



ARK Conway Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Half Term

We've reached the end of our first half term, and what a successful half term it has been.

Reception class have settled well into the ARK Conway community and we're seeing lots of great interaction between older and younger pupils, especially at lunch time where we have our family dining service.

"Before I came to school, Eva taught me STAR position. On my first day Poppy, Eva and Grace walked with me." Clemmy S, Reception

"Molly in Year 3 looked after me when my mummy and daddy weren't there." Mackenzie, Reception

Oh What a Lovely War!

This morning in assembly Year 3 shared their learning about WW2 and parents had the opportunity to see the work they've been completing in class. The parents were treated to wartime songs and Lewis class are very grateful to the special guests throughout this half term who have taught them about all aspects of WW2.

Buildings update

This week ARK Schools project team had a very positive meeting with the 3BM, project managers, Hunters the Architects and the Hammersmith planners. I have been given an oral update and

will be meeting to discuss this further during half term.

Today I met with the Education Funding Agency and Chris Drury who leads the national free school movement to discuss the Conway building delays.

Early next half term I will be sending a letter to all parents outlining;

- The agreed strategy and next steps in delivery of the new build
- Key dates for the programme delivery
- Ways in which parents can support the school

Thank you all for your patience during these delays, as promised I will keep you updated with any news regarding this process as soon as I have anything to share.

Have a lovely half term.

Attendance

The leader board this week is:

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| 1st place | Lewis class | 98.2% |
| 2 nd place | Dahl class | 97.9% |
| 3 rd place | Carroll class | 95.9% |
| 4 th place | Potter class | 83.0% |

Next half term

Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November. Reception and Year 1 parents are invited to join us for celebration assembly on Friday 7th November.

Stars of the Week

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



Louis

Kieran

Rahel



Clemmy

Yassin

Robel



Everyone in Lewis class

Children in Need

We are currently planning our fundraising for Children in Need on **Friday 14th November** but firstly, we would love to raise money by asking all the children to come to school dressed in their own **colourful spotty** clothes! Please put your donation (suggested £1) in the zip pocket of your child's bookbag.



Christmas cards, shoeboxes and teatowels

Your child will have brought home his/her design for a Christmas card along with a letter about it. Please note that all completed forms must be in by Wednesday 12th November, not the 14th as originally stated.

We will be making and selling the ARK Conway tea towel again this year and so look out for more information as to when they are ready!

If you are planning to donate a shoebox to Hope and Homes for Children, please ensure you bring it back to school by Thursday 6th November.

We wish you all a lovely half term.