



## 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/](http://www.mathscareers.org.uk/article/tower-of-hanoi/)

Have a lovely weekend!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lewis Class	99.05%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Austen Class	97.14%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carrol Class	96.67%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dahl Class	96.67%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	95.71%
6 <sup>th</sup>	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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 trip to the Museum of Childhood

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Parents Forum Meeting (after assembly)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day (KS1 ‘am’ and KS2 ‘pm’)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Whole Class Photographs (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5) –

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** -2.45 – 3.30pm – Music Concert at Ark Swift, with the Parent Band

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 4-5pm** – Reception Class Mad Hatters Tea Party

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – New starters’ picnic – all welcome

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** 9am – 10am – Reception Class Graduation

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

**w/c 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Arts Week

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** 12 – 2pm – Summer Fair

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 trip to Bath

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 overnight stay

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**– School closes at 1.30pm for the summer

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – School re-opens for the Autumn term

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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