



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Head's Message

Welcome back and welcome to spring (almost!) with this week's value being happiness and the assemblies focussing on celebrations around the world in the form of Baba Marta, St David's Day and Chinese New Year. The days are noticeably lighter and there is a renewed energy at Ark Conway Primary Academy.

Next week is a super exciting week for everyone with a whole week's focus on books and reading, culminating with our World Book Day on Thursday and Year 2 assembly on Friday.

World Book Day involves dressing up as a favourite book character, and I think it's a really good idea to keep this close to your chest so that we can have fun on Thursday morning in class, guessing who all the characters are and which books they come from.

### Stars of the Week: Happiness



Bahar Alisa Stanley S Maya



Stephanie Huda Stanley W Harris

### Attendance

This week, the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lewis class	99.6%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl class	95.8%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carroll class	95.7%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Potter class	95.3%

### @ARKConway

If you're on twitter, please follow us! We'll be regularly updating our ARK Conway twitter account with pictures, stories and news, so make sure you follow us to stay updated with all the exciting things happening at school.



### Parents' Forum

Thank you to Potter class for the delicious cake sale before half term and congratulations for raising over **£100!**

All parents are warmly invited to attend the next Parents' Forum meeting, on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in the school hall.

Lewis class will be hosting a **Red Nose Day** themed cake sale on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. If your child is in afterschool club that day, they may bring a small amount of money to buy a cake.



## Red Nose Day

We're looking forward to celebrating Red Nose Day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. This year, we invite all pupils to come to school dressed in their own clothes – wearing as much red as possible.

Children can also try out funny hairstyles – the crazier the better! Whether it be curls or spikes, we want to see the biggest best hairstyles yet. As always, please donate to the fantastic charities that Comic Relief supports by putting your contribution in the zipped pocket of your child's bookbag or securely sealed in an envelope.



## Teaching and Learning

What's inspiring teaching and learning at Ark Conway?

This week Jenny Cooke, who is the founder of the e-learning resource Oddizzi, visited Ark Conway. She explained how Oddizzi can provide real world immersive learning opportunities.

Teaching staff identified how Oddizzi might be used at Ark Conway as a research tool to develop children's understanding of the people, places and cultures of the world. Teachers were particularly inspired by the opportunity to enable children at Ark Conway to create content about our local area for the Oddizzi site in the not too distant future.

Your child also has access to Oddizzi from home by visiting [www.oddizzi.com](http://www.oddizzi.com) and logging in using:

Username: conwayl

Password: conwayl

## Home Learning

This Friday, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking home their 'Home Learning Journals.' Each week a focus will be shared with the children and published in the Newsletter.

Children are encouraged to be creative with their journals (e.g. include photographs, newspaper cuttings, postcards, etc...). Journals are expected to remain in book bags and brought into school every day.

Lewis Class - Tourism in London - (*Oyster focus card*).

Dahl Class - How do we use plants?

Potter Class - Fruits we eat.

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

ARK Conway is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers again this year so please donate yours so that we can order new sports or cooking equipment for the school.

