



# ARK Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Headteacher's Message

#### ARK Conway receives recognition for Excellence

On Monday I had the privilege and honour to be invited to Downing Street by the Prime Minister David Cameron to celebrate excellence in state education.

The reception was held to recognise the contributions of some of the country's most innovative and outstanding schools and is credit to the hard work and commitment of the whole staff team here at ARK Conway. Well done ARK Conway!!!

Also in attendance at Number 10 were Education Secretary Michael Gove, Chief Executive of ARK Schools Lucy Heller and the Headteacher of Burlington Danes Dame Sally Coates.



We also received an unexpected visit from the BBC Newsnight team on Monday afternoon. The footage of ARK Conway is still available on BBC iPlayer and is well worth a look if you have not seen it yet.

The report was about free schools and ARK Conway was held up as an outstanding example of one.

The reporter Chris Cook commented on his Twitter page "the children at ARK Conway were \*stunningly\* well behaved. And pretty nonchalant about TV cameras..."  
@xtophercook

### Focus on learning

Whilst this week has been a rather unusual one in terms of media coverage and recognition for staff and pupils, the focus in school has remained on learning.

School starts at 8:30am and teachers start teaching as soon as the children enter the classroom. In recent weeks one or two children are arriving at school after this time which means they are missing learning time.

Arriving at school at 8:35am each day may only be five minutes late, however this adds up and is equivalent to nearly two hours a month.

Please ensure your child is at school before the 8:30 starting time so that when the bell rings they are ready to line up, enter school and start learning.

Have a great weekend.

## Attendance

**Carroll class: 99.3% - Fantastic, well done!**

Potter class: 97.8% - Super!

Dahl class: 97.4% - Great!

## Value of the Week

The value of the week next week will be:

**Honesty.**

The composer of the week next week will be:

**Tomaso Albinoni.**

## Notices

### **Sainsbury's vouchers**

We would like to thank everyone for donating their Active Kids Vouchers; we've had a fantastic response so far. The last day these vouchers are available from stores is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May and we are looking forward to collecting the last of the vouchers in over the next week and deciding what equipment will best support our school.

### **School jumpers**

We have now received a delivery of size 26" and 28" school jumpers. Please visit the school office if you would like to buy one. Other sizes are also available.

### **Year 1 trip to the Science Museum**

Potter class; please be reminded that you are visiting the Science Museum on Monday so don't forget your packed lunch!

### **Half term**

We break up for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 4pm. Afterschool clubs and care will be as usual on that day. We will come back after half term on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with an exciting Arts Week to look forward to!

## ARTS WEEK: JUNGLE



Henri Rousseau: 'Surprised'

Coming up in Arts Week this year:

- Year 1 trip to the National Gallery
- Cuban percussion and dance workshop
- Parent workshops
- Assembly by composer of 'The Snowman' – Howard Blake
- Kite Studio art session
- Big Foot drama session
- Special celebration assembly gallery

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014**