



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Head's Message

Happy Thursday Ark Conway!

This half term has flown by and yet New Year also feels like a lifetime ago! I am in awe of how much we have achieved as a community. Parents, you have given your all to supporting remote learning to ensure that your children can engage and continue to learn, despite schools being closed. Without you this wouldn't have been possible so thank you very much. I really hope you can all find at least a moment of peace in the holiday to rest and recuperate. Staff, you have been role models to the pupils, showing how to keep learning by picking up a whole host of new skills in your new roles as I.T. technicians and MS Teams experts! And Conway children, you have shown how resilient you are – finding the positive in all that you do!

This week, we were treated to a virtual visit from Diana Muendo and Abby Hobbs, author and illustrator of 'Big Hair Parade'! Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 listened to our guests reading their book and then asked some excellent questions linked to creating multiple drafts and how to receive feedback!



We also hosted our first ever 'Virtual Poetry Slam Final'! Well done to every single pupil who shared a poem – it was wonderful to see your public speaking skills in action!

Finally, thank you to every parent who has already responded to our questionnaire, we have had so many responses, all of them containing such useful feedback which we will be acting upon. If you haven't yet responded, please could you complete this by 12pm tomorrow (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February).

Thank you! Have a lovely holiday and we will see you back at school on TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

## Artist of the Week

This week's artist is Georgia O'Keeffe who created some mesmerising pieces of art, which are all linked to nature – our theme for our assembly challenge too! If you would like ideas for projects to do over half term, do visit her virtual museum:



<https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/creative-activities/>

## Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:



This week the attendance figures are:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Lewis</b>       | 97.87% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Carroll</b>     | 97.78% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Dickens</b>     | 93.52% |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Dahl</b>        | 92.16% |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Austen</b>      | 88.30% |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Potter</b>      | 76.09% |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Shakespeare</b> | 76.00% |

## Dates for Your Diary

### This term...

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Inset Day – there will be no remote learning and school will be closed for all children, including those in the Community Classroom.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – School closed for half term holiday.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Inset Day – there will be no remote learning and school will be closed for all children, including those in the Community Classroom.

## Notices

### Shining the Spotlight on...



We want to **Shine a Spotlight** on pieces of work that your children are proud of. Shakespeare Class have been busy sending in some wonderful work this week,

which will be published online and in the newsletter after half term. Next up, we are asking **Lewis** class parents to send in some of their child's wonderful work. Please send items over to the office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### Caught Being Kind

This week two pupils were **caught being kind**, when using the skills learnt in their handwriting lessons to write letters to each other to say how much they were missing one another and what they were getting up to in their spare time during lockdown.



### Weekly Assembly Challenge

Last week we set the challenge to draw a 'View from your window' (these could be real or imaginary views). We then asked pupils to place these in their windows at home so that they could all be seen on a walk around our local community during the half



term holiday. We received some fantastic pieces of art and so wanted to share some below. Do look out for the window art on your walks in the holiday!



### School Closure Information

You will find the latest information about school closure and remote learning by following this link to our website:

<https://arkconway.org/school-closure-and-remote-learning-spring-term-2021>

### Facebook and Twitter



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

*Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.*

Our safeguarding policy can be found in the school office.