



## Message from the Headteacher

14th March 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

### The ARK Bentworth look...

#### 'Smart, well-presented and proud of their school'

I thought I'd share with you comments made about our children during a recent ARK Schools monitoring visit.

It is always refreshing to hear how other people view us as a school and as Headteacher I share the pride pupils have in Bentworth. We have very high standards in everything we do from behaviour through to uniform... and it is paying off.

The behaviour of children at this school is fantastic.

After the Easter holidays we will be asking all pupils to wear only black trainers on Sports, health and fitness days. We have given parents a term to make the necessary plans but I thought it best to remind you that this will be implemented from the first week back. We are sending out the most up-to-date uniform policy. If there are any circumstances which may result in your child not wearing the appropriate uniform then please come to speak to Miss Grierson, myself or one of the leadership team.

School tracksuits are now available to buy from the school office. It is an expectation that all children are wearing this PE kit.

Have a great weekend, and enjoy the sunshine

Damian McBeath



## Primary talk

Each week, there will be a featured question to use as a starting point for discussion between all the family at home. We are aiming to encourage talk and these of good communication skills both at home and school as part of our steps towards 'Primary Talk' accreditation. *What magical power would you like to have and why?*

## The ARK Bentworth Community Cookbook Project



The cookbook has now been sent to the printers and will be available to purchase on Friday 4th April for the cost of £4 each.

To launch the cookbook, and to celebrate the vibrant community we live in, we will be holding an:

### International Food Festival on Friday 4th April.

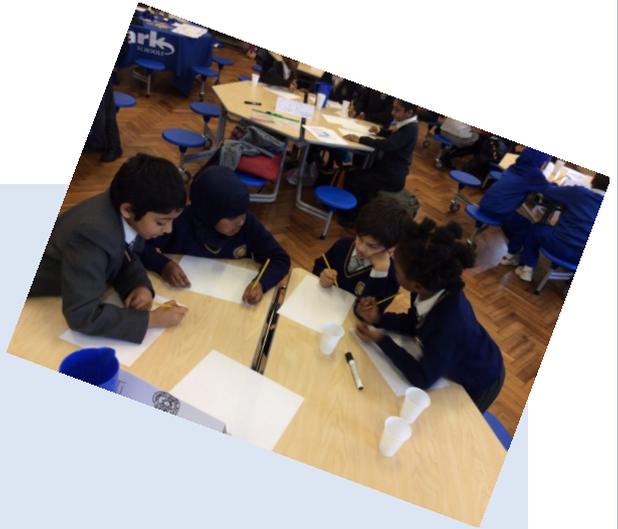
Everybody is welcome. Please bring a dish from your home country, or anything else you like to cook, and come and share and celebrate with the whole school!

### Date for your diary

ARK Bentworth Parent Forum  
Wednesday 2nd April 6.00-7.30pm

# ARK Primary Maths Challenge

The ARK Primary Maths Challenge took place last week. Have a read of this article taken from the ARK Schools website to find out more!...



The Primary Maths Challenge is a fun academic competition that gives the best mathematicians from ARK Schools primaries the chance to demonstrate their maths excellence by pitting their numeracy skills against other teams. ARK Schools, one of the country's top-performing academy groups, teaches the pioneering Maths Mastery curriculum based on international best practice including Singapore and Shanghai.

The event took place at ARK Bentworth Primary Academy in Hammersmith. Gemma Grierson, Associate Headteacher of ARK Bentworth, said: "It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and attentiveness in all the children. A great afternoon full of healthy competition!". Bentworth pupils said they felt proud to host and welcome the other schools.

The Tindal Tigers from ARK Tindal Primary Academy travelled from Birmingham to attend the event. They enjoyed their visit to London and made the most of their train journey by practising their maths. They summed up how being positive, trying hard and helping each other were equal in helping them enjoy the day – although their favourite activity was a fast-counting elimination game called SPLAT! The biggest thing they learned on the day was about square numbers and checking their work.

Ark Academy from Wembley came a close second with 51 points and ARK Globe Academy from Southwark came third with 49 points. Many of the pupils who took part said that as well as enjoying a fun day they realised how important maths will be when they leave school. One of the winning pupils, said: "I want to be a doctor when I leave school and maths will help me measure the right amount of medicine." Others said: "If you work in a shop, it helps to know how to give the right change." And, "Even if you become a footballer – you'll need to be able to add up your goals!".

## Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is Oxford Brookes with **99%**. 2nd was **Roehampton** with **98.5%** and 3rd is **Northumbria** with **98.1%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **96.9%**. 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.

## Next week's Value:

**Community**

And how we work together as a team



**100 % Attendance winner of the Week!**

**No Winners**

## Birthday wishes to :

Reception: Nursyauquina 5  
 Year 2: Ayub 7  
 Year 4: Robbie 9  
 Year 6: Zach, Sophie & Blondel 11



## STAR AWARDS: Community

Reception	Lena Almarool
Year 1	Shadi Rosstom
Year 2	Nusayba Abdirahman
Year 3	Mohammad Hadid
Year 4	Maghfira bekere
Year 5	Kevon Adeji-Mensah
Year 6	Hanan Ali