



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 14th October – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

Friday 21st 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 12th October – Year 4 and Year 5 trip to the Lion King

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

Friday 21st October – Close for half term

Tuesday 1st November – School re-opens after half term

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November – Parent and Carer Lunchtime Experience

Friday 4th November – Year 4 and Year 5 Literacy Spotlight Assembly

Wednesday 9th November – Individual School Photos - Tempest Photographer

w/c Monday 14th November – Global Entrepreneurship Week

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Friday 25th November – Dahl Class Assembly

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Carroll Class Nativity

Friday 9th December – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Carols Evening

Wednesday 21st December – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents Meetings will take place on the following dates:

Monday 17th October – Year 2 and Year 3

Tuesday 18th October – Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday 19th 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 st	Potter Class	98.89%
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3 rd	Carroll Class	98.15%
4 th	Austen Class	97.41%
5 th	Dahl Class	97.04%
6 th	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 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 3rd October 2016. If you have not already done so, please pay a deposit of 50% by Monday 10th 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.