



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

Happy Friday everyone! This week, our school value that we have been thinking about is 'Aspiration'. We have seen this modelled by children across the school, starting on Tuesday, when we were visited by a representative from Read Write Inc phonics. She was impressed by the progress made by children in both Reception and Year 1 and it is clear that both the children and teachers have aspirational targets for how much they can learn to read in such a short space of time. Well done!



This week, staff were talking once more about our aspirational vision for what the children of Ark Conway will be like in the year 2040 (when their average age will be 30 years old!). We found it quite a challenge to think about 'what the world will be like in 2040' and so I'd love to hear what pupils and parents think! Do let me know your ideas, either when you see me or leave a note with the Front Office.

Also this week, we are delighted to welcome a new member of our team to Ark Conway. Shakira Vaz has joined us as our new SENCO and I do hope that many of you will be able to meet her over the coming weeks.

Finally, I'd like to say a very big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who help us for trips and other outings, such as our Woodland Adventures and swimming lessons. We really couldn't do these events without you. If you are interested in helping out with upcoming trips, do keep an eye out on the 'Dates for your Diary' and letters that you will receive.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

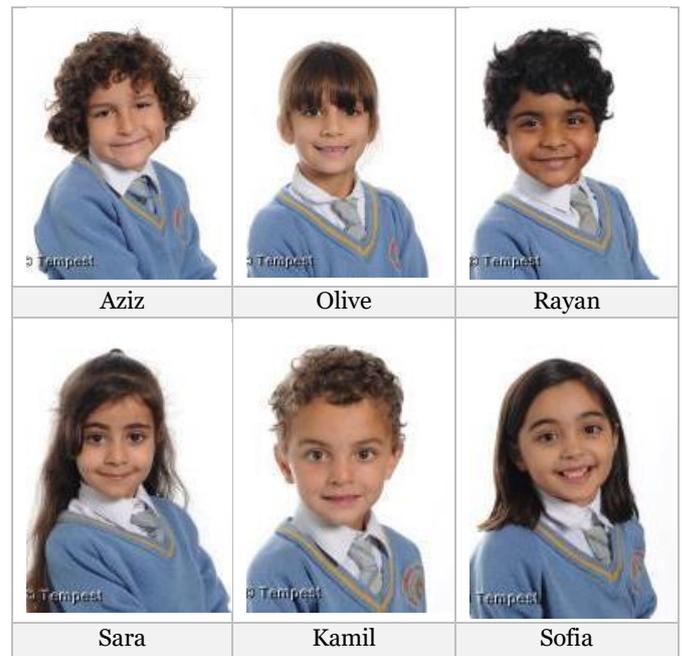
Composer of the Term



Our composer for this half term is: **Ludwig Van Beethoven**

Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration our stars of the week are:



Celebration Assemblies

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

Friday 17th May - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents

Friday 24th May - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Friday 7th June – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Austen	100%
2 nd	Dahl	99.14%
3 rd	Shakespeare	97.92%
4 th	Dickens	97.5%
5 th	Carroll	97.18%
6 th	Potter	96.25%
7 th	Lewis	94.83%

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 16th May – Class photographs

Thursday 16th May - Year 5 America Day

Friday 17th May – Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens

Monday 20th May - Year 6 trip to the Globe Theatre

Thursday 23rd May – Reception trip to Holland Park

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half term holiday

Monday 3rd June – Children return to school, 8:30am start

Tuesday 18th June – Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Morning

Tuesday 18th June – Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon

Monday 24th June – Inset Day

Thursday 27th June – Parent Teacher Quiz evening

Monday 1st July – Thursday 4th July - Year 6 trip to France

Friday 5th July – Inset Day

Wednesday 17th July – Thursday 18th July – Year 4 trip to Bath

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco

Monday 22nd July – Year 2 overnight stay

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of year, school closes at 1:30pm

Home Learning

Reception: Create a lifecycle of either a butterfly or a frog

Year 1: What do you imagine the world will look like in 2040?

Year 2: Who inspires you and why?

Year 3: Research the muscles of the body. Display your information however you like!

Year 4: Which famous plays can you share with your class?

Year 5: Create a fact file about Mississippi. This could include information about physical and

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human features, climate, recreational activities or anything else you find that interests you.

Year 6: Your home learning is to get plenty of rest, in preparation for your exciting week next week!

Notices

Additional Parent Governor

We are looking for an additional parent governor to join our Local Governing Body. The role will involve attending meetings (5 throughout the school year) and supporting and challenging Ark Conway to ensure the service we provide continues to be outstanding. If you would like any further information or you are interested in the role, please speak to Mrs Ross-Wood or Simon Newman, one of our parent governors, by Monday 20th May.

Class Photographs

As we mentioned last week, on Thursday 16th May, we will be having our annual class photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing their smartest school uniform, thank you.

Meet the Team

Name: Shakira Vaz

Role: SENCO

What is your favourite book? The Alchemist

What was your favourite subject at school? English

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

Can you tell us something we may not know about you? I have just begun learning Muay Thai Kickboxing.

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