



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

We have been busy bees today at Ark Conway, beginning the day with the Dahl Class assembly all about bees! It was clear how much they have learnt in their Challenge Curriculum topic this term, about the important role of bees!

Year 6 were also diving deep into their Challenging Curriculum topic: "Drowning in Plastic: A Load of Rubbish?" Their expert Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs visited Year 6 today! As well as providing detailed answers to Year 6's well-thought out questions, Mr Gove also told us that "Schools are only as good as their students – you are outstanding, you are some of the best students in the country and you should be very proud of that. Whatever you want to do in the future, if you work hard, you can achieve it."



This week, we also decorated our spectacular Christmas tree, funded by the money raised by Parent Forum. Thank you!



Have a great weekend.

Composer of the Term

Our composer this half term will be:



Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Stars of the Week

For showing honesty our stars of the week are:

		
Max	Olive	Antek
		
Mariam	Sophia	Ariadne

Celebration Assemblies

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

Friday 7th December - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 3 class performance

Friday 14th December - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents – Choir performance

Friday 21st December - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Street Dance performance

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Dahl	98.33%
2 nd	Potter	97.5%
2 nd	Dickens	97.5%
3 rd	Carroll	95.16%
4 th	Lewis	94.2%
5 th	Shakespeare	93.33%
6 th	Austen	92.5%

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 4th December – Year 5 Living Rainforest Trip

Friday 7th December – Library Opening at 9:15am

Inspire Excellence

Saturday 8th December - School Christmas Fair

Friday 14th December - Winter Jumper Day

Tuesday 18th December - Reception (Carroll Class) Nativity at 9am

Tuesday 18th December – Conway Christmas Carols at 5:30pm

Thursday 20th December - School Christmas lunch

Home Learning

Reception: We are learning about people who help us. If one of your family were sick, how would you help them? Draw a picture/make a get well soon box to show your friends.

Year 1: We've started a new unit in Maths this week – 'Time'. Can you find a clock out and about or at home and take a picture or draw it? What time is it?

Year 2: Where do you use division to share equally outside of school?

Year 3: Imagine you were involved in a natural disaster, you have 10 minutes to pack a suitcase! What things would you bring with you? Think about things you would need, as well as things you would like to keep safe! You can present your ideas however you like.

Year 4: How would your life have been different in Norman times?

Year 5: What does certification mean? What can you find that has been certified in your home? Why has it been certified? Who does that benefit? Present your findings any way you wish.

Spellings – words ending in -cial or -tial

Year 6: Write a Green paper including an initiative to reduce once-use plastic. Use what you learnt from Michael Gove, MP, to inform your work.

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Notices

Conway Christmas Carols

Please join us on Tuesday 18th December for our annual Christmas Carols evening. Mulled wine, mince pies and more will be available from 5:30pm onwards, with singing starting at 6pm. Children will also perform some songs with their classes.

Reception Class 2019

It is that time of year where parents will be applying for a place for their child in Ark Conway's Reception class starting in September 2019. We would like to remind you that the deadline to apply is 15th January and you can do this through your local authority. We would also love to know which

siblings will be joining us so please let the school office know if you are applying for a place. Thank you.

Ark Conway Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to the Ark Conway Christmas Fair on **Saturday 8th December** (12:00pm – 2:30pm), where there will be homemade goodies, a lucky dip, secret Santa, photo booth, mulled wine, world food and much more!

We still require donations so please do bring these into school next week. We would also love to see as many of our local community there as possible so do invite your friends and neighbours!

Parent Forum Communications

Parent Forum are hoping to use the Classlist app to help keep all the parents in touch. Please see this message from them:

Classlist allows parents to add themselves (you will then be approved) and you can join the appropriate year groups. It helps you to work out who is who so that organising play dates and parties will be easier. It will be accessible to everyone, particularly those who would rather not use email. We can also post events and sell tickets using the app for a much smaller fee than providers we've used before.

Please sign up! This can run at the same time as the googlegroups to see if everyone is happy with this.

Here is the link:

classlist.com/start/4c340aed-487d-402b-b987-cad6b1dfc98f

Please contact Carina if you have any problems: carina_ja@hotmail.com

Meet the Team

Name: Hannah Bridges

Role: Year 5+6 Literacy Teacher and Literacy Lead

What is your favourite book? Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

What was your favourite subject at school? English, Drama and P.E.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? A member of the Royal Shakespeare Company (or a lifeguard).

Can you tell us something we may not know about you? I once para-glided off the top of a mountain on skis!

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility