



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

Happy Friday! We are now officially half way through this academic year. We have achieved such a lot this year already, from welcoming visitors from across the world to opening our new library to holding the first ever Poetry Slam at Ark Conway.

This week alone has seen Year 2 and Year 4 venture out of school on trips to the Science Museum and the Museum of London, respectively.

These trips have certainly brought this term's learning to life for the children. Do let your child's class teacher know if you hear of any interesting trip for the children as teachers are always looking for inspiration for upcoming trips. Year 4 were also lucky enough to take part in a musical workshop led by the Royal Albert Hall! This was such an inspiring opportunity for the children and Year 3 were mesmerised by their performance! As if that wasn't enough, there are many exciting events coming up in our next half term, such as World Book Day and STEM week! To top it all off we have Comic Relief Day and we will also begin fundraising for our charity of the year, Macmillan Cancer charity.

My challenge for pupils over the holiday is to consider '**What makes a good human being?**'. Answers can be shared in any form (e.g. poster or PowerPoint) and handed in to the Front Office on our first day back to school, Tuesday 26th February.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all, in just over a week's time, on Tuesday 26th February at 8:30am!

Composer of the Term

Our composer in Spring 2 half term will be:
George Frideric Handel



Stars of the Week

For showing perseverance our stars of the week are:

			
Shalom	Rooh	Reggie	Ollie
			
Ali	Ayssat	Asiya	Salihom

Celebration Assemblies

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

Friday 1st March – Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents

Friday 8th March - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 5 music performance

Friday 15th March – Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents – Year 1 music performance

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Shakespeare	100%
2 nd	Austen	99.58%
3 rd	Lewis	98.33%
4 th	Potter	96.67%
5 th	Dahl	95%
6 th	Dickens	91.67%
7 th	Carroll	87.92%

Parent Workshops

The following parent workshops will take place after Celebration Assemblies on Friday at 9:15am.

Friday 1st March – E-safety - all parents invited

Friday 8th March – Peter Haylock, Executive Principal for Ark West London Secondaries

Parent Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 26th February – Year 6 parents and Reception parents

Wednesday 27th February – Year 3 parents and Year 4 parents

Thursday 28th February – Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Monday 4th March – Year 5 parents

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February - Half term holiday

Monday 25th February – Inset Day

Tuesday 26th February – Children return to school – 8:30am

Friday 1st March – Film Night – 6pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day!

Monday 11th March – Inset Day

Tuesday 12th March – Friday 15th March – STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 29th March – School Disco – 4pm

Friday 5th April – Last day of term, school closes at 1:30pm

Tuesday 23rd April - Children return to school – 8:30am

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: Write a fact file about your favourite animal (e.g. the habitat it lives in, what it looks like, which native country it is from) ready for our animals topic next term!

Year 1: Next half-term our topic is 'Our Local Area'. What can you tell me about your local area? What is there to see and do?

Year 2: What can you find out about different countries in Africa?

Year 3: We need some help with our Science topic! Could you create something to help our class and other children at Ark Conway to help them to remember what transparent, translucent and opaque mean?

(home learning continued...)

Year 4: Which idioms and phrases do you know from other countries or languages?

Year 5: Research the effect that rationing had on children's lives in WW2.

Spelling: words containing 'ferr' or 'fer'

Year 6: In preparation for our next topic, what can you find out about a theatre in your local area?

Possible questions to investigate could be: When did it open? What type of performances are shown?

How has the theatre changed over the time it has been open?

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Notices

Film Night!

Roll up, Roll up... Ark Conway Film Night!

Please save the date for our upcoming film night on Friday 1st March at 6pm! Film Night HQ would love your help in voting for which movie we screen next. Please vote on this link

<https://doodle.com/poll/vgexkd5d74rsmd7t> by Wednesday 20th February. You can find this link and how to buy tickets (£2.50 each) on the Classlist email sent out today. There will be a limited number of tickets available so be sure to keep an eye out for booking details as we expect tickets to sell out!



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year our theme will be 'Bedtime Stories'! In a change to previous

years, we would like to invite children to come dressed ready to listen to a bedtime story! This could include (but is not limited to): pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. Please look out for a letter with further details after the half term break.



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Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

Our safeguarding policy can be found in the school office