



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Head's Message

It was great to see so many **SMILEY RED FACES** in the school hall this morning for our special Red Nose day assembly. I'm always blown away by the time and effort that parents (*and staff*) put in to make days like today special.

I've decided to hijack Justine's regular update to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all parents for all the supportive messages in relation to our upcoming planning submission. I'm sure that the councillors are incredibly aware of the importance of Ark Conway to all members of the local community. On Wednesday I will be speaking at the planning committee meeting to talk about the significance of Ark Conway to us all. It would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally, having spent a good deal of time here this week, I am delighted to see that the Conway smile is as bright as ever; there is a great deal of enjoyment and enthusiasm spilling out of classrooms and I'm sure the children are carrying this home with them.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday.

Damian

*The meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Committee Room 1, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, W6 9JU.*

### Attendance

This week, the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lewis class	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl class	97.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Potter class	97.0%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll class	94.7%

### Stars of the Week: Respect



Kaito



Oliver



Rufaro



Charlotte



Artie



Hamza



Emma



Esah

### Notices

#### ***Pupil Progress and Inclusion Meeting***

Parents in Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend a special presentation after assembly next week, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Our new Inclusion Lead, Daniela Grasso, will be discussing inclusion and pupil progress. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about Ark Conway's approach. We hope you are able to attend.

Reception and Year 3 parents will have the same presentation on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Clare Wilson, Early Language Specialist for Ark Schools, will also be attending.

### **School trips next week**

Lewis class will be exploring London on Wednesday whilst Potter and Dahl classes will enjoy Science from the experts at Burlington Danes Academy.

### **Home Learning**

This week's focus for home learning journals:

**Year 1:** Evergreen Trees. To support our home learning, Year 1 will be heading to Wormholt Park after swimming to look for evergreen and deciduous trees for 15 minutes.

**Year 2:** Consider different settings for your story and descriptive language to set the scene.

**Year 3:** Children have received hand-outs following our library and can use these to continue their research topic from last week.

### **What's inspiring teaching and learning at Ark Conway?**

Next week we will be celebrating British Science Week at Ark Conway. This year each class will be conducting a Challenge Project where children will have the opportunity to investigate real-world questions through a learning journey, including drafting and critiquing of ideas. Children will record their findings and prepare to present them at an exhibition.

Carroll Class is going to be investigating how they can attract bugs into their inner city playground. They will gather materials to make a 'Bug-ingham Palace', which will jumpstart their learning around why it is a good idea to attract insects to gardens and how we can classify insects according to their habitats, conservation and diversity. Carroll Class will be inviting Potter Class to an exhibition of their 'Bug-ingham Palace'.

Potter Class will also be considering how they can make a difference to the school environment. Following their enjoyment of the

story, 'The Papaya that Spoke', Potter Class will be identifying how plants that yield produce may be grown in the school grounds. They are hoping their green fingers will enable them to present Carroll Class with numerous plants for their garden.

Dahl Class will be asking 'how do plants support a 21<sup>st</sup> century lifestyle?' and using the grounding text, 'The World Came to My Place Today' as a starting point for ideas. They will learn about the variables plants require to grow and hope to present their knowledge and understanding, without scripts, to Potter Class.

As part of their study of London, Lewis Class will be putting their knowledge and understanding of engineering to the test. Specifically they will be identifying why London needs the Thames Barrier and will inform their parents how the Thames Barrier works in their upcoming class assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Check out how British Science Week is being celebrated nationally at:

<http://www.britishscienceassociation.org/>

