



## Head's Message

Happy Friday everyone! We have had a busy action packed week, with children going out of school on various exciting excursions alongside completing assessments to inform our teaching. Next week, the children have a 3-day week, whilst staff will attend a 1 day in-school training and 1 day at the Ark Education Conference held at Central Hall Westminster and QEII Conference Centre. This is a very exciting event when all teaching staff from across the Ark network come together to share good practice, listen to guest speakers and 'TED Talks', and support each other in our quest to improve education across the country.

Have a great half term everyone... come back bright and fresh and ready for Spring 2!

## Dates for Your Diary

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016:** Inset Days (School closed for pupils)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016:** Half Term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016:** School re-opens after half term

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016:** Parent Forum (after Celebration Assembly)

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News.

**Year 1:** Tell me about your favourite reptile.

**Year 2:** Where should Mr Welsh time travel to in Paris?

**Year 3:** What is your favourite Edward Lear poem and why?

**Year 4:** Explore the Museum of London website before our trip. What do you want to see?

## Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

**Igor Stravinsky**



## Stars of the Week

For showing honesty our stars of the week are:



Ollie Elisabeth Lily Ruby Milen Salihom

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dahl	98.67%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carroll	96.67%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dickens	96.67%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Potter	96.26%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis	94.19%

## Celebration Assembly

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2016:** Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2

## Notices

### Parent Volunteers

We are looking for Parent volunteers for the Year 4 trip to the Museum of London on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Ideally, we need two or three volunteers so, if you are free to support us, your help would be much appreciated! Please let Miss Collins know if you can help by 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### Facebook and Twitter

Please take a look at our Facebook page 'Ark Conway Primary Academy'. You can also follow us on Twitter: @ARKConway.

**Thank you ..** to the Year 1 parents. Children are doing so well with their spellings. Also thank you to Farid's mum for her help with the Art lessons.

### School Gates

School starts at 8.30am and gates do not open until 8.20am as teachers are not available for supervision. If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8.30am you can pay £2.50 to join Breakfast Club.

### Wisepay

All enrichment club payments are now due for Spring term. If you haven't paid in full, please do so before half term.

### Lunches

Please order your child's lunches before 10.00am every Tuesday. Lunches for the week after half term should be ordered by 10.00am on 09/02/2016.

### Exciting News – Conway Challenge Curriculum

During recent months, you may have heard teachers or your child mentioning the mysterious Challenge Curriculum and you may be wondering what this is! On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016, all will finally be revealed! We will be holding a Challenge Curriculum Launch event for all parents where you will discover Ark Conway's vision for this new curriculum and many exciting details, such as 'What makes a driving question?', 'How can experts support a Challenge Project?' and 'How will parents and the local community be involved in ensuring children are prepared to succeed in the 21st Century?'.

This exciting event will take place from 08:30 - 09:30 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (there will be no Celebration Assembly on this day) and as well as hearing about the new curriculum, you will also get the opportunity to see some of the inspiring work that children have created so far in their Challenge projects. We would love to see as many parents there as we can fit into our hall!

## School Trips

### Year 2 Trip to the Wetlands Centre



Year 2 spent the day at Barnes Wetland Centre on Tuesday observing wetland birds and creatures in their natural habitat. They had a great day being surrounded by nature and discovering lots of new things.

### Year 3 Trip to the Dickens Museum



Pupils had a fantastic trip this week to the Dickens Museum. They used old fashioned stamps and quill pens and ink to explore the methods of writing and printing used in the Victorian period and found out who Dickens was and how he wrote.

### Year 4 Trip to Wagamama

Dickens class really enjoyed their morning at Wagamama today where they made their own fruit juices and weighed out ingredients to make and sample lots of delicious food!



## EYFS News

This week we have learnt how to use a Linx tablet, designing our own aliens based on 'Man on the Moon'. In afternoon activities we have kept a moon diary, and made moon masks. We even explored the mysterious properties of space dust, which never gets wet! We ended our week with much excitement, learning even more about space at the Science Museum. See below for some photos from our trip! Ideas for home learning: Prepare for our next topic 'Animals' by reading about farm animals, zoo animals or mini-beasts. Have a great weekend!

