



Ark Bentworth Primary Academy

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Message from the Head of School

With the UEFA Euros underway, one of our pupils was given an amazing opportunity to walk onto the pitch at Wembley a fortnight ago in the England versus Croatia match. Ehab from Year 6 represented our school and city through a project called **No Barriers**. No Barriers is supported by the Mayor of London and aims to promote inclusion and diversity in football. I applied for one of our pupils to participate then when we were selected, I had the difficult task of deciding who would represent our school. I asked pupils in Year 6 to write to me and explain what No Barriers means to them. Many pupils applied and all the entries were inspiring. I have included Ehab's winning entry below and a photo of him at Wembley:

Dear Miss Faddy,

I am writing to tell you why I think I should represent London in the UEFA championship. I want to represent my country in a way that everyone knows that there are no barriers to life. No people of any race, gender or religion should be denied for doing the things they love. I want to give my country, our country a better future. I don't only want to go and run on the pitch for the perks, but to show everyone that even a child has passion. Dreams. That I have dreams to change the world. There are no barriers, not for any race, religion, gender, age or ethnicity. Anyone can do anything.

From Ehab in Year 6



We welcome a new member of staff to our team this term, Ms Landau. Ms Landau will be joining us as an Interim Deputy Head of School. The reason for this is that Ms Monte has some exciting news... she is pregnant! Ms Monte will be with us until September when her maternity leave begins. Ms Landau will be joining us part time this term before joining us full time next academic year. Ms Keeler will also continue in role as Interim Deputy Head of School. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Ms Monte and welcoming Ms Landau over the coming weeks.

Year 6 completed their end of year assessments this week. Although the statutory assessments did not take place this year, our pupils sat a previous end of year assessment. The pupils did brilliantly and as a celebration headed to the park for a picnic on Friday afternoon (see images below). Thankfully the rain stayed a bay!



The infection rate in the UK is on the rise once more and it was reported in the press that a quarter of a million pupils missed school due to Covid-related absences last week. Please can I remind parents and carers to socially distance while on the school site, always wear a mask and keep your children with you.

Please stay safe and cautious.

Karinne Faddy

Friday 25th June 2021

Asymptomatic Testing

Anyone without symptoms can access free, regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

The NHS recommended testing twice a week (every 3-4 days) because 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Summer Fair Raffle

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual fun-filled summer fair. Instead, we would still like to hold a raffle with some great prizes. If you can help with any gift donations or know of companies that would kindly donate to us, please let the school office know. The fair helps raise money for the school, so any donation is valuable.

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.

Extended School Care

We are offering extended school care from Monday to Thursday from 3.45-5.45pm for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6. We are offering care to pupils in Reception from 3.45-5pm. To book a place, please register using this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/WSH4YJ2LGZ>

Family Cycle Library

The PTA at Ark Burlington Danes is loaning adult bikes and child bikes/seats to families during term time and the summer holidays. They also offer one-to-one adult cycle training. It is completely free and is open to Ark Bentworth families. Visit <https://bdpa-pta.org/cycle-library> to find out more and register.

National Thank a Teacher Day

Last week was National Thank a Teacher Day - an opportunity to say thank you to all the hard-

working teachers, support staff and people who work in education settings.

You or your child can send a thank you e-card to someone who works in our school via this website to:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Music Lessons

Hammersmith and Fulham have launched a new out of school music programme for children and young people who live or go to school in Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster. Click [here](#) to view the e-brochure.

Bookings for September 2021-July 2022 are now open. Book a place here:

<https://www.triboroughmusiclub.org/out-of-school-music-tuition-2021-22/>

Attendance

Last week, the classes with the best attendance were:

- 1st Place – Year 2 with 96.79%**
- 2nd Place – Year 4 with 96.77%
- 3rd Place – Year 6 with 96.59%

This week, the classes with the best attendance are:

- 1st Place – Year 1 with 99.52%**
- 2nd Place – Year 6 with 99.18%
- 3rd Place – Year 4 with 99.11%

Our **100%** attendance winners are:

Adam from Year 1, **Sultan** from Year 3, **Yusra** from Year 3 and **Abdulahi** from Nursery

Star Awards

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

	Last week	This week
Nursery	Lashae	Trystan
Reception	Tiana	Samrah
Year 1	Jasmine	Claudia
Year 2	Ayoub	Zhanae
Year 3	Imani	Archie
Year 4	Iqra	Sofia
Year 5	Omar	Hannah
Year 6	Kane	All of Year 6!



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 30th June 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.