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# Head's Message

Everybody at Conway has been living the value of happiness this week, which has presented an ideal opportunity to revisit our understanding of how the brain works. We're continually trying hard to recognise how we can provide time for our Amygdala to process various emotions before we choose how we wish to respond and act. The hard work is paying off as many children have been making the right choices, which goes a long way towards having a positive impact on their own and others' happiness.

Carroll Class kicked off this week with their first lesson at the swimming pool, they sensibly managed the short walk and speedy change of clothes making it a great start to their sequence of lessons. Well done Carroll Class - keep it up!

Once again, I encourage you to refrain from using cars for the school run. If you really must use your car please park a considerable distance away from the school entrance to avoid the need to reverse near children and adults crossing the road to enter the school gate.

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend, I shall not be running any further marathons and hope to be back in school with a well rested foot throughout next week!

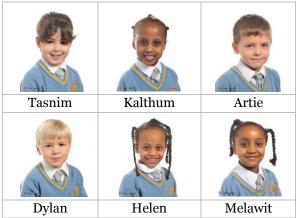
### Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dahl Class	99.33%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Austen Class	98.62%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Potter Class	97.67%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis Class	96.00%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll Class	94.67%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	93.23%

### Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:



## **Home Learning**

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What can you find out about the wheel? Year 2: Create a tally chart of local wildlife you spot this week.

Year 3: What do we mean when we call a country "poor"?

Year 4: Tell me about the cultures that have contributed to your local area (you might want to talk about restaurants, shops or places of worship). Spellings: exercise, experience, experiment, famous, favourite. The spelling rule this week is: "words with the -ion suffix (e.g. expression, discussion, confession).

Year 5: Do you think children's nights should be the same or different as adults? Spellings: Words ending in 'tious' and bruise, nuisance, recognise and criticise.

## Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be: **Frédéric Chopin** 

#### Website

You will find all our polices, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - arkconway.org



### **Celebration Assemblies**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Lewis Class Assembly: Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## **Dates for Your Diary**

 ${m Monday}$   ${m 1}^{st}$   ${m May}$  — Bank Holiday — School closed

**Tuesday 9**<sup>th</sup> **May** – Reception class trip to the Wetlands Centre

**Wednesday 10**<sup>th</sup> **May** – Year 1 trip to the London Transport Museum & Year 2 trip to Whitechapel Gallery

**Wednesday 17**<sup>th</sup> **May** – Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens

 $Friday\ 26^{th}\ May\ -$  School closes at 4pm for half term

**Monday 5**<sup>th</sup> **June** – School re-opens after half term

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June* – Year 1 trip to the Museum of Childhood

**Tuesday 20**<sup>th</sup> **June** – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon

**Wednesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **June** – Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon

*Friday* 7<sup>th</sup> *July* – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

w/c 10th July - Arts Week

*Friday 21st July* – School closes at 1.30pm for the summer

**Wednesday 6**<sup>th</sup> **September** – School reopens for the Autumn term

## **Notices**

## **Reception 2017 Coffee Morning**

Please note the Reception 2017 coffee morning has been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday 17th May at Ark Bentworth at 9am. We hope to see existing parents with siblings starting in September and also welcome new families!

#### **Parent Volunteers**

We still need several parent volunteers for trips that are taking place over the coming weeks. Please sign up at the front desk if you are able to help.

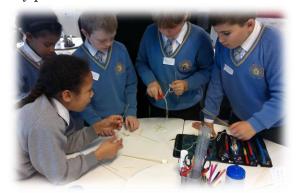
#### Year 3 Trip - Natural History Museum

Lewis Class enjoyed their trip to the National History Museum on Monday to see the 'Emergency! Earthquakes and Volcanoes' exhibition. They explored the fascinating world of volcanoes and earthquakes and their effect on society in an action-packed science show.



#### **Mega Maths**

This week saw the launch of our first ever Mega Maths Club! Children worked in teams on the 'Marshmallow Challenge', building the tallest structure possible to hold their marshmallow. We saw great team work and saw evidence that every problem has a solution!



## **EYFS** News

This week children have been sharing their wonderful home learning, and Easter activities. They have planted cress, and sunflower seeds. They have also planted their beans and we are wondering if we will have some delicious vegetables to eat by the summer! Next week we will be learning about the value of coins, and re-writing the ending of Jack and the Beanstalk. Ideas for home learning: You could start keeping a sunflower diary, drawing or writing about how it changes each day. Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hyslop & The EYFS team.