



Head's Message

We've been dancing the week away! Ranging from Victorian inspired moves to African dance, children in Reception up to Year 3 have enjoyed partaking in a dance workshop. Year 4 and 5 will be dancing next week. If you're lucky the children may even teach you a few moves!

On Monday, all staff participated in MindUp training, which is a framework that aims to provide children with an understanding of how the brain influences their thinking, emotions and behaviour in the setting of a mindful classroom. Our goal is that every child in the school will start to identify key parts of the brain, including the **amygdala** (the part of our brain responsible for fight, flight or freeze), **pre-frontal cortex** (the part of the brain that is responsible for decision making) and the **hippocampus** (the part of the brain that holds our memories) and become proficient in strategies to boost their readiness for learning. Watch out for Conway neuroscientists!

Next Thursday is World Book Day – make sure you have your character costume at the ready! See you on Monday!

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Carroll Class	100.00%
2 nd	Dickens Class	99.44%
3 rd	Austen Class	98.33%
4 th	Lewis Class	97.78%
5 th	Potter Class	97.28%
6 th	Dahl Class	96.11%

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:
Malcolm Williamson



Celebration Assemblies

Friday 3rd March – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 assembly

Friday 10th March – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 assembly

Friday 17th March – INSET day

Friday 24th March - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 assembly

Friday 31st March - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 assembly

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What can you find out about sailors and ships in the 15th century?

Year 2: What can you find out about zebras?







Year 3: Find a traditional tale from another part of the world.

Year 4: Create a resource to teach younger children how to convert from analogue to digital (a.m. and p.m.) and vice versa. Spelling rule: "sc" in words like fascinate. Also, three key spellings to practice: affect, effect and extreme.

Year 5: What do you know about percentages? What would you like to find out? You could share this information as a poster, PowerPoint presentation or by sending Miss Carver an email to r.carver@arkconwayprimary.org.

Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:

		
Sofia	Titus	Ayssar
		
Allegra	Sara	Clementine

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March – Parents Forum Meeting (8-9pm).

w/c 13th March and 20th March– STEM Fortnight

Friday 17th March 2017 – INSET Day

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day/School Disco (4-5.30pm)

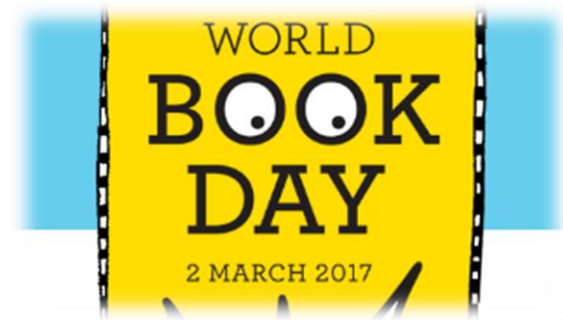
Friday 31st March 2017 – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Notices



World Book Day on Thursday!

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day, on this day we invite the children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. We would love it if the children could also bring in the book, which their character is from to spark some great conversations about books!



Transition Evening

Thanks to those who attended our most recent transition evening with representatives from Burlington Danes Academy and Phoenix Academy. If you would like to book a 1:1 consultation with a leader to discuss secondary school options, admissions and next steps, please speak to the front desk.

Considerable Parking

The surrounding roads remain incredibly busy at peak times when the school opens and

closes. As always we encourage as many families as possible to travel by alternative means but if you do need to travel by car please ensure you park considerably and legally out of respect to our neighbours.

STEM Fortnight

If you have a specialism or interest in Science and would like to share your knowledge and passion with the children during STEM Fortnight please speak to Mr Jones or a member of the STEM team, including Mr White, Miss Bridges and Mr Rodwell.

EYFS News

This week we have launched head-first into the animal kingdom with our new topic 'Animals'. We have started learning our target text 'The Farmyard Hulabaloo', and the children are excited about reading and writing riddles. We have also made paper animals and farmyard scenes. On Monday we have some special visitors arriving from Vauxhall Farm in order to inspire children with ideas for their writing. The children will be guessing which animals are visiting by solving riddles! On Tuesday, we will be making pancakes, and discussing healthy eating. This weekend you could; use recycling in order to make a farm animal for our role play area. You could discuss the role of a vet, and list the ways in which we look after animals. You could choose an animal to find out facts about, and write them down in your journal.

Notices: It was fantastic to see you at the parents meetings, and thank you to all the parents who were also able to attend the phonics workshop. Your class reps will kindly be distributing the PowerPoint from the session by email. Finally, we are delighted to announce that Miss Benjamin has had a healthy baby girl! Mum and baby are well and happy. Miss Benjamin was delighted with her gifts from the reception parents, and extends her thanks and gratitude to everyone.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team