



# ARK Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Headteacher's Message

#### Where's Wally? (or Mr McBeath)



Can you spot Mr McBeath? On Monday Mr McBeath was invited to an event at Lancaster House to celebrate the success of free schools. The event was hosted by the New Schools Network and in attendance were The Prime Minister, the Education Secretary Nicky Morgan and Lord Nash.

#### **The Prime Minister, said:**

*“The success of free schools has been remarkable. The creation of 251 new free schools in just four and a half years, with three-quarters of them being rated good or outstanding, is something to be incredibly proud of. Free schools bring innovation, create choice and competition, and raise standards and I whole-heartedly believe that they are driving an*

*extraordinary and beneficial change in Britain. We want to go on investing and helping with the Free School success, to create the best education system in Western Europe that enables young people to get on and make the most of their lives”.*

Our growing reputation for delivering an outstanding education was also praised this week by Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for School Reform, who wrote to the school to commend us on our fantastic achievement in the phonics screening check for last year. Only 2% of all schools achieved 100% in 2014; this was the second consecutive year that we have achieved the 100%.

## Reception Class

We have been reviewing the provision in the Early Years and have made a change in the teaching team to ensure that the children have greater continuity throughout the day.

Iona Wylie will be taking over as class teacher from the start of next term and will be joined in Reception by Miss Benjamin and Mr Johnston. This team will stay with the class for the whole day to enable Miss Wylie a greater knowledge of every child.



Mrs Hyslop and Miss Collins will be working in Year 2 and Year 3 and will continue their teaching training alongside Miss Baker and Miss Carver.

The children in Reception will be told about the changes next week and we've taken time to ensure we have a smooth handover.

## Additional Sports Space

We've secured a weekly hire of 'Everyone Active Acton Centre.' This is to make sure we are providing children with the space and facilities they need to take part in team Sports and Activities.

We have decided to book the Centre in the interim period until we have more capacity on site for our Sports sessions.

We will rotate the Sports sessions and children will spend two weeks at the Centre, whilst other classes remain at Conway. Please see the table for an outline of the timetable to give you an idea of how we are making this work.

	Weeks 1,2	Weeks 3,4	Weeks 5,6
<b>Year 3</b>	SPORTS at EAAC	Health and Fitness at Conway	Health and Fitness at Conway
<b>Year 2</b>	Health and Fitness at Conway	SPORTS at EAAC	Health and Fitness at Conway
<b>Year 1</b>	Health and Fitness at Conway	Health and Fitness at Conway	SPORTS at EAAC

## Attendance

The leader board this week is:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>Potter class</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>Lewis class</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Dahl class	97.5%
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Carroll class	93.7%

## Stars of the Week

The value of the week has been 'Respect'. Well done to all our Stars of the Week.



Hannah      Jessica      Alec      Malachi



Kabe      Nathan      Rufaro      Xander

## Notices

Lewis Class would like to invite their parents to watch their performance in celebration assembly next week and visit the classroom afterwards. The children will share what they have learnt this half term and guide parents around the various World War 2 artefacts that we have in the classroom.

## Parent Workshops

Next term we will be holding a number of parent workshops beginning at around 9.15am, following Celebration Assemblies.

- *Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November*  
**Introduction to Phonics**  
This workshop is aimed at Reception and Year 1 parents whose children are learning to read through the Read Write Inc. programme. All parents welcome.
- *Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November*  
**Mathematics Mastery for Year 1 and 2**  
This workshop explains the Mathematics Mastery approach to learning maths. Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children.
- *Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November*  
**Maths Mastery for Year 2 and 3**  
This workshop explains the Mathematics Mastery approach to learning maths. Parents of Year 2 and Year 3 children.
- *Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December*  
**Introduction to Phonics**  
This workshop is aimed at Reception and Year 1 parents whose children are learning to read through the Read Write Inc. programme. All parents welcome.
- *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December*  
**Structuring 1:1 reading sessions & SEN Update**  
The first part of this session will be aimed at supporting parents with reading with children, both at home and if volunteering in school. All parents welcome.

## Christmas shoeboxes

We will be collecting shoeboxes on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November and donating them to Hope & Homes for Children, who have a scheme called Link to Hope. The scheme aims to provide loving homes for children in Romania, Albania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine rather than in institutions.



Hope & Homes for Children

## School Council Requests

School Council is now underway and our first two meetings of the year have elicited some very interesting ideas and requests! I would like to pass on a number of items:

- We would really like more Parent Librarians and Reading Helpers. The available slot is Friday afternoon. Year 3 are in the library between 1.30pm and 2.30pm, and Year 2 are in the library from 3.30pm until the end of the school day. Please see Miss Oldham if you can help (see Parent Workshop notice for details of 1:1 reading training sessions).
- Could adults please try to be with children at all times in the scooter park. Until we get more space, the scooter park is small and messy and it is difficult to park scooters.

Thank you,

**From the School Council**

## Next Week

Don't forget that Parents' Meetings are next week: Monday – Reception, Tuesday – Year 1, Wednesday – Year 2, Thursday – Year 3.

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Back to school: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November