



Message from the Headteacher

3rd May

Ambition is what drives us to achieve more and gain rewards for our hard work. Without ambition it is hard to see the value in what we are doing inside and outside of school. Talk to your child about their ambitions and support them in setting out short and long term goals. Wanting to be something or to go somewhere ambitious can seem like a dream when we are young but without these dreams ambition will never grow.

Parents Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the forum meeting on Tuesday. Some of the points raised were:

- Homework books for KS1 and KS2
- Health workshops for parents and children
- First aid training for parents and children
- More frequent use of text messaging for important dates and notices
- Information on the City of London School for Boys link
- Increase in swimming sessions
- Pupil handbook for September 2013

We will endeavor to action the above points over the next term.

City of London School for Boys Link

A very successful link between ARK Bentworth and the City of London School for Boys (CLSB) has been established over the past few months. Our children have greatly benefited from the link and will continue to do so in the next academic year.

Year 5 and 6 have visited CLSB for Science enhancement lessons. They have been able to access equipment that is simply not available in primary schools, such as a working laboratory, chemicals, computers and a wide range of other Science resources. These visits have greatly enhanced the Science curriculum and inspired our children.

Year 5 have been involved in a 'Story Telling' club to improve their speaking and listening skills. Each week, the children learn a story to re-tell to their class. The children will be leading this initiative throughout the school in September.

Language Club has been a great success. The children have focused on two languages this year: French and Spanish. Mr Eteson, the Languages teacher from CLSB comes each week to support the club. The Languages Club has also been on a visit to the Tate Art Gallery by the South Bank to study French art. Children across the key stages are welcome to attend as language learning is to be enjoyed by all ages.

Miss Grasso - City of London Lead Teacher

Friends of Bentworth

We have a variety of parents workshops happening every **Wednesday 9.00am - 10.00am:**

08/5/13	Healthy Teeth
22/5/13	Dyslexia Talk
05/6/13	Breast Cancer Talk
12/6/13	Healthy Cooking
19/6/13	ZUMBA
3&10&17 /7/13	ZUMBA

Reward Assembly



Please join us next **Friday at 9.10am** for our Reward Assembly when we will be celebrating:

COMMUNITY

and how we work as a team.

Stay and Play

Remember - Stay and Play is **every Tuesday** in the school hall from **9.00am til 10.00am**. Baby changing facilities are available and refreshments are served to both adults and children.

If you have pre-nursery age children then please come along to **Stay and Play!**

Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Mohammed will be on hand to chat about any nursery issues or answer general questions.

PE Kits

We have a duty of care to our children especially when it comes to their health and well being. Many teachers have reported that a growing number of children are not bringing their PE kit for sporting activities.

We cannot allow children to take part in PE without the correct kit.

If children do not bring their kit they are missing out on vital exercise.

Denying your child the right to exercise may have damaging effects on your child's future and life span! You have a duty of care too!

As of Monday **we will not lend** children spare kit as the school cannot provide washing facilities.

Parents will be contacted at 8.45am **only**, if children do not come to school with the correct PE kit. If your child does not have a PE kit they will be educated in a different classroom.



Lunchtimes

Over the next 12 months Lunchtimes at ARK Bentworth will be changing dramatically.

We will be moving towards:

Improved tastier *Menu*

Family style dining

Parents tasting sessions

New dining furniture

New plates and cutlery

Improved salad bar

Healthier options

Larger variety of food from around the world

And much much more.....

We will update you as our improvements develop. Thank you to the School Council for initiating the much needed improvements.



Smoking

There is an increase in cigarette ends being discarded on the path outside of the school and inside of the school fencing.

This does not give the correct message to our children in regards to health and well being. The staff and children are also working hard to improve the school environment and make it a welcoming and pleasant place to be.

Can we remind parents, carers and visitors **not to smoke immediately outside of the school grounds**. Thank you for your support

Official Opening Event



The date of our Official School Opening will be **Thursday 27th June 2013**.

On this day parents will be invited to join in the celebrations with their children at our family picnic in the school grounds from **12.30 onwards**.

Activities and music will be on hand to make our celebration a day to remember.

More details to follow.....

Birthday wishes to :

Year 1: Zakaria Takarli
Year 3: Adna Aska
Year 4: Rayan Ouslimani

Happy Birthday



Fine Diners



Rec	Mohamed Alhaj	Yr 4	Rayan Ouslimani
Yr 1	Hana Ali	Yr 5	Sara Abuzaid
Yr 2	Mohammad Hadid	Yr 6	Noah Habak
Yr 3	Tala Fallatah		

STAR AWARDS



Reception	Yousef Hadid and Daisy McKeown
Year 1	Zainab El-Majdoub and Ridhwan Sanogo
Year 2	Muhanat Abshir and Ellie Norris
Year 3	Ikran Abshir and Mohamed Rosstom
Year 4	Meeyah Rkik and Uzair Hammad
Year 5	Idil Abshir and Madeeha Turay
Year 6	Kaima Tadesse and Arabi Al-Masri

Attendance

Winners of the class attendance award this week are **Northumbria with 99%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **97%**. 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 8.55am each morning and attends every day.



Electronic Main Gate

The main school gates open on a timer system in case staff are delayed in greeting parents and children. However, the gate will only open correctly if the sensor is not broken. We therefore ask parents and children to:

- Allow for the timer to activate the gate rather than pushing it
- Wait until the gate is fully open **before you enter**
- **Walk carefully** through the gates once they are fully open - children running through the gates on Wednesday caused an accident.

If the gates fail to open then a member of staff will open them manually. Thank you

Our New Football Team

Mr Narcisse will be starting a football club for any KS2 children who would like to join the ARK Bentworth Football Team.

This **will not replace** Coach Jamie's skills sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If your child would like to sign up for the Football Club, the first session will take place on **Tuesday 4th June**.

The club is open to girls and boys.

Mr Narcisse will be making contact with local schools to set up matches for the Summer term.

We will be fund raising as a school for a new football strip.

Please speak to Mrs Walker, Mrs Keenan or Mrs Summers to sign up for the ARK Bentworth Football Club.

