



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Head's Message

It has been a very happy start to our second term of the year!

Despite only having had three school days, we have already achieved a lot. This morning saw the launch of 'The Daily Mile'! Children and staff will be running for at least 15 minutes at various points throughout our weekly timetable. We held our first run after Celebration Assembly and it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces enjoying the beautiful cold but sunny weather. Teachers also pointed out how focused the children were in lessons after they had run the mile, supporting the evidence that shows what a brilliant impact being active can have on our well-being and focus.



Today, we also launched our 'Readathon' fundraising event, in order to raise the final section of money needed to complete our inspirational school library! Please see the letter that has been sent home for more details. I hope you have a lovely couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing you all soon when I return from Jury Service on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## Composer of the Term

Our composer this half term will be:  
*Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky*



## Stars of the Week

For showing happiness our stars of the week are:

		
Ethan	Filio	Zephan
		
Romilly	Buddy	Richie

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Austen</b>	<b>98.01%</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shakespeare	97.59%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lewis	97.5%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Potter	96.98%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl	96.87%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll	96.73%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens	96.15%

## Celebration Assemblies

Please join us at 8:35am for our celebration assemblies on the following dates:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 5 class performance

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents – Year 2 class performance

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 3 class performance  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents

## Dates for Your Diary

**5<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 6 and Reception Parent Teacher Conferences  
**6<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Teacher Conferences (NOTE: this is a new date)  
**7<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Teacher Conferences (NOTE: this is a new date)  
**8<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 5 Parent Teacher Conferences  
**13<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 2 trip to Surrey Docks farm  
**16<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Day  
**16<sup>th</sup> November** - SEN Workshop for parents 9:15am – 9:45am  
**26<sup>th</sup> November** - Inset Day  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - School Christmas Fair  
**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Winter Jumper Day

## Home Learning

**Reception:** Create your very own postage stamp.  
**Year 1:** What objects would Christopher Columbus need on his voyage to the Americas? Draw or print them to go on our display!  
Spellings: jumped, bring, thing, called, looked, sting. Red-hot challenge spellings: wanted, astonishing.  
**Year 2:** Make a record of the insects you spot in your local area.  
**Year 3:** Pick a country that you have visited or would love to visit. What is the weather like in your chosen country? Does your country experience any extreme weather? You can display what you find in any way that you like.  
**Year 4:** Explain the story of Robin Hood in any way you choose.  
**Year 5:** Research a recipe that includes bananas as a key ingredient. There is no requirement for cooking but if you choose to, make sure you take some photos to put on our working wall.  
Spellings - ch as the 'c' sound  
**Year 6:** Record the amount of plastic packaging that comes from the ingredients of your dinner. Can you create a way of presenting your data to share with the class? (bar graph, pie chart, tally chart etc.)  
Spellings - ch as the 'c' sound

## Notices

### Jury Service

As you will have seen from the letter, Mrs Ross-Wood will be out of school on Jury Service for the next two weeks. If you have any urgent queries whilst she is away, please speak to the school office team or to Mr White and Mrs Faupel, our Assistant Principals.

### Attendance

We are really pleased to see that our whole school attendance has improved since last year. Our school target is 97% and we are currently at 96.89%, so we are very close. As we move into colder months, we will all need to work together to ensure your children remain healthy. Please also remember that if your child has a medical appointment, it is very important to book this for the start or end of the day where possible so that they do not miss more school than necessary. Thank you for your support.

### Children in Need

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising money for Children In Need. Children can wear spotty clothes to school and bring in £1 or more to raise money for children who need our help. Please place your child's money in an envelope in their book bag.



### Meet the Team

**Name:** Morita Braithwaite  
**Role:** Midday Meal Supervisor  
**What is your favourite book?** I like to read the biographies of famous people.  
**What was your favourite subject at school?** I loved music lessons at school.  
**When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?**  
I always wanted to become an airhostess, or a singer.  
**Can you tell us something we may not know about you?** I sing and write my own songs!

*Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility*