



## Message from the Head of School

27th February 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Ark schools held their annual Spelling Bee, with a total of 140 keen spellers coming together across the network to compete. A big well done to all our Key Stage 2 spellers who travelled to Ark Brunel to take part on Tuesday. It was a great day with our top primary spellers ending up correctly spelling words seen on the KS3 spelling lists, so some truly incredible performances!

Our Year 6 artwork was also auctioned at Sotheby's this week. Ark Bentworth will receive £500 to spend on Maths Mastery resources and the winning artist, Amira Abada, will receive a £25 Amazon gift certificate and a canvas print of her painting! The evening was a fantastic success: over 100 guests attended and almost £775,000 was raised for the Mathematics Mastery Programme. The student artwork auction was a triumph, with lots of very competitive bidding, and everyone in attendance was blown away by the quality of the pieces on offer!

Next week parents meetings will be taking place at Ark Bentworth on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. If you haven't done already please sign up for a time slot in the school office. This is an opportunity for you to look at your children's learning in their books and to find out more about your child's attainment and progress as well as the next steps for their learning. It is at a crucial half way point in the academic year so please make time to attend.

We will be re-launching our behaviour policy this term and as part of this we have updated our home school agreement and pupil code of conduct. Copies will be available for you to read and sign at parents evening and should help provide a clear understanding of the high expectations at Ark Bentworth and how you can best support your child at school.

On a final note, we are delighted to see the first signs of Spring appearing at Ark Bentworth with 14 fluffy chicks hatching in the Reception class! It has been a real treat for all the children to experience, take a look at the photos to see what's been happening!

Have a great weekend, Gemma Grierson



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March

Dress up as your  
favourite book  
character



## Request to parents



If your child chooses to have the school lunch option or the packed lunch option at the beginning of a new term, they must stay on that option until the end of each term. School lunches need to be booked and paid for no later than **7pm** on the Wednesday. You can book until the end of each term.

## Up and coming events

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd March: Parent meetings

Monday 2nd-Friday 6th March: Year 6 out visiting the Inter University.

Thursday 5th March: World book day

Monday 9th March: School Photographer in to do class group photos

Friday 13th March: Non-uniform for comic relief

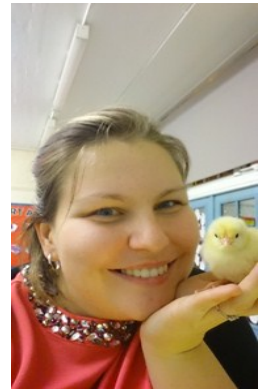
Wednesday 1st April: International food festival

Thursday 2nd April: Last day of term. (Finish at 1:30)



# Reception's Little Chicks

This week has been very exciting for the children in Reception and Nursery. On Monday we received 14 eggs waiting to hatch, and on Wednesday we were graced with the presence of 14 happy little chirping chicks! It has been a very exciting time watching them grow and seeing how they change. Though the excitement doesn't stop with the little children, many of the other children and adults around ARK Bentworth have been excited to meet them as well.



## Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

## Community

### Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Cumbria** with **97.8%** and **2nd** was **Northumbria** with **97.6%** and **3rd** is **Roehampton** with **95.6%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **93.5%**. 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.

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



**Hagar Abou-Zaid**



### Important reminders for parent/carers School Uniform

Could all parents make sure your child has the correct PE kit, on the day of their PE lesson. This needs to be the school's winter sweatshirt, joggers and plain black trainers or Plimssoles. We currently sell the sweatshirts and joggers for £7 each.

## STAR AWARDS



Reception	Olivia Quilligan
Year 1	Amin Nasse
Year 2	Ellie Curtis
Year 3	Nusayba Abdirhman
Year 4	Saba Hassan
Year 5	Talha Rahman
Year 6	Amira Abada

### Birthday wishes to :

Year 1: Yunus El-Majdoub, Manira Askar

Year 2: Sharaia Lovell Nalie Shally

Year 3: Zainab El-Majdoub

