



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Principal's Message

This week has certainly been a varied week. We are of course very aware of the current news headlines and we have taken care to talk to our older pupils a little more about this, using age appropriate language and resources. Where younger pupils have been asking questions we have also been supporting them and their families too. If you would like any support with this, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or to myself.

In school, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many varied costumes – well done and thank you to parents for your support, I know how much work goes into planning and preparing these costumes! My main highlight of the day though had to be seeing our pupils come together to celebrate books as a whole school, whether that be through the World Book Day Fashion Show or the Ark Conway Story that every class contributed to: ***The Book Burglar of Ark Conway!*** Celebrating as a community once again made it even more meaningful and the joy on pupils' faces will stay with me for a long time.

Finally, this week, Year 3 were also lucky enough to host a visit from the Royal Albert Hall Band. Not only did they see an exclusive performance from the band, but they also composed and performed their own piece of music with the band! Our Year 4 audience took great delight in hearing the different rhythms in each section.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## Composer of the Term

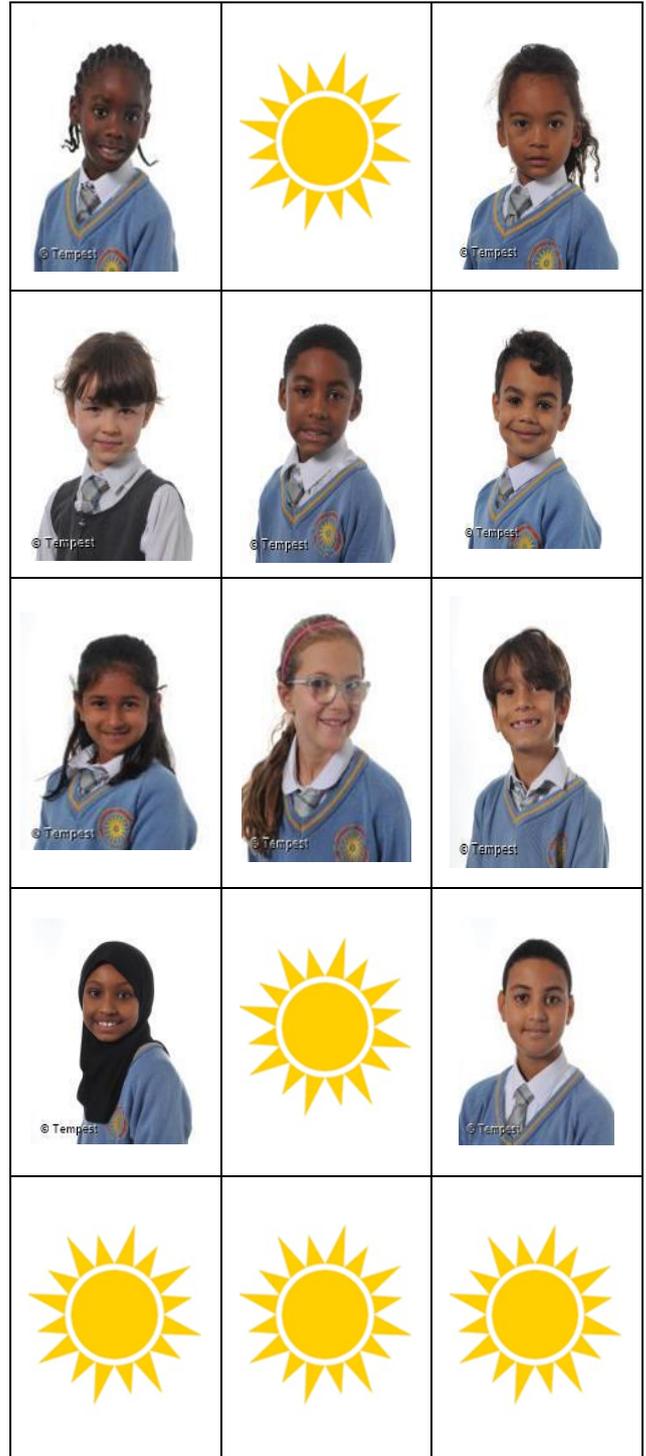
**Our composer for this half term is:**



**Frédéric Chopin**

## Stars of the Week

For showing our school value of aspiration, this week our stars of the week are:



This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Attenborough</b>	<b>99.58%</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Angelou</b>	99.05%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Earhart</b>	98.10%
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nightingale</b>	96.68%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Obama</b>	95.10%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ali</b>	92.50%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Farah</b>	90.42%

## Dates for your Diary

*This term...*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – STEM Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 trip to Royal Albert Hall

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens

**Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Poetry Slam performances

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Reception class trip to Phoenix Farm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Poetry Slam Final

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 Forest School trip to Wormwood Scrubs

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 trip to Gunnersbury Nature Reserve

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Reception exhibition

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – School closes 1:30pm for Easter holidays

## Celebration Assemblies

We invite all parents and guardians to join us for our Celebration Assemblies on the following dates and times.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

- **8:35am** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- **3:15pm** – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

## Home Learning

Please share all home learning work on Seesaw. You can find more information about Seesaw by following this link: **Seesaw home learning.**



**Reception:** How many of your own body parts can you name? Choose an animal and describe how you are similar and different to it. Upload your learning to Seesaw in any way you choose!

**Year 1:** In English, we are describing what we imagine when we listen to a piece of music. Draw, write or tell us what you imagine when you listen to some music by Chopin, our composer of the term.

**Year 2:** Create a fact file for an animal that lives in the Arctic or the Sahara. Make sure you include how it is suited to its habitat.

**Year 3:** On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. Can you create a piece of artwork based on your favourite book or story? Upload this to Seesaw or bring this in with you next week.

**Year 4:** Create an educational poster providing ways people can stop deforestation in the Amazon rainforest?

**Year 5:** In science we have been learning about separating mixtures. For your home learning, either research different ways to separate mixtures or make your own mixture with solids and liquids (ie. water, stones, dry rice) and try to separate it back into its parts!

**Year 6:** Choose one of Shakespeare's plays to research. Is the play a tragedy, comedy or history? How do you know? What is the play about? Present your findings in any way you would like.

## Notices

### Whole School Camping Trip!

Almost every summer since Ark Conway opened, a group of parents have organised a camping trip for Conway families. It's an amazing experience for our children, with around 40



families camping together in one field, enjoying team games, walks, picnics and BBQs, and roasting marshmallows around the campfire.

This year, the trip will take place over the **summer INSET day weekend (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022)** at a working farm in the Surrey Hills, just over an hour from west London. We'll be camping for 2 nights, arriving on Friday and leaving on Sunday whenever

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we want to head home. Here's a link to the campsite website:

<https://etherleyfarm.co.uk/camping/>

It costs just £20 per adult and £10 per child for the weekend. **Please go to Class List for more details and to book your tickets quickly** – we plan to open the event to Ark alumni families shortly. Or, if you've got questions, please speak to Clare Fuchs and Victoria Biggs (year 4 parents).

We have to confirm the booking with the farmer and pay for the field in March so please don't delay!

## **Social Media**

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

*Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Our safeguarding policy can be found in the school office.*