



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Head's Message

Happy Snowy Friday everyone! We have been working hard to stay warm this week by dashing round our Daily Mile, speedily swimming and being pacey in P.E. I have been thrilled to see children's fitness levels increase as we continue the Daily Mile, and have heard from many parents that they have seen the impact at home too.

Children in Reception class had another wonderful Woodland Adventure this week and created such inspiring tree faces! This is proving to be a regular highlight of the children's (and teachers') week!

In addition, this week has also seen the start of Ark Conway's very first Poetry Slam! Teachers have been blown away by the confidence of all pupils, standing up in front of their peers and reciting their poems with pride. We have also been hugely impressed by children persevering to learn their poem by heart! Semi-finalists have now been selected and will perform their poems on Monday, with our final then being held in next week's Celebration Assembly, we look forward to you joining us to support the finalists.

Finally, we had an external monitoring review this week, led by a consultant who has worked as an Ofsted Inspector. The monitoring team confirmed that Conway continues to provide 'Outstanding' teaching and learning, and commented that there was 'a sense of pace and urgency with no time being wasted' and that our 'school values are internalised by every pupil'. Well done to the whole team!



## Composer of the Term

Our composer this half term will be:  
**Antonio Vivaldi**



## Stars of the Week

For showing respect our stars of the week are:

Ezra	Jacob	Nathan	Rufaro
Ava	Kieran	Abdullah	Mickey

## Celebration Assemblies

Please join us at 8:35am for our celebration assemblies on the following dates:

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents – Poetry Slam Final and Parent Band performance

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 4 music performance

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dickens	98%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis	97.84%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Potter	96.67%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shakespeare	96.64%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Austen	95.86%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl	95.33%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll	88.06%

## Parent Workshops

The following parent workshops will take place after Celebration Assemblies on Friday at 9:15am.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception and Key Stage 1 Handwriting

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – France information session for Year 6 parents

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – E-safety workshop for all parents

## Parent Teacher Consultations

We will be holding Parent Teacher Consultations in the first week back to school after the half term holiday. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with your child's teacher to find out more about their progression across the curriculum as well as ideas for supporting their learning at home. Please see the dates below for each year group. Sign up sheets will be available at the Front Office from Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> February).

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 parents and Reception parents

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 parents and Year 4 parents

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 parents

## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Poetry Slam Semi-Finals

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception class trip to the Science Museum

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day – Perform Drama Workshops

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Poetry Slam Final (during Celebration Assembly)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 trip to Phoenix Farm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 4 workshop with the Royal Albert Hall, held at school

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 4 trip to the Museum of London

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Cake Sale and Table Top Sale Event! (NEW DATE)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Half term holiday

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Inset Day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school – 8:30am

## Home Learning

**Reception:** Find out about one famous constellation and create it (by whichever means you wish!)

**Year 1:** Where in the world does all our food come from?

**Year 2:** What coins can you find around your house and how much are they worth?

**Year 3:** What can you discover about the Trojan war? Display your information however you like.

**Year 4:** Practise telling the time in analogue and digital formats. How can you create and share time problems with the class?

**Year 5:** What were the positive and negative sides of evacuation? Investigate the different views that people across the UK had about evacuation.

**Year 6:** Write a diary entry as Elisabeth I, explaining her feelings about becoming Queen and what she will change about the country after the rest of her family have ruled.

## Notices

### Lego Club

Miss Klodzinska would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the families who donated lego for our After School Lego Club. The children are thoroughly enjoying using the wide range of lego to build wonderful creations!

## Meet the Team

**Name:** Charlotte McNeillis

**Role:** Reception class teacher

**What is your favourite book?** The picture of Dorian Gray.

**What was your favourite subject at school?** Science

**When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I wanted to be a Forensic Scientist!

**Can you tell us something we may not know about you?** I absolutely love musical theatre and sign whenever I can!

## Facebook and Twitter



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

*Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility*

Our safeguarding policy can be found in the school office