



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Head's Message

At Conway this week we've been spreading happiness by continuing to read and share stories with each other as part of National Storytelling Week. We've identified why it is important to share stories and what we can learn from them. Mrs Mabile has challenged every writer to compose a story, she has a number that she'll display in the school hall for everybody to enjoy! If you're stuck for something to do this weekend – tell, read or even write a story! Next week we will celebrate Safer Internet Day, our aim is to raise awareness of how to stay safe on the internet. We'll be following this up with a visit from ParentZone next half-term but if you would like to find out more their website ([www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)) has some excellent resources for parents and pupils alike on online safety. Have a wonderful weekend!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lewis Class	100.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carroll Class	98.33%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Austen Class	97.78%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl Class	96.67%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Potter Class	94.44%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	94.10%

## Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:  
**Ludwig van Beethoven**



## Parent Teacher Consultations

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Reception/Year 1

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Year 2/Year 3

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 4

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Year 5

Sign up sheets will be available next Tuesday

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** –Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News

**Year 1:** Design a survival kit for our meerkat's trip to the North Pole

**Year 2:** How many different ways can you make the number 30?

**Year 3:** What can you find out about haiku poems?

**Year 4:** Make a poster advertising London. Spelling: Words ending in 'ous'

**Year 5:** Make a poster advertising your U.S. state and make your costume for our cinema evening on Thursday

## Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:

Hindakey	Aisha	Max
J'da	Ramzy	Clemmie S

## Safeguarding

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we keep all children at Ark Conway safe. Please note that children must be supervised in the school playground before 8:20am. Children must also wait to line up with their class before entering classrooms.

*Inspire Excellence*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*



## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 3-4pm** – Reception Topic Work Exhibition – School Hall  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Close for half term  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET day  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – School re-opens after half term  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6 - 7pm** – Secondary Transition Evening for Year 4 and Year 5 parents.  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9.45am** – Phonics Workshop for Reception parents  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day  
**w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March** – STEM Week  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – INSET Day  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

## Notices

### Year 3 Trip to the Museum of London



Year 3 pupils have been studying the Victorian period in their Challenge Curriculum lessons including reading the stories of Charles Dickens. On Monday Lewis Class enjoyed a visit to the Museum of London to combine literacy and topic learning with a talk and museum tour (guided by Charles Dickens himself!) on the theme of Dickens children.

### Goodbye Mrs Said

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Said, who has been a Midday Meals Supervisor at Ark Conway for the last 4 years. She will be sadly missed. We wish her well for the future.



### School Lunches

Just a reminder that school lunches for after half term need to be ordered by next Tuesday morning on Wisepay.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for sports and cooking equipment for the school.

### Uniform

Please note the price of some uniform items has increased slightly due to a change in the manufacturers price list. Please speak to the front desk for further details.

### Congestion

We have noticed the foyer continues to be fairly congested around 3:45pm. Unless you have a query for the front desk, please wait in the playground to collect children at the end of the school day.

### Year 5 American Movie Night

To have some fun and bring to life this half term's Year 5 American theme, a movie evening will take place at school on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 6 – 7.30pm**. To enhance the American theme, children are encouraged to dress up as a state of their choice.

## EYFS News

This week we have been busy preparing for our exhibition on Monday. We've been making Hootopize puppets and constellation pictures. As part of National Storytelling Week we have written our own version of 'Toys in Space' and we are looking forward to sharing them around the school. Next week we will be reading 'Beegu' and writing instructions for how to make her out of playdough. We will also be filming video messages to the people that we love and making cards to tell them how much they mean to us. This weekend you could: make a card for someone you love; make your own playdough; read and discuss the story of Beegu or write about the forthcoming exhibition. Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team