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Head's Message

It's going to be tricky fitting all the fun into this one! Since I wrote my last newsletter, we have had fabulous fire making in Y5; A wonderful winter fair; a next-level nativity; excellent exhibitions; a cracking winter concert and exhilarating excellent behaviour parties! Now that's how you finish a term. Let me dive into a bit more detail to give you an insight into that list.



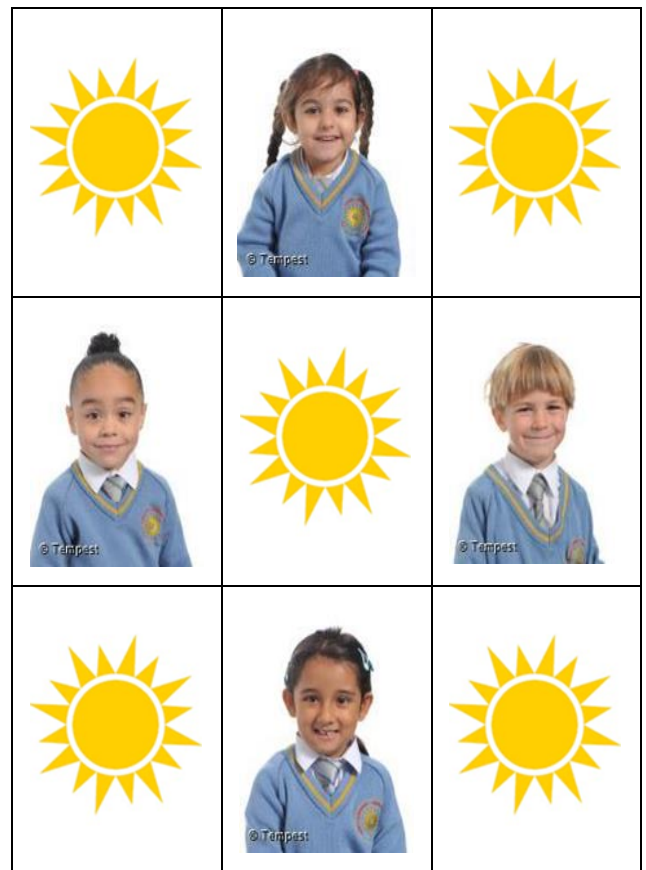
The Reception nativity was one of the best I think I have ever seen. The public speaking ability of these 4 and 5 year-olds was truly exceptional. I think every nativity needs aliens! Year 5's fiery experience on Friday was one to remember. They learned to use a flint tool to light their own fire and celebrated their new talents by roasting marshmallows over an open flame. A huge thank you to Clare and the other Y5 volunteers for making this experience so special. Kamil in Y5 wrote on Seesaw, "Thanks to all the staff and parents, who showed us how to make fire, it was a day we'll never forget." Year 1 and Year 2 put on memorable exhibits for their communities. Year 2 displayed a video detailing their school day and were able to speak eloquently about all the parts that make their day important. There was also some spectacular artwork on display too. Y1 opened up their very own toy museum. There were robots and dinosaurs, unicorns, and cuddly toys! One parent wrote, "The curating team were ready and waiting behind their exhibits right on opening time to greet the first attendees, and were very eager to share their knowledge. A pleasure to attend."



I would also like to take this moment to send out a huge thank you to Anushe, Mike and the Parent forum team for their jaw-dropping efforts in providing a Winter Fair for our community that was truly special. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday. See you in January!

Stars of the Week

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



This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Angelou	94.83%
2 nd	Attenborough	92.00%
3 rd	Farah	90.00%
4 th	Nightingale	88.00%
5 th	Obama	87.86%
6 th	Earhart	86.67%
7 th	Ali	83.10%

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd January – School closed (INSET Day)

Wednesday 4th January – First day back (Wonder Day!)

Wednesday 4th January – Year 1 Local Area Walk

Celebration Assemblies

Please join us at 8:35am on Fridays for our celebration assembly. ***Parents from all year groups are welcome each week.*

Composer of the Term

Our composer for next half term is:

Rachel Portman



Bonus Christmas Home learning:

Year 1 beautifully sang the song 'Twelve days of Christmas' at the winter concert. On the first day they receive one gift. On the second day they receive 2 gifts. Using the song to help you, answer the following three questions to enter a prize draw!

1. How many gifts did they receive on each day?
2. How many gifts do they receive in total?
3. Can you represent your answer to question 1 pictorially?

Email your answers to:

info@arkconwayprimary.org

Home Learning

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

Reception: This term, we have had some fantastic moments in Farah Class, including our 'campfire' experience, the Nativity performance, and even den building! What has been your favourite memory from this term? Present your thoughts in any way you would like.

Year 1: Winter is a time for checking in with loved ones no matter how far they live. Write and send a card/letter/email to a distant loved one telling them about your first full term in year 1. (Does not need to be uploaded to seesaw)

Year 2: Our topic next term will be Planet Earth! Find out what you can about it over the holiday.

Year 3: Next term we will be reading 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King Smith. What can you tell us about the author?

Year 4: Over the holidays, spend time with your families, relax, eat some delicious food...and practice your times tables! What's the best score you can get on Mathsframe? What's the lowest amount of seconds you can set for every question? Post your best results on Seesaw!

Year 5: Research a country in Asia. How is it similar or different to the UK? Show your findings in a creative way.

Year 6: Create a book review of Wonder or Floodland to recommend it to other readers. This could be written, in video format, or presented any way you like

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)

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