



Head's Message

A special mention absolutely must go to our debating team. Well done to Maya, Lily-Anne, Masimba, Joseph, Poppy and Freya, who confidently debated their way into winning position, defeating many schools who had full teams of Year Six pupils! A big thanks to Mr Jones for coaching the victorious team!

Those who attended assembly today will have been reminded of the famous mathematical problem, 'Tower of Hanoi'. Check out the Institute of Mathematics website to challenge the whole family to move all the discs from the left post to the far right post in as minimal moves as possible! I invite any pupils who manage the full eight discs to come and show me! www.mathscareers.org.uk/article/tower-of-hanoi/

Have a lovely weekend!

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Lewis Class	99.05%
2 nd	Austen Class	97.14%
3 rd	Carrol Class	96.67%
3 rd	Dahl Class	96.67%
5 th	Dickens Class	95.71%
6 th	Potter Class	90.42%

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:
George Gershwin



Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - arkconway.org

Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:

Aniyah	Aya	Joe
Grace	Amiah	Timur

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What were your parents' and grandparents' favourite toys?

Year 2: What can you 'reduce, reuse, recycle' in your house? Spellings will be sent home tonight.

Year 3: Which country would you like to visit in the Mediterranean region and why?

Year 4: What leisure activities can be enjoyed on the river? Spellings: material, medicine, mention, minute, natural. Recap words with the suffix -ly

Year 5: What law is most important? Can you create an area model for long multiplication? Spellings: 'i' before 'e' except after 'c' when it makes the 'ee' sound.

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 16th June – Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2

Friday 23rd June – Yr 3, Yr 4 and Yr 5

Uniforms

Please ensure that orders reach us (either via Wisepay or at the school office) by: 21/6/17. The final order for this term will be placed on 6/7/17.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 16th June – Year 1 trip to the Museum of Childhood

Friday 16th June – Parents Forum Meeting (after assembly)

Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day (KS1 ‘am’ and KS2 ‘pm’)

Thursday 22nd June – Whole Class Photographs (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5) –

Thursday 29th June -2.45 – 3.30pm – Music Concert at Ark Swift, with the Parent Band

Friday 30th June 4-5pm – Reception Class Mad Hatters Tea Party

Saturday 1st July – New starters’ picnic – all welcome

Wednesday 5th July 9am – 10am – Reception Class Graduation

Friday 7th July – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

w/c 10th July – Arts Week

Saturday 15th July 12 – 2pm – Summer Fair

Tuesday 18th July – Year 4 trip to Bath

Thursday 20th July – Year 2 overnight stay

Friday 21st July– School closes at 1.30pm for the summer

Wednesday 6th September – School re-opens for the Autumn term

Thursday 21st September – Bingo and Curry night

Notices

Safeguarding Update

As part of our commitment to keeping our school community safe we will be closely monitoring the threat levels issued by the MI5 when considering locations for school visits. Children thrive on learning experiences beyond the classroom and build ever-lasting memories so we are keen to continue to offer these opportunities with minimal risk. Should the MI5 raise the threat level to critical we will endeavour to arrange visits away from the city centre.

Once again, the NSPCC offers advice and resources if you require guidance on how to support children who are worried about terrorism: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>

The Great Debate

On Thursday our Debating team took part in a competition against 7 other Ark primary schools from across the country. We had worked hard as a group with other members of the debating society to prepare for a debate about social media, and this preparation was rewarded when we moved into the second round. We won, going through to the final where we faced a formidable team from Ark Atwood, but our nerve held and we were victorious in a close contest. This is a huge achievement as our team was comprised of Year 3 and 5 children, and we were debating against Year 6s in most debates. Well done to all the society members past and present who have helped with our preparation and especially to the 6 children in the team whose composure and concentration were truly extraordinary.



EYFS News

We have set sail into Summer 2 with pirate-filled adventures galore! Thank you to Richie’s mum for creating HMS Hyslop for our display. (see Facebook and Twitter for photos). We have been counting rubies and trying to work out how much treasure the pirates have stolen from our classroom. We have made ships in bottles and the staff tea bags have come in handy for tea-staining our pirate letters! Next week we will be writing instructions for where to find the treasure and we will be following our own maps to locate it. This weekend you could: make a message in a bottle; make a pirate hat and wear it to school; learn a pirate song and sing it to your friends.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team