



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

I am surprised to say that we are already half way through this half term! Time certainly flies when you're having fun and there has been a lot of fun at Ark Conway as always this week!

Children are embracing our new style of singing assemblies, and are mastering standing in a semi-circle to build a sense of a community of singers. We also heard a musical performance from Year 2 in Celebration Assembly this morning and their skilful recorder playing brought joy to the room! We are looking forward to even more musical performances this term.

Every child in the school also took pleasure in voting for their preferred 'Charity of the Year' for Ark Conway and I am delighted to tell you that this year, we will be raising money for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. As always, any fundraising ideas would be greatly appreciated.

This week the governors and staff of Ark Conway, joined with a selection of parents, including Parent Links, Parent Governors and Chairs of the Parent Forum, to hold our first joint Strategy Session to plan how to 'Make Conway (Even) Better'. We discussed the extremely useful parental feedback from last year's end of year survey amongst other things and have created a wide range of ideas for our next steps. We will be sharing more about these areas throughout the school year and I look forward to working with you all on our continuing journey to inspire excellence.

Composer of the Term

Our composer this half term will be:
Antonio Vivaldi



Stars of the Week

For showing respect our stars of the week are:

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| George | Sohana | Bobby |
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| Zafeerah | Arash | Arriellia |

Celebration Assemblies

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

Friday 1st February - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents
– Year 6 music performance

Friday 8th February – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents – Poetry Slam Final

Friday 15th February - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 4 music performance

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

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| 1 st | Dickens | 98.31% |
| 2 nd | Carroll | 97.67% |
| 3 rd | Dahl | 97.42% |
| 4 th | Lewis | 96.43% |
| 5 th | Shakespeare | 96.32% |
| 6 th | Austen | 94.9% |
| 7 th | Potter | 94.33% |

Parent Workshops

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

Friday 1st February – Key Stage 2 Handwriting

Friday 8th February – Reception and Key Stage 1 Handwriting

Friday 15th February – France information session for Year 6 parents

Friday 1st March – E-safety workshop for all parents

Dates for Your Diary

W/C Monday 28th January - Poetry Slam competition begins

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th February – Poetry Slam Semi-Finals

Monday 4th February – Reception class trip to the Science Museum

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day – Perform Drama Workshops

Friday 8th February – Poetry Slam Final (during Celebration Assembly)

Saturday 9th February – Table Top Sale Event!

Monday 11th February – Year 1 trip to Phoenix Farm

Wednesday 13th February – Year 4 workshop with the Royal Albert Hall, held at school

Thursday 14th February – Year 4 trip to the Museum of London

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

Monday 25th February – Inset Day

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

Home Learning

Reception: Create your own alien and name them!

Year 1: Next week, we are sharing our poetry ready for the Ark Conway poetry slam competition. Spend some time at home practicing your chosen poem.

Year 2: Next week, we are sharing our poetry ready for the Ark Conway poetry slam competition. Spend some time at home practicing your chosen poem.

Year 3: Next week, we are sharing our poetry ready for the Ark Conway poetry slam competition. Spend some time at home practicing your chosen poem.

Year 4: Can you persuade Miss Farish where the best place is to go on holiday?

(Home Learning continued...)

Year 5: You are an evacuee in the countryside. Write a letter home telling your family what it is like.

Year 6: Write your own poem about Henry VIII and each of his 6 wives.

Notices

Congratulations!

We'd like to say congratulations to Mr Fara and his wife, on the arrival of their healthy baby girl, Lana! We wish them all the very best in this exciting time for their family.



Parent Readers Needed!

We are looking for parent readers! If you are available to read with pupils, on any afternoon of the week, for 30 minutes or more, we would hugely appreciate your help! You can choose a time that works for you, as there are always children ready to read! If you are interested and would like further information, please write your name on the sign up sheet at Front Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Meet the Team

Name: James Elliott

Role: Year 3 Class Teacher

What is your favourite book? Holes by Louis Sachar.

What was your favourite subject at school? P.E; Literacy and ICT!

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? I wanted to become a soldier!

Can you tell us something we may not know about you? I am a huge sports fan and I follow football, rugby, cricket and many more sports very closely!



Facebook and Twitter



Please take a look at our Facebook page 'Ark Conway Primary Academy'. You can also follow us on Twitter: @ARKConway.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

Our safeguarding policy can be found in the school office