



## Head's Message

With the start of October, we have seen the launch of the nationwide celebration of Black History Month. Mr Jones kicked off the week with a fascinating assembly, sharing how inspiring individuals such as Bessie Coleman and Mary Seacole persevered to achieve highly. Throughout the month, each class will research the vibrant and courageous life experiences of a famous figure before sharing their findings at the end of the month.







World Teachers' Day took place on Wednesday and we used this as an opportunity to celebrate the dedication and commitment of Conway Staff with a staffroom refresh. The fancy teabags were a particular hit - Mr Welsh claimed to have had 'the best cup of tea ever!'

Our first open morning for families interested in joining the academy from September 2017 took place this week. I was incredibly proud to receive many compliments remarking how smartly dressed and polite the children of Ark Conway are.

Enjoy the weekend, see you on Monday!

## Stars of the Week

For showing perseverance, our stars of the week are:

		
Taraneh	Titus	Stephanie
		
Margot	Sonia	Grace

*Inspire Excellence*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## 🎵 Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

**Ray Charles**



## Dates for Your Diary

**October 2016** – Black History Month

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 4 and Year 5 trip to the Lion King

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm** – Parents Meeting for Year 2 pupils (Assessment) – all Year 2 parents/carers invited

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Close for half term

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – School re-opens after half term

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Parent and Carer Lunchtime Experience

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 and Year 5 Literacy Spotlight Assembly

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual School Photos - Tempest Photographer

**w/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Global Entrepreneurship Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Dahl Class Assembly

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Carroll Class Nativity

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carols Evening

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents Meetings will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 and Year 3

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 4 and Year 5

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception and Year 1

Letters were sent home yesterday. Sign up sheets will be available at the front desk from 7.30am on Monday morning.

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Potter Class	98.89%
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3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carroll Class	98.15%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Austen Class	97.41%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl Class	97.04%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	94.44%

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News.

**Year 1:** What would you like to change about your local area?

**Year 2:** What job would the Iron Man do in East Acton?

**Year 3:** What can you find out about 'Alexander the Great'?

**Year 4/ Year 5:** Visit the [topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk) website for maths games and play any addition or subtraction games! Record your best scores.

## Notices

### After School Clubs

Reminder – After School Enrichment Clubs started on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. If you have not already done so, please pay a deposit of 50% by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to secure your place. This can be paid on Wisepay or in cash/cheque at the school office.

### Ark Conway Societies

Pupils have been enjoying the new Pathway Societies this term. This week they discussed several different ways to raise money and they came up with some fabulous ideas!



## EYFS News

Another fun-filled week has flown by in EYFS and the Reception teachers are tremendously proud of the academic start that Carroll Class have already made this year. We have been innovating our own stories based on 'So Much' in Literacy, and in Maths we have been learning the concepts of more and fewer. Next week we will move on to 'Goldilocks and Three Bears'. We will be making bear collages, measuring oats and making our own porridge to eat! We will be using mathematical language of measure, such as 'capacity', so listen out for this at home!

Ideas for home learning: You could make porridge and discuss healthy eating. You could look at the different food groups and make a balanced diet plate. You could make a bear mask, and role play the story. You could go for an autumn walk, and make a collage from the things you have found.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team.