

**Message from the Head of School****30th January 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is assessment week at Ark Bentworth. We have reached the half way point in the academic year and this is an important juncture for children to demonstrate their learning through both formal and informal assessments.

You can support your child with this important time by ensuring they have 100% attendance and do not miss out on crucial classroom learning.

We monitor attendance carefully at Ark Bentworth and will meet with parents whose children's attendance falls below 90% to put an action plan in place. If your child's attendance falls below 95% absences may not be authorised by the school without written medical confirmation from a GP. Please arrange a meeting with the school if you are unsure of your child's attendance figures or would like more support in improving their attendance.

Next half term parent meetings will take place to allow you time to talk through your child's progress and attainment in detail and to look at the work they have been doing in their books. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Gemma Grierson

QPR Holiday Football Schools

QPR will be running their popular Holiday Soccer Schools again from 16th – 20th February. Qualified QPR coaches will be on hand to deliver a week full of fun games and activities, catering for boys and girls aged 5-14 years old. To book a place please visit www.qprcourses.co.uk

**Sponsorship Money**

We would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who raised money for the sport for schools sponsorship. We are still counting the money to see what you all raised, once we have a total we will inform the parents. Well done to the children and their sponsors.

Request to parents

Could parents of Nursery and Reception please supply your child with a spare set of clothing in their bags? These will be used to change your child in case he/she has a little accident while in school.

Year 1 museum trip

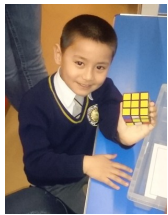
Year One had a great time on their trip to the Museum of Childhood yesterday!

We travelled on the train and everyone was very sensible when walking around the stations.

First we toured the museum looking at toys from the past 100 years. There were teddy bears, rocking horses, puppets and much much more!

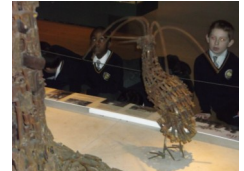
Then we had our pack lunches in the school room. Everyone was very excited about the yummy things our Mums and Dads had packed.

We played with tiddlywinks, rubiks cubes, action men, puzzles, 3d glasses, Happy Families and lots more.



Year 2 museum trip

This week Year 2 went to The British Museum to learn about African art. They are currently learning about Nelson Mandela for their Topic, so the trip gave them insight into the rich culture and history Africa has to offer. The children discussed artefacts around the exhibition and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

Determination

100 % Attendance winner of the Week!



Sabrin Hersi



Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Northumbria** with **99.1%** and **2nd** was **Oxford Brookes** with **97%** and 3rd is **Roehampton** with **95.9%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **95.3%**. 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.

Up and Coming Events

6th February: Choir out to sing to spring

11th February: Year 2 out at St Stephens Church.

13th February: School closed inset day.

25th February: Year 2 out at the Science Museum.

STAR AWARDS



Reception	Khyra Campbell-Rankin
Year 1	Daniela Quiambo
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Hassan Abdirahman
Year 4	Basil Al-Hawsawi
Year 5	Bailey Zammit & Andrew Welsh
Year 6	Isshan Ahmed

Birthday wishes to :

Year 4: Shay Mallon

