



## Message from the Associate Headteacher

9th January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new year and the spring term at Ark Bentworth. We have had a positive and calm start this week and I have been impressed by the good manners and behaviour I have noticed around school as well as the smart uniforms and PE kits the children are wearing.

We would like to welcome some new members of staff to our team this term. Angela Ashmead, an experienced Early Years Practitioner will be teaching in Nursery and Reception on Thursdays and Fridays releasing class teachers for their PPA time. On Monday afternoons we have a specialist art teacher and practising artist, Elisenda Vila, delivering the art curriculum to Year 6. Then finally on Thursday afternoons we are welcoming sports coaches from Hākinakina, a specialist team of sports and fitness teachers to teach fitness lessons to Years 4, 5 and 6. Children are already starting to develop their gymnastics skills in these lessons to a very high standard. It is wonderful to be able to draw on the professional abilities of these experts to enhance the learning experiences for children in our school and we are looking forward to seeing the progress they make across the term.

Finally a well done to Year 6 for starting the term with 100% attendance for the first week back! This is an excellent beginning and we will challenge them to achieve this for a second week. Thank you to all families who ensured their children were in school for the beginning of term and are working hard to keep their attendance high, it really does have a huge impact on children's learning.

Wishing you all a happy new year and a restful weekend,

Gemma Grierson

## Reminder to Parent/Carers



Due to a change to the Wisepay system we can no longer take any money for school lunches. All lunches need to be booked and paid for on-line, by **Wednesday at 7pm**.

## Message to parent/Carers

After school play centre is changing.

On Wednesdays there will be new sessions where your child will learn all sorts of life skills, like first aid, road safety and sewing etc.

These sessions need to be booked a couple of days in advance.

The children will earn badges for any new skills they learn.

Every Friday there will be a movie night which also has to be booked in advance.

Look out for details on the posters around the school.



## Nursery Trip

On Wednesday and Thursday the morning and afternoon Nursery children visited The Natural History Museum.

The Children really enjoyed themselves. Taylor said "We went to see a Dinosaur hunt. He was looking right at me."

Chaise said "We see the Dinosaur, he was roaring! I was very brave. Robert commented on how big the whale was he said " It was much bigger than me and Chaise!"



### Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

### Inspiration

#### Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Northumbria** with 100% and **2nd** was **Roehampton** with **99.4%** and **3rd** is **Clarke** with **97.8%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **95.4%**. 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 **8.45am** each morning and attends every day.

#### 100 % Attendance winner of the Week!



**Zara Hammad**



#### Important reminders for parent/carers

- 20th January:** British Gymnast Assembly at 1pm
- 21st January:** Reception visiting London Zoo.
- 28th January:** year 1 out at the V&A Museum
- 30th January:** Parents Forum 9:30am-10.00am
- 13th February:** Inset day.

### STAR AWARDS



Reception	Ehab Adam Omar
Year 1	Suhaib Adan
Year 2	Shadi Rosstom
Year 3	
Year 4	Holly Quilligan
Year 5	Reece O'Halloran
Year 6	Monique Gundrum

### Birthday wishes to :

- Rec:** Chantaye Hughes & Zara Hammad
- Year 1:** Lina Almaroof, Tariq Mohammed & Younes Lechibi
- Year 2:** William Ali
- Year 4:** Asma Gullul

