



Ark Conway Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Head's Message

Welcome to our Summer Term! 

Welcome back to school to everyone; revived, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead!

Summer term is always an exciting and busy time. We are looking forward to Arts Week, Sports day, the Disco, the Summer Fair, the Mad Hatters Tea Party and many many more inspirational events. This half-term, children will be working incredibly hard towards their summer assessments. Our Year 1 children have their Phonics screening check in the week of Monday 15th June and our Year 2s will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science for their end of Key Stage SATs. During this time, however, it is important that children do not feel overburdened or stressed about 'tests'. The children's love of learning and enjoyment of school will always be a priority over test scores.

Parental involvement is, as always, incredibly strong here at Conway and our appreciation goes out to all parents for this. Parent meeting attendance was almost 100%; any parents who have not yet managed to attend please talk to your class teacher to arrange a time. On this note, we are still looking for parents who could commit for the next 4 weeks until half-term to volunteer to read with children on Monday or Friday afternoons.

Stars of the Week: Respect



Tobi Belle Amiah Byron



Mekyt Zaia Ariana Scarlett

Attendance

This week, the attendance figures are:

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| 1 st | Lewis class | 97.9% |
| 2 nd | Potter class | 96.7% |
| 3 rd | Carroll class | 95.4% |
| 4 th | Dahl class | 94.0% |

Notices

Afterschool Clubs

All clubs and piano lessons start next week. Please ensure you have paid the 50% deposit for your child's clubs.

Swimming lessons

Dahl class (Year 2) will resume swimming lessons on Monday 27th April. Please ensure you bring your child's swimming kit to school.

Carroll class had a very successful first lesson this week and we are looking forward to our next lesson. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with swimming trips and there is a sign-up sheet in the school foyer. You

do not need to commit to every week, just any Thursday afternoons that you can. *Please note, parent volunteers will not be permitted in the changing rooms.*

School Travel Plan

Ark Conway works closely with Hammersmith and Fulham to promote sustainable travel and active responsibility. We write a School Travel Plan and have successfully gained the bronze award for the past two years. Initiatives such as this funded our scooter park a couple of years ago and it is an important priority of the school.

With the sunny warm weather, we are keen to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Not only is this good for the environment and local community, but it is excellent exercise too! Our goal is to have over 80% of our pupils walk, scoot or cycle to school each day.

Here are 6 good reasons to walk, scoot or cycle to school:

1. Recent research has shown that children who walk to school arrive in a calmer frame of mind, ready to cope with the work of the day.
2. Walking to school will give both you and your child some exercise and research has shown that many children don't get enough exercise.
3. Walking to school will give you the chance to talk to your child and enforce some of the road safety messages.
4. No more hassle of school gate parking, which can put children (including yours) in danger.
5. Walking to school means one less car on the road reducing congestion and pollution.
6. 20% of all rush hour traffic is made up of people doing the school run.

Home Learning

Reception: As part of our on-going commitment to make Reception's topic immersive, we will be providing you with weekly guidance on what will be covered in class. This should help provide a focus for your child's home learning which you can evidence in the proud book or on Tapestry.

Next week, the focus will be the life cycle of a plant. As an example, you might like to encourage your child to draw a picture of a flower and label the parts which they could put in their proud book. For a Tapestry upload, they could help you care for a plant and discuss what they know about them.

Year 1: What did the Ancient Egyptians eat?

Year 2: Come up with and illustrate a ninemonic for NESW (e.g Naughty Elephants Squirt Water).

Year 3: What can you find out about Roman Britain? Where did you find your information?

Parents' Forum

The next whole school Parents' Forum meeting with Miss Oldham will be after assembly (9:15am – 10:15am) on Friday 3rd July.

Save the Dates!

- ❖ Friday 15th May at 4pm - Disco
- ❖ Friday 3rd July at 4pm - Mad Hatters Tea Party for Carroll class
- ❖ Saturday 11th July Summer Fair

🎵 Composer of the week

Next week, our composer will be:



Vivaldi