



Head's Message

With visits to the Science Museum, a local Church and the British Library, it's been a jam-packed end to the Spring term! Thank you to the parent volunteers, who have enabled these marvellous trips to take place.

As some of you may have spotted on Twitter, we have proudly accepted a Gold award from the charity Mind, for our commitment to promoting workplace wellbeing. While we are still very early on in our journey, it's great to know we are on the right track.

Carroll, Potter and Dahl Class have created magnificent spring bonnets, as a celebration of the successful term and to mark the start of the holidays! There are some real treats and I am sure the children will only be too pleased to model their bonnets 'cat-walk style' when they arrive home with them!

Enjoy a relaxing and safe break, we will see you all on Wednesday 19th April 2017.

Zero-tolerance for Inappropriate Language

We have a zero-tolerance approach to the use of any inappropriate language. Parents/carers will be informed as appropriate if their child uses language that does not endorse our academy values. We welcome your continuous support to ensure Conway remains a positive and motivating learning environment.

Back Gate Closure

Due to several site deliveries occurring over a seven week stretch, there will be a road closure adjacent to the site entrance. To ensure the safety of all, this means we will only use the front gate to enter/exit the school throughout the first half of the Summer term.

To reduce congestion near the front gate at the end of the day, Year 1 will be dismissed from the hall throughout this period.





Praise from Ark

In a recent school inspection conducted by staff from around the Ark network, Conway was found to be 'outstanding' across all areas. In particular, inspectors praised:

- Pupils' attitudes, with children commenting that 'they love their school and are very proud to attend'. 'Pupils know and appreciate how hard their teachers work on their behalf and respond with diligence and appreciation'.
- The 'outstanding' quality of teaching and learning in the school.
- The keenness of pupils to engage, contribute and reflect on lessons in discussion times.

Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:

		
Bobby	Syron	Kaito
		
Saskia	Suki	Emma

Composer of the Week

Our composer for the first week after Easter will be:



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Read, read, read!

Year 2: What can you find that you measure in ml or l?

Year 3: What do we mean by responsibility?

Year 4: What makes you special? Present your ideas as creatively as possible e.g. video, poster etc. Please be ready to test your spelling of the following words by the first week back at school: continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, recent, regular, reign, remember, sentence. Extra challenge: How many words can you list with the -gue and -que suffixes (writing the word and a definition)? Aspiration merit for the winner!

Year 5: Pick an African country and research it's history. Present your ideas as creatively as possible e.g. video, poster etc. Spellings: Review 'ei' and 'ie' as the 'ee' sound.

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Potter Class	99.00%
2 nd	Lewis Class	97.33%
2 nd	Austen Class	97.33%
4 th	Dickens Class	94.31%
5 th	Carroll Class	94.29%
6 th	Dahl Class	89.33%

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 19th April – School re-opens for the summer term

Wednesday 26th April 9am – Meeting at Ark Bentworth for Reception 2017 parents

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Friday 26th May – School closes at 4pm for half term

Monday 5th June – School re-opens after half term

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

Wednesday 6th September – School re-opens for the Autumn term

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 21st April - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

Friday 28th April - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Notices

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all the pupils, parents and carers who donated money for Red Nose Day. The school disco, organised by the Parents Forum on the day was a huge success and they raised a whopping £330.15. A special thank you also to Mackenzie and Clemmie S who raised £35.64 between them. We raised a grand total of £551.64!



Year 1 Trip to the Science Museum

Year 1 had an exciting trip to the Science Museum on Wednesday, meeting Yuri Gagarin and learning a lot about 'Space'. Thank you to the amazing parents who came along to help the pupils enjoy the trip even more!



Website

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

Year 3 Trip to Our Lady of Fatima Church

Year 3 have been studying the practices of major world religions, including learning about buildings of worship. On Wednesday Lewis Class visited Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church on the White City Estate. The children discovered what role churches play in Christian life whilst exploring the parts of the building and the practices that are followed there.



Year 5 Trip to the British Library

Year 5 went on a trip to The British Library yesterday. Pupils got to explore all of the treasures in their collection such as original scores written by Mozart and the Beowulf transcript. They had a picnic lunch in Granary Square in the beautiful sunshine and paddled in the fountains. After, they returned to the library and took part in an amazing workshop that led them back to the exhibition as researchers.



A massive thank you to our parent volunteers- Huda, Katie, Ed and Carolyn.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils looked fantastic in this morning's Easter Bonnet Parade where they proudly wore their own hand decorated bonnets. They walked (and danced) on the catwalk in front of the judges, Mrs Osborne, Miss Carver and Mr Fara. Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Bonnet

competition, Lavinia, Ava and Clemmie who all received an Easter Egg and to all the other prize winners.



EYFS News

This week we have been celebrating our topic 'Animals' by writing invitations to each other to attend an animal disco. This happened today, and we have been dancing and singing together all afternoon! We have also been writing about the 'Odd Egg', and considering what our own odd egg might look like. We searched for odd eggs outside, and found that some of them were made of chocolate! Children showed tremendous courage during our Easter bonnet parade, sashaying down the catwalk with their best dance moves. Next half term, our topic will be Growth. We will be looking at plant growth for the first few weeks, and will be planting beans and sunflowers. We will then move onto animal growth, and the world around us. Please have a look at the topic web for ideas of how to support your child. Over the holidays we would like as many tapestry observations as possible of your child participating in a physical activity. Ideas could include; swinging from monkey bars, riding a bike, climbing in the playground, catching a ball, kicking a football or dancing in time to music! Have a wonderful holiday, and thank you for your continual support.

Mrs Hyslop & The EYFS team