Year 3: Mohammad 8 Year 4: Ikran 9 Year 4: Louisa 9 Year 4: Sabirin 9



#### **Breakfast Club**

Mrs Yasui will be sending a feasibility study to all parent/carers. Please could you take the time to answer the questions as we value your input.

## **STAR AWARDS: Inspiration**



Reception	Ahmad Mohd Nawi
Year 1	Brian Eavis
Year 2	Radwan Askar
Year 3	Daisy Bran
Year 4	Sonam Fazeli
Year 5	Milly Sylvester
Year 6	Riley Buckingham