



Head's Message

We've had some exciting news at Ark Conway - following a successful application submitted by Mrs Mabile we have secured funding to further bring about inspired Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) teaching through the professional development of our teaching staff. Combined with our existing Empiribox Science Programme, Science lessons at Conway will be exploding with excitement!

This week our Ark Teacher Trainees, Mr Rodwell and Miss Choudhry were observed by their Lead Tutor and demonstrated excellent progress towards the Teachers' Standards. Once Miss Bridges is feeling better, I am confident she will also be observed delivering incredibly high quality teaching.

Next week is Global Entrepreneurship Week, during which we are hoping to inspire entrepreneurial activity with a real purpose of raising money for Children in Need. In a 'Dragon's Den' style approach, classes will pitch a product with the aim of securing funding to enable them to manufacture items to be sold at the Conway Marketplace on Friday afternoon. All proceeds will be donated to Children in Need. Miss Carver and I are busy practising our best dragon impressions!

Global Entrepreneurship Week

All children will take part in the Conway Marketplace on the afternoon of Friday 18th November. Children will have the opportunity to purchase items designed and manufactured by their peers and all proceeds will be donated to Children in Need. Items for sale will range from 10p - 50p. If you wish for your child to purchase items at the Marketplace please provide small change and no more than £2.00.

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 18th November – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

Friday 25th November – Dahl Class Assembly – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

🎵 Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:



George Frideric Handel

Stars of the Week

For showing perseverance, our stars of the week are:

Antoni	Nia	Ayman
Ariadne	Frederick	Kabe

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Dahl Class	99.44%
2 nd	Austen Class	98.61%
3 rd	Potter Class	98.33%
3 rd	Lewis Class	98.33%
5 th	Dickens Class	96.94%
6 th	Potter Class	92.78%

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: All trees are not the same. What can you find out about one type?

Year 2: : Create a timeline of your parents' life, with pictures if possible.

Year 3: Can you teach someone else in your family to roll their eights? It can be a brother or sister or your mum or dad! What was the most difficult thing to teach them?

Year 4: The spelling rule is 'un' and 'in' - prefixes. PLUS make a Sway on the British Empire.

Year 5: Spellings with the word string 'ough'. PLUS make a Sway on evacuees in England

Dates for Your Diary

w/c Monday 14th November – Global Entrepreneurship Week

Friday 25th November – Yr 2 Assembly

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Carroll Class Nativity

Friday 9th December – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Carols

Wednesday 21st December – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Notices

Build Update

As previously reported, elements of the new building needed to be redesigned with reference to UKPN's correct cable position. A workable structural design was still possible and only minor changes to the external design and ground floor of the new building were necessary. The new designs will be up in reception on the buildings board.

Planners advised that we will not need to reapply for full planning permission and rather issue a minor planning amendment, which is a quicker process. This planning amendment was submitted on 28 October, in line with the initial target, which is great news!

There is an 8 week determination period and a decision is expected just after Christmas. Works on the project will continue to progress until then and we will keep you posted about any new updates.

The planning application for St Katherine's MUGA is also due to be determined by Christmas with works due to follow at the beginning of the new year.

Diffusion tubes to measure NO² levels have been ordered. Once delivered and installed we will update parents with reports as promised.

Children in Need

Reminder - Friday 18th November 2016 is the annual Children in Need Day. At Ark

Conway, children will be taking part and raising money by dressing up in their own colourful **spotty** outfit! Please put your donation (suggested £1) in the zip pocket of your child's bookbag. There will also be several activities taking place on the day, including a 'Splat the Teacher' at 4pm. Please come along and support us, and bring all your loose change!

Celebration Assembly

A huge congratulations to Chloe who performed so beautifully on the violin in this morning's assembly. Chloe has been practicing her violin every day and it just goes to show how important it is to persevere. Whilst Chloe was playing there wasn't a single sound in the whole hall. Many children and parents have commented on how inspiring Chloe's music was. Thank you Chloe!



Christmas Fair Board Design

The Parents' Forum would like to thank all the children for their contributions for the Christmas Fair Board Design – they were all brilliant! It was a very hard choice but the design chosen was drawn by Alex in Year 1 – well done! Some of the other pictures will be used for advertising on leaflets.



Year 3 Trip to the Mosque

Year 3 have been studying Islam as part of our investigations into world religions. We visited the London Central Mosque near Regent's Park on Wednesday and heard about what Muslims believe, how they pray and about some of their sacred rituals. We also saw an exhibition about the religion which explained about the five pillars of Islam.



After School Choir Club

We are looking for more children from Year 3 and above to join the Ark Conway choir. Beyond the musical benefits, the choir can be a safe place for children to build their confidence. It also introduces children to the importance of voice projection and staying calm and focused whilst performing to an audience. These are two skills that can be transferred to other areas of a child's development such as public speaking, debating and expressing their views in the classroom. Social and psychological benefits include the sense of community that is created by singing in a group and working together to learn and perform a piece of music.

The choir meets every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm to practice. If your child is interested in joining, please contact the front office. Thank you.

EYFS News

We have had a huge amount of fun in our role play area this week, shopping at Tesco! Thank you for all the kind donations for our shop. These items have helped to inspire Carroll Class to write their own shopping lists. Some of their wonderful writing will be displayed in our classroom, and they are all feeling very proud of their perseverance. Next week we will be changing our role play area to 'Grandma's Cottage'. Our new book will be 'Little Red Riding Hood'. In Maths we will be re-visiting 3D shapes, and learning about calendars and how to read them. Ideas for home learning. You could make a calendar for December to share with the class. You could make a 'Get Well Soon' card from Little Red Riding Hood. You could make a gift or parcel for someone for our Topic Display area!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Hyslop & The EYFS Team.