



## Message from the Associate Headteacher



Happy new year and welcome back to an exciting and busy term at ARK Bentworth. It has been a real pleasure to join the team and meet the children and parents this week. I have been impressed by the calm focused learning I have seen taking place in classrooms and the polite nature of the children holding doors open for me and saying thank you.

I look forward to working with many of you over the next term as we start some interesting community projects. Please do come and introduce yourself if you haven't already so I can get to know everyone as soon as possible.

### Family style Dining

There has been a really special change to the way we eat our lunch at ARK Bentworth. Our new octagonal tables arrived on Wednesday and we have loved sitting around them to eat our lunch. It makes a real difference that the children don't spend their time in the dinner hall queuing and instead are learning how to share and take turns at the tables. We want all the children at ARK Bentworth to develop good table manners and enjoy interesting conversations whilst they are having their lunch and we hope they will encourage each other to try new interesting healthy foods. The children have described the experience like eating in a restaurant!



### eTargets



Learning is being taken to a new level in the classrooms at ARK Bentworth this term with the introduction of 6 computer tablets into every classroom. Children have been learning how to login and operate the tablets this week and will begin using them to support their independent learning and improve their writing soon!

Have a great weekend

Gemma Grierson

### PE Kit

As part of our new Sports, Health and Fitness curriculum children can come to school in their PE kits for a whole day:

Years 1, 2, 3 —Tuesdays  
Year 4, 5, 6—Wednesdays  
Reception—Thursdays

Your child must wear a school PE kit and as it is now winter, this should include a pair of navy tracksuit bottoms. You do not need to buy these from the school, but please make sure they have no colour or logos on. Children should wear school logo sweatshirts on PE days which are available from the school office. If they are out of stock children may wear their school jumper. Your child should also have a pair of black plimsolls/trainers for PE sessions.



Thank you for your cooperation.

### Bentworth TV!

You may have already noticed our TV screen outside the front office when you collect your children and bring them



to school in the morning. We will be keeping this updated with exciting events and useful information and changes so please stop and have a read when you visit the school. If you have any good ideas for other information you would like to see up there please let us know!

### Year 6 off to university!

This week, year 6 have taken part in a journalism focus week organised by the IntoUniversity group.

We spent the entire week learning outside of the classroom, taking part in a range of different activities. The majority of the week was spent at the IntoUniversity centre, where we were split into teams and spent time working on secret journalism missions. We also took part in a workshop where we had to try and impress the editor of a newspaper with our journalism skills and also visited Kensington Palace where we were all reporters for the day, covering the story of a chocolate theft at the Palace!



Our week ended with a trip to Imperial College, London, where we were able to explore the campus, find out more about University life and also present the work we had completed during our secret missions to the other teams.

We would all like to thank the team at IntoUniversity for organising such a fun and inspiring week!

## Active Shakespeare!



Children at ARK Bentworth have had an exciting week taking part in Shakespeare workshops this week.

The workshops focused on a mid-summer nights dream and moved through key moments of the play examining the plot and the relevant characters, particularly the fairies and the workmen. Some pupils

took part in the story and represented characters, whilst others joined in with group activities related to the story.

All pupils were encouraged to contribute their ideas throughout and join in some scenes. And there was a lot of laughter as children got involved wearing the costumes!



### Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Cumbria** with **98%**. **2nd** was **Prairie View** with **96%** and **3rd** is **Northumbria** with **95%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **94%**. 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.

**Celebration Assembly:  
Next Friday at 9.10am  
Come and join us! All parents are welcome.**

### Clubs

All enrichment clubs have begun this week, Please ensure you collect your child from their club at 4:15 prompt.

## Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon  
**Ambition**  
and how we achieve success.

## Parent Zumba!

Zumba will be starting next Wednesday 22nd January at the new time of 10.15-11.15am..  
A great way to shake those January blues and get ready for Springtime!  
Everyone is welcome.



## STAR AWARDS



Reception	Maryam Almontasar
Year 1	Adil Yusuf
Year 2	Ayub Isse
Year 3	Tia Patterson
Year 4	Sabrin Hersi
Year 5	Viraj Pandya
Year 6	

## Birthday wishes to :

Rec: Ashraf, Maryam & Sundus 5yrs  
Year 1: Baraa 6yrs  
Year 2: Tharaya 7rs  
Year 4: Aisha 9yrs  
Year 6: Hanan & Abdisalaan 11yrs



## Community Events

As part of our exciting new start to sports, health and fitness education this Spring we are planning a community event to promote healthy eating. We will be inviting parents to share their favourite healthy recipes with us to create a **community cook book** and at the end of term we will be celebrating with an international food party! More information on this to come so start thinking of your favourite recipes and if you have any great ideas you would like to share please speak to Mrs Grierson.

