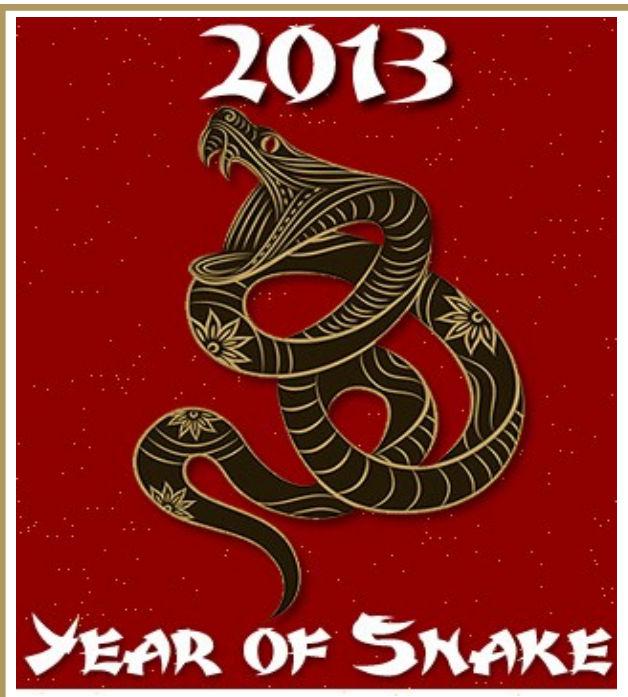




Message from the Headteacher

8th February

Sun nien fai lok (Happy Chinese New Year) and *Gung hay fat choy* (May You Become Prosperous). Our school community have enjoyed learning about and celebrating together Chinese New Year which officially begins on the 10th February. This non religious celebration has involved the children listening to, and telling traditional tales, making festival lanterns and other celebratory objects as well as sitting down to a Chinese meal using chop sticks! The children have been fascinated to learn about the beliefs and values of another culture and community and have developed their skills of enquiry to equip them as global citizens of the future.



Message the Lead Teacher

Road Safety

I'm sure many of you will agree that it is very important for children of all ages to learn how to use roads safely.

Fortunately we are lucky to have PC Samm from our local community, who will be visiting ARK Bentworth to deliver fun and interactive sessions to the children about road safety.

Additionally PC Sam will be visiting our whole school assembly to reinforce the importance of keeping safe when crossing or walking near to roads.

PC Sam has worked with some of the children previously so I am sure she will be a friendly face, who most of the children will recognise.

Mrs Osborne

Valentine's



To celebrate Valentine's the School Council have declared Thursday the 14th February as '**Wear Red Day**'. All children will therefore be allowed to wear their party clothes or non uniform to school on that day.

Our Valentine's disco starts at **3.15pm**. Tickets are available from the office at a cost of **£1** and includes food and drink.

If your child is attending the disco then please collect your child from the hall doors from **4.45 pm**.

Any **children not attending the disco** must be collected as normal from the back playground at **3.15pm**.



Birthday Cake

If you would like to bring in a birthday cake for your child's birthday, please do not bring in chocolate cake. Only plain sponge. Thank you for your co-operation.



Reward Assembly

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

FRIENDSHIP

and how we show empathy and care for one another

Uniform

We have noticed that **top buttons are not being fastened, black trousers are being worn, shoes are tatty and unpolished and children are pulling jumper sleeves to make them baggy and too long.** This is making the presentation of the children look untidy and lacking in pride. Please ensure your child's uniform is smart and reflects the school uniform policy. If children have pride in themselves then their confidence, self esteem and self discipline will develop and impact positively on their academic progress.



Parents Forum

Due to the year 6 Mock exams taking place in the hall on Tuesday 12th March, our next parents forum meeting has been moved to **Tuesday 26th March at 9.00 in the school hall.** We value our parental voice and look forward to welcoming your attendance.

Home/School Prep

Each Wednesday afternoon our children will be sharing and presenting their home school project work in front of their class. Please support your child in undertaking tasks from their home/school choice sheet linked to their topic. The work produced can be taken back home or left in school for the teachers to display.



Water Bottles

After the holidays **each child will receive a free ARK Bentworth Primary water bottle** with their name written on it. **The bottle must be taken home each day, washed and re-filled with fresh water** (no juice please). Any bottles left in school over a period of a couple of days will be thrown away due to the risk of bacteria breeding on them. If replacements are needed then these can be purchased from the office at a cost of £2.00. Although all children will be allowed to drink at certain points during session times, there will be clear rules instilled by each teacher in regards to children not using the water bottles as an excuse to distract them from their learning.



Health Stars

Our link with QPR enabled the *Friends of Bentworth* to enjoy an Healthy Eating workshop last Wednesday morning.

Further Health Stars workshops include:

- Zumba fitness session (Tuesdays)
- Parent and child after school fitness session (Mondays)
- Parent health workshops (Wednesdays)

Please see Mrs Mohammed for further details. Dates to follow.

Attendance



Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Warwick with 94%**. 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 8.55am each morning and attends every day.

Birthday wishes to :

Joumana Bourihane Reception
Najma Dahir Year 4



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pancakes Galore!

On **Tuesday 12th February** all children will be using their literacy and artistic skills to design a pancake of their choice. To cover the cost of fillings we are **asking for 50p from each child**. Please pay your 50p to the class teacher who will purchase the fillings dependent on your child's pancake creation. To comply with Healthy Schools we will be encouraging all children to research healthy fillings.



Fine Diners



Rec	Nadine Banimis	Yr 4	Ismail Raflay
Yr 1	Surai Ellis	Yr 5	Sumayah Hared
Yr 2	Ellie Ryan	Yr 6	Adnan Yusuf
Yr 3	Kacie Smith		

STAR AWARDS



Reception	Darcy Dixon and Enzo Ubiali
Year 1	Abi Foster-Summers and Zakaria Takarli
Year 2	Ilyas Hisbani and Daisy Bran
Year 3	Erika Evangelista and Louisa Ventour-Dauchand
Year 4	Amro Alhaj and Sunayah Hared
Year 5	The Whole Class
Year 6	Abdullahi Dahir and Madeena Hadafmand

International Food Festival

To celebrate the end of our topic **The World and Us** we will be holding an **International Food Festival in the school hall on Tuesday 26th March at between 1.30pm and 3.30pm**.

Parents and children will be preparing and serving food representing a variety of different cultures from around the world. Each class will receive a budget to purchase ingredients and any profits made will go back to the children to decide how the profit should be spent to improve learning within their classroom. If you would like to support us with our Food Festival please speak to Mrs Mohammed.

Classrooms will also be open during the morning for parents to take the opportunity to work alongside their child on topic related activities.



Year 6 Class Assembly

Our final class value assembly will take place on **Tuesday 12th February at 2.45pm** in the school hall. Their assembly will be based on the value of **FRIENDSHIP**.

We welcome all friends and family of Year 6 children at this assembly.

