

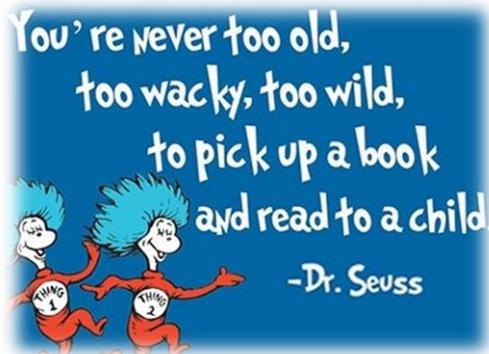


Head's Message

Following on from the buzz and excitement of World Book Day, this week Mrs Mabile led an evidence-based workshop on reading. During this session, she shared literature spines to guide children's book choices and promote the importance of reading aloud.



Regardless of a child's reading confidence, reading aloud is the single most effective way to further develop able and passionate readers. We encourage every child to read aloud at home every single day. Parents, we want you to join in too – read an aspirational book, newspaper article or even an appropriate Twitter feed! Let's make it the norm to read aloud and share our passion for reading with others. If you missed the workshop, Mrs Mabile is very keen to spread her enthusiasm for reading so please do arrange a time to meet with her.



Have a lovely weekend filled with much reading aloud!

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Lewis Class	98.63%
2 nd	Potter Class	97.38%
3 rd	Carroll Class	96.78%
4 th	Austen Class	96.75%
5 th	Dahl Class	96.53%
6 th	Dickens Class	95.91%

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:
Joni Mitchell



Celebration Assemblies

Friday 17th March – INSET day

Friday 24th March - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 assembly

Friday 31st March - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 assembly

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Invent a new planet. What might it look like and what might live there?

Year 2: Tell me about the main sports played in Africa

Year 3: Can you build a model of the town of Pompeii?

Year 4: Persuade me to buy your favourite book. Spellings: arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe. Spelling rule – prefix 'it'

Year 5: Write instructions on how to be an Anglo-Saxon. Spellings: embarrass, exaggerate, especially, interrupt. Spelling rule: suffix 'ent'

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:

		
Riva	Celeste	Sam
		
Benjamin	Elijah	Trinity

Dates for Your Diary

w/c 13th March and 20th March – STEM Fortnight

Friday 17th March 2017 – INSET Day

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day/School Disco (4-5.30pm)

Friday 31st March 2017 – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Tuesday 18th April 2017 – INSET Day

Wednesday 19th April 2017 – School opens for summer term

Monday 1st May 2017 – Bank Holiday

Notices

Polite Reminder

Please note that if parents/carers wish to enter the school library or classrooms they must either be accompanied by a member of staff or sign in at the front desk and be given a visitor's badge. We would appreciate your support in this matter to ensure all children are kept safe all of the time.

We're a Healthy School!

This is a gentle reminder that we are a healthy school. The generous treats that are coming into school to celebrate birthdays are often too big! A small treat is more than enough to celebrate. Please do refrain from sending in multiple treats or oversized cupcakes. If you have any healthy treat ideas, we would love to hear them.

Hair Accessories

Large, glittery bows appear to be the latest fashion in hair accessories. While there is no doubt that they add a touch of glamour and fun, they are not part of school uniform. Please ensure long hair is tied back with a school blue/discreet coloured band.

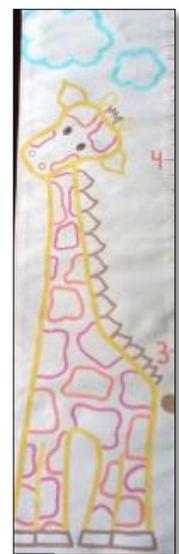
Football

Teams of girls and boys from Year 4 and Year 5 played a friendly football match against St. Stephens C of E Primary School yesterday afternoon. It was a huge success, with glorious weather and sportsmanship to be proud of. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the parents who walked with us and came along to support the children.

EYFS News

This week our classroom has been awash with animal-based activities, from our exciting trip to London Zoo to the arrival of our duck-chicks. So far we have met Douglas, Dexter, Dave and Doris! We also had an engaging art lesson with Chloe (Richie's mum), who kindly came in to teach Reception how to make a slithery snake mobile using paint, tissue paper and bubble wrap. Thank you for your time Chloe, we can't wait to hang them all up! Next week, we will be moving onto our new literacy text 'Giraffes Can't Dance', and we will be making hand-painted giraffes, and height charts in teams. We will be exploring units of measure in Maths, and working in teams to split water across different vessels. This weekend you could explore a dance style and perform it for Tapestry. You could watch a dance video and then write about the moves. You could look at African animals, and draw or paint one. You could make a height chart such as the one here!

Have a great weekend,



Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team