



Ark Bentworth Primary Academy

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Message from the Head of School

It is Black History Month and pupils have been celebrating the history and achievements of black people. As part of Black History Month, Etana Blake spoke at assembly about the inspiring co-founder of the Halo code Katiann Rocha. The Halo Code is a guide to prevent discrimination around hairstyles and textures. Etana did a wonderful job and showed real courage to speak in front of her peers in such a passionate and articulate way! We are very proud of you.

This week we had a special lunch organised by our new Chef, Max Frank. Chef Max joined us at the beginning of the academic year and has been working closely with Anita Moir to develop our menu. Anita operates a catering company, Meal and Moir- www.mealsandmoir.co.uk. The meals have been delicious, and pupils now have a choice of a variety of scrumptious salads served at their table each day. This week we had a Pre-historic Party and pupils loved the food and dinosaurs (*see images below*). We look forward to more special lunches and lots more delicious food to come!



As the weather starts to cool down, please make sure your child brings a jumper and a coat to school each day. Please call the office to order any uniform you cannot find on WisePay.

Best wishes,
Karinne Faddy

Term Dates

Our term dates have been updated due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falling over the half term. An additional holiday date has been added on Friday 22nd July 2022. This will mean the last day of the academic year will be Thursday 21st July 2022. You can find all our term dates here:

<https://arkbentworth.org/term-dates>

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:

Friday 8th October 2021

- 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.

Year 6 SATs session

Parents and Carers of Year 6 are invited to attend an information session on **Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 5pm** in the school hall to find out more about the Year 6 SATs and how you can best support your child at home.

Black History Month Storytelling Screening

During the half term there is a free streamed storytelling performance available for KS1 and KS2 pupils by Usifu Jalloh. Click [here](#) to book a place.

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 will be 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. 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 vegetarian option, halal meat option or jacket potato each day. We also provide vegan

meals, you can request these by emailing info@arkbentworthprimary.org

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

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 3 – 98.95%

and

Year 5 – 96.99%

This week our class attendance winners are:

Year 1 – 96.92%

and

Year 4 – 96.43%

Our **100%** attendance winners were:

Millie from Year 5, **Ricky** from Year 4, **Fahimah** from Year 1 and **Aleena** from Year 1

Star Awards

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

	Last week	This week
Nursery	Arin	Aliya
Reception	Trystan	Dhaulagiri
Year 1	Yusef	Eva
Year 2	Claudia	Ayoub
Year 3	Zmarai	Osymah
Year 4	Reniyah	Theo
Year 5	Amir	Yamen
Year 6	Nyhiem	Bilal



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.