



Message from the Head of School

24th April 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting summer term at Ark Bentworth! I hope you have all enjoyed a well earned break and managed to make the most of the sunny weather. This is a short 5 week term and every second counts as children work towards their end of year assessments. It really makes a difference if children are in school every day. Thank you to all those families who returned promptly for the first day of term.

This week we are delighted to announce that both Miss Charlesworth (currently Year 3) and Miss Wilkins (currently Year 2) have been interviewed and successfully appointed as class teachers at Ark Bentworth for the next academic year. Both teachers have been working hard on the Ark Teacher Training programme through out this year and will be a valuable asset to our school team. Well done to both of them!

We have also had another successful visit from the Read Write Inc team this week as they carry out a termly development review. Rebecca Anousis, RWInc development lead, observed all of our RWInc teachers and was hugely impressed by the progress the children are making and the focused learning that was taking place. Well done to Miss Barwick-Walters for leading the teaching of phonics across the school and well done to all our teachers delivering the programme!

Finally I would like to welcome a new member of staff to our team, Mr Nieto, who has joined us to support in our Year 5 class. Mr Nieto has already formed strong relationships with the pupils over his love of football and we are delighted to have him on board.

Wishing you all a great weekend,
Gemma Grierson



Important Dates

Friday 1st May: Parent Forum

Wednesday 6th May: Parents invited to meet the Governors social event in the hall after school

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May: School closed for polling day

11th-15th May: Year 6 SATS week

18th-22nd May: Assessment week Years 1-5

25th-29th May: HALF TERM

10th-12th June: Year 6 Residential

15th July: Sports Day

20th July: Bentworth Summer Fun Day!

21st July: Last day of summer term

Book fair

We are very happy to announce that the book fair is coming Monday for 2 weeks and all books will be **half price**. The children will have many opportunities to explore the books before, after and during school time. We will be holding a book mark competition for Reception and KS1 and a poetry competition for KS2. Prizes of **£5 book voucher** to spend at the fair. We will also accept credit cards.

The school is always in need of new books for the library so, If you would like to **Donate a Book** to the school we will insert a Thank you label inside with your name.



Nursery Visit to the Science Museum

This week the Nursery children went on an 'out of this world' trip to the Science Museum. The children discovered new planets and explored the universe as they visited the space gallery. "I want to go in a rocket," said Sanna, "I want to jump to the moon," she added as she looked at the spacecraft that first landed on the moon.

The children then spent the afternoon exploring science first hand as they experimented in the fantastic water garden, learning how to manipulate water and how gears and pumps work.

The Science Museum provided the children with a lovely day and has given them with an amazing stimulus for their learning for this half term. "This is a magic day," said Ella



Football Club

Football club resumes on Thursday 30th April for years 4 & 5. If you would like your child to join the club please come to the office on Monday to sign them up. Places are limited so it is on a first come first served basis.



Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Oxford Brookes** with **98.2%** and **2nd** was **Clarke & Manchester** with **96.7%** and **3rd** is **Northumbria** with **96.2%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **95.8%**. At ARK Bentworth Primary Academy we are aiming to exceed this target. Please support us in achieving



Star Awards



Reception	Mohammad Gallul
Year 1	Fajr Lafeville
Year 2	Nadine Banimis
Year 3	Dylan Viera
Year 4	Elijah Gokool-Mely
Year 5	Andrew Walsh
Year 6	Najma Dahir

Birthday wishes to:

Nursery: George Nolan-French

Rec: Noah St Luce Gordon

Year 1: Daniella Quiambao, Shreya Pandya, & Macy Stratford

Year 3: Nusayba Abdirahman

Year 4: Daisy S & Ilhaan Hube



Value of the Week

When we return we will be focusing upon

Friendship

100% Attendance Winner of the week!

Kayan Safi

