



Message from the Headteacher

7th February 2014

Travel Chaos:

With all the travel disruption this week, I'd like to bring to your attention and praise the commitment of staff to get to school on time.

No lessons were disrupted by the industrial action despite some members of staff having commutes in excess of 2 ½ hours each way.

That's a lot of additional hours worked this week on top of our school day.

There is talk of further action next week and I'd like to reassure parents that we will be here ready to receive pupils at our normal working hours

eLearning:

This week we had a visit from Finlay Gall the eLearning Manager at ARK schools: he came to Bentworth to see our innovative approach to teaching through the eTargets and was incredibly impressed with the quality of the programme and how well teachers were using these in lessons.

We are now ready to start extending these beyond lessons and you should have a trial eTarget to work on at home in your child's independent learning folder.

Mr McBeath

The ARK Bentworth Community Cookbook Project

Don't forget to hand in your recipes by **Friday 14th February** for a chance to get them in our special cookbook. Lots of recipes have been flooding in already, including ones for banana chocolate brownies, tasty stir-fries, pancakes, samosas, and delicious pasta! Thank you to all those families who have already got involved. Keep the recipes coming!



100% Attendance



We want every child to come to school every day so they can LEARN! Children who attend school regularly are 4 times more likely to go on and get better results in secondary school. Every day really does make a difference.

To celebrate the children who are coming to school every day and getting 100% attendance we are having a weekly prize draw in our celebration assembly. The lucky name picked out of a hat gets a £10 book voucher to spend on books of their choice!

The winner this week was Ismail in Year 5!

Children - for your chance to win make sure you come to school every day next week to get your name in the hat!

Exciting Visits!

We believe in a rich and inspiring curriculum at ARK Bentworth and learning outside the classroom is a great way to develop children's understanding.



Year 3 have gone on an interesting visit to the Science Museum today to learn more about magnets whilst Year 4 have been to the British Museum to explore the life of the Romans.



We look forward to hearing about what they discovered next week!

If you enjoy using twitter please follow us on @ARKBentworth to get the latest updates on exciting events and interesting news. We want parents to have a voice at ARK Bentworth so please tweet us if there are things you would like to share or celebrate about our school!



eTargets

Today you will be receiving the first QR codes for your children to start their independent eLearning!

Use a tablet or smart phone to scan them with a QR Reader that you can download for free.



Have a practise on this QR code which will take you to our school website!

Celebration Assembly:

Next Friday at 9.10am
Come and join us! Everyone welcome.



Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is Oxford Brookes with **98.7%**. **2nd** was **Roehampton** with **98.5%** and **3rd** is **Northumbria** with **97.8%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **96%**. 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.

Birthday wishes to :

Nursery: Kamisoyonna 3
Nursery: Larsa 3
Year 1: Joumana 6
Year 3: Basil 8
Year 5: Najma 10
Year 6: Tasia 11



Independent Learning Folders

A reminder that the deadline for handing in the independent learning folders was today. Teachers will be giving the children grades for the efforts they have put in to their learning outside school.

Next week's Value:

Friendship

STAR AWARDS: Community



Reception	Saida Mahad-Ali
Year 1	Ashley Guihan
Year 2	Hassan Abdirahman
Year 3	Noor Milad
Year 4	Baylee O'Brien
Year 5	Meeyah Rkik
Year 6	Tricia Ruiz