



Ark Bentworth Primary Academy

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Message from the Head of School

As half term begins, it is hard to believe how quickly the first half term has gone! It has been a very rewarding term with lots of school activities starting up again.

Yesterday we had our first House Rally. Each child in the school is split into a coloured house: red, green, blue and yellow. The pupils were given a coloured badge yesterday which tells you which house they are in. Pupils work towards achieving house points through receiving tokens for excellent behaviour and competing in sporting events in their coloured houses. Yesterday the prospective house captains from Year 5 and 6 spoke to their houses. The prospective captains went through a nomination process where they had to write to me to be considered for the role, then they wrote speeches, and the children and staff voted yesterday to decide who would represent the house as the leader. I was very proud of all the children who made speeches yesterday. They worked hard and did an inspiring job. A big well done to:

- George, Bilal, Ibrahim, Se, Hamza, Rejana and Devontae from Year 6
- Amelia, Sofia, Amir, Naba and Leo from Year 5.

I cannot wait to announce the new house captains at the Year 4, 5 and 6 Celebration Assembly after half term.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term.

Karinne Faddy

Term Dates

The next half term begins on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

You can find all our term dates here:
<https://arkbentworth.org/term-dates>

Farewell

Miss Greene, our Cover Supervisor, is returning to university and will no longer be working at Ark Bentworth next half term. We wish her the very best for her studies and hope she will keep in touch. We would like to thank her for all the work she has done covering our classes. We will miss her positivity and energy!

Save the Date

Outdoor Classroom Day

On **Thursday 4th November 2021** we will be joining schools across the country and taking our learning outside. Each class will take at least one lesson outside in the school grounds. This is to teach children the importance of spending time outside and how it makes us happier and healthier. Children do not need to wear school uniform on the day and should wear lots of warm layers including coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves.

Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 9th November 8.45 – 9.25am

All parents and carers are welcome to join our Children's Wellbeing Coffee Morning run by Ms Keeler, Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) with Place2Be. Come and find out more about how school and home can both support children at all ages to develop positive mental health and wellbeing. There will be useful information and signposting to further help and resources as well as discussion of practical tips and activities to cover a range of issues.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held on **Thursday 9th December 2021**. If you are able to support with donations of prizes, running a stall or would like to purchase a stall please email info@arkbentworthprimary.org

Showcase Week

Showcase Week is an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school and celebrate your child's learning. Please note that the showcase will begin at the time stated and will last for **20-30 minutes**.

Class	Date and Time
Nursery	Thursday 11 th November 2021 11.15am
Reception	Thursday 11 th November 2021 3pm
Year 1	Wednesday 10 th November 2021 3pm
Year 2	Tuesday 9 th November 2021 9.30am
Year 3	Wednesday 10 th November 2021 9am
Year 4	Tuesday 9 th November 2021 3pm
Year 5	Monday 8 th November 2021 9am
Year 6	Monday 8 th November 2021 3pm

Sporting Competition

This term pupils have been learning ball skills, rounders and cricket. We would like to invite you in to watch the pupils play on **Friday 26th November 2021**.

Year 1	1.30pm-2pm
Year 2	1.30pm-2pm
Year 3	3pm-3.30pm
Year 4	3pm-3.30pm
Year 5	2.30pm-3pm
Year 6	2pm-2.30pm

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you will have received a £15 voucher for the half term from Hammersmith and Fulham.

To find out if you are eligible for Free School Meals go to:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/benefits/student-benefits-and-grants>

Parent Governor

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Body (LGB). Details about how to apply are at the end of the newsletter.

Walking Bus

We are hoping to create a walking bus from East Acton and the White City Estate each morning. A walking bus would allow a group of children to be walked to school by one or more adults and would mean not all parents need to separately walk their children to school each day. We are hoping to put parents in touch with each other to co-ordinate and take shifts to

escort the bus. If you would be interested in your child taking the walking bus or if you would be willing to volunteer to chaperone the bus. Please fill in the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/s29u3z79Bd>

Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to support in school. We are hoping to find parents who could commit a few hours a week to support with:

- Administrative tasks such as photocopying/ laminating
- Listening to children read or reading to children
- Helping in our early year's classrooms

If you are interested in a volunteer role, please email info@arkbentworthprimary.org with details of your availability and which role you would be interested in.

Uniform

It is essential that pupils are in full school uniform each day. You can find our uniform expectations here:

<https://arkbentworth.org/uniform>

All uniform can be purchased on WisePay or ordered through the office:

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?mID=98572&ACT=nav>

Pupils should wear their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays – except for Nursery pupils who wear their PE kit every day.

Reminder slips about uniform have been sent home this week. If you have any concerns or if you need support in paying for uniform, please see Ms Faddy on the gate.

Lunch

Please book and pay for your child's lunch via WisePay. For next term, if you do not select a lunch for your child, they will be given the vegetarian option.

Lunches are free for pupils entitled to Free School Meals and all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

You can choose from the vegan option, vegetarian option, halal meat option or jacket potato each day.

After-School Care

After school care is paid for childcare and runs from 3.30-5.45 Monday to Friday. The club is open to pupils in Reception to Year 6.

Please click here to register for a place in our after-school care:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XWT46h1j6m>

Clubs

Please note that football club will not be running next half term.

Choir will no longer run after school on Fridays, but instead during lunchtime on Tuesdays. If you would like your child to join the choir and they are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, please email

info@arkbentworthprimary.org

The following after-school club has available space:

Speak Like a Native

Spanish Club

Years 1-6

Monday 3.30-4.30pm

£7/session. To book go to:

<https://www.speaklikeanative.com/find-a-class>

Attendance

Our class attendance winners from last week were:

Year 2 – 95.69%

and

Year 4 – 97.83%

Our **100%** attendance winners were:

Naba from Year 5 and **Sakura** from Year 1


Star Awards

This half term our value is **Respect**. These pupils went **over and above** our expectations.


	Last week
Nursery	Munakea
Reception	Aamina
Year 1	Reem
Year 2	Chase
Year 3	Arthur
Year 4	Jawad
Year 5	Naba
Year 6	All of Year 6



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Christmas Fair



Thursday 9th December, 2.30pm-4pm

Tombola

Raffle

Santa's Grotto

And more...

Stalls for parents/ carers £20

Bring your family and friends, and have some fun ...

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Can you be our Parent Governor?

Role of the Local Governing Body:

From overseeing what your children learn in class to making sure that building projects are delivered, governors are at the heart of our school's journey. Governors work together to support the school to ensure that the pupils can achieve to the best of their ability. A successful and effective LGB will:

- Monitor implementation of the school development plan and school finances effectively
- Act as a critical friend, developing a strong and supportive relationship with the Head of School
- Not be involved in the day-to-day management of the school
- Consult and respond to the views and concerns of parents and pupils
- Be knowledgeable about the school
- Use the skills of all members.

All governors are expected to attend LGB meetings, which are held at least four times a year in school. In addition, you might be expected to join a committee or take on a 'link' role to understand a particular area of the school's activity, such as how it keeps children safe, provides for children with special educational needs and disabilities, or manages the school's finances.

Expectations of Parent Governors

As a governor, you will need to commit time to prepare for and attend LGB meetings, to take a share of tasks within the LGB and to take part in training. You will also be expected to visit the school as a governor – this can be a very different experience to visiting as a parent! As a Parent Governor:

- You will bring your parental perspective to the LGB and, through your children, you will have first-hand experience of the curriculum.
- You are helping to ensure that the school meets the needs of all its pupils, not representing individual parents or their concerns.
- Other parents may approach you with concerns but you should not become personally involved in individual concerns, as this may jeopardise formal procedures. You should guide parents about appropriate lines of action and procedures.
- You do not need to express opinions or vote in a particular way because you have been pressed to do so by other parents.
- You are not there to promote the interests of your own children but of all children.
- Objectivity is essential.

Like all Ark governors, you will need to be loyal to the decisions made by the LGB and respect the confidentiality – even if you personally voted against a decision you must support the decision-making process and take responsibility for the outcome.

The appointment process:

All parents, carers and guardians of children at the school are eligible to be candidates. If you would like to be considered, please complete the online form at <https://arkonline.org/uk-schools/become-governor> by the 8th November 2021. If you would like any support completing this online form or would like to use a computer in school to complete it, please contact the school office. Applications will be considered by the Director of Governance in consultation with the Chair and Head of School are likely to include a meeting with each candidate. Like all Ark governors, the parent governor will be formally appointed by the Director of Governance.