



## Head's Message

The top highlight of this week has been a performance workshop with Mr Murchie. Mr Murchie, a visiting teacher with a passion for the performing arts, challenged Dickens Class and Austen Class to learn, rehearse and perform a complete performance of 'The Three Musketeers' in just under three days! The children have been enthralled by this experience, it has been fascinating to watch them transform into character and challenge themselves to do something completely out of their comfort zone. Well done to all the children who have exceeded expectations, plus a huge thanks to Mr Murchie for his passion and enthusiasm - it's been a wonderful few days!



*(Please see the school website, Twitter and Facebook for more photos of the performance).*

With recent visits to the London Wetland Centre, the Transport Museum, Whitechapel Gallery and the Natural History Museum it's been an inspiring and enriching learning experience at Conway. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who have enabled the children to enjoy these fabulous experiences.

Finally, I want to reassure parents that we are taking active steps to maximise safety at the main gate. Road traffic signs discouraging parking in the turning bay and at the entrance to the building site have arrived and will be in position at the start and end of the academy day. The council have shared short-term strategies for managing the temporary situation and have also invited Conway to join a new pilot scheme, involving folding bollards once our new and permanent school entrance is in place. However, while we persevere for the remaining two weeks of this half-term with everybody using the main gate, please do support the school by working as a united community to ensure the safety of all.

Enjoy the weekend, see you on Monday!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carroll Class	99.67%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Potter Class	99.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl Class	99.00%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis Class	98.89%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	98.38%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Austen Class	96.65%

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## 🎵 Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:

**Claude Debussy**



*Inspire Excellence*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*



## Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:

		
Nicole	Charlie	Mackenzie
		
Casper	Sophie	Jacob

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News.

**Year 1:** What can you find out about motor cars of the past? How have cars changed?

**Year 2:** Challenge yourself to complete 'reasoning questions' with an adult.

**Year 3:** Who pays for Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Dustmen and Police Officers? Where do THEY get the money from?

**Year 4:** Re-live your favourite parts of the play. Learn all the spellings on the sheet sent home tonight from Mrs Mabile. Additional spellings: guard, guide, heard, heart, height. Revise the suffixes -tion, -sion, -ssion and -cian.

**Year 5:** Re-live your favourite parts of the play. Learn all the spellings on the sheet sent home tonight from Mrs Mabile

## Notices

### Handwashing

We've had a sickness and diarrhoea bug in some of the upper years, please encourage children to take extra caution with cleanliness and handwashing to prevent the spread of germs.

### Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - [arkconway.org](http://arkconway.org)

### Reception Trip to the Wetlands Centre

Carroll Class were so well behaved at the Barnes Wetland Centre on Tuesday. During the pond lesson pupils learnt how to catch and identify different minibeasts from various ecosystems. The children enjoyed playing in the adventure playground after lunch.



### Donate your unwanted books!

Austen Class will be entering this year's 'Help a South African School Competition' run by HORTGRO, the trade association for South Africa fruit growers. The charity also collects unwanted books for underprivileged South African schools so if you have any books to donate please deliver them to Miss Bridges in the Specialist Suite.

### Year 1 Trip to the London Transport Museum

Potter Class have been exploring travel and transport. To further their studies, they went to the London Transport Museum on Wednesday where they observed vehicles from the past in close proximity and took part in a Poster Art workshop to enhance their understanding of how transport has changed throughout history and how it may look in the future.



Miss Choudhry and Mr White challenged the pupils to a treasure hunt, where they kept their eyes open for key pieces of art and some familiar and famous characters. Other visitors commented on the the children's drawing skills!



### Congratulations

To Mr Fara and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Tala.



As some of our observant children have spotted, congratulations are in order for Mrs Mabile and her husband, who will be welcoming a new arrival in November! We'll be making sure Mrs Mabile tackles the Year 4/5 stairs with extra caution!

Congratulations also to Mr White and his wife, who is also expecting and is due at a very similar time to Mrs Mabile!

### Year 2 trip to Whitechapel Gallery



Dahl Class delved into the world of Pop Art on Wednesday, with a trip to Whitechapel Gallery to visit an exhibition on the artist Eduardo Paolozzi.

### Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9am**– Reception 2017 Intake - Coffee Morning at Ark Bentworth  
**22<sup>nd</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> May** 9-3pm and 5-5.45pm – Uniform Workshops (to try on sizes)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 3 cake sale

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – planning meeting re: summer fair (after assembly)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes at 4pm for half term

## Dates for Your Diary (cont.)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens after half term

**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** – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon

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

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** 9am – 10am - Reception Class Graduation (more info to follow)

**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 (more details to follow)

Reception have also been solving Mrs Hyslop's doubling and halving problems by finding the missing spots on our ladybirds.

Next week we will be learning about the lifecycle of frogs and butterflies and continuing with our story, 'A Tadpole's Promise'.

The following week we will be going recycling mad and so please start saving up any clean, safe recycling you may have at home e.g. empty milk bottles, cereal boxes etc.

Ideas for Home Learning: You could start sorting recycling and experimenting to see if the items float or sink in water; you could make a bird feeder for your local environment; you could discuss ways to save electricity around the house and you could make a poster about any of the activities above.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS Team

## EYFS News

Carroll Class had a wonderful time this week visiting the Barnes Wetland Centre and taking part in a pond dipping session. They especially loved the Adventure Playground and didn't want to leave!

