



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Principal's Message

Happy last day of the winter term Ark Conway!

When people ask me what it is that makes me proud of our school, I always say our community. The passion and commitment of all of our parents and guardians is second to none. We have seen this in abundance this term with such impressive turnout for our events, dedication to supporting pupils' development whether doing home learning or coming into school to support with reading, and of course at our incredible parent run Winter Fair.

Our staff go above and beyond to ensure pupils are progressing, whether academically, socially or emotionally. This term, because of our staff, pupils have experienced more of our wonderful city through trips to the Houses of Parliament, theatres and museums; they have delighted in storytelling around campfires and have even been setting light to their own real fires!

And our pupils... each and every Ark Conway pupil has shown our school values this term, even our brand new value of courage! I am truly inspired by their determination to succeed in a variety of areas. Recently I've been inspired by children from both ends of the school, whether performing in front of parents for the first time for their nativity or sharing their learning for pupils and parents for one of their last times in primary school.

The Ark Conway community really is one of a kind and I want to thank each and every one of you for the part you have played in our community during this term. Wishing you all a wonderful winter break!



## Composer of the Term

Our composer for next half term is:



*Unsuk Chin*

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Ali</b>	<b>97.50%</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Nightingale</b>	97.08%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Angelou</b>	95.00%
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Earhart</b>	92.86%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Farah and Attenborough class</b>	92.08%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Obama</b>	78.33%

## Dates for your Diary

*Next term...*

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET Day – School closed for pupils

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – All pupils return to school for the start of day at 8:30am

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Wonder Day for all year groups

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET Day

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February inclusive** – Half term holiday

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – INSET Day

## 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:** Next half-term we are going to be using lots of recycled materials to create vehicles

and musical instruments. How much recycling can you collect for us to use at school? Can you create anything with the recycling you have collected?

**Year 1:** Madison is excited to learn more about different animals next term in science. Can you create a fact file about your favourite animal?

**Year 2:** Our new topic next term is 'Planet Earth'. What do you already know and what would you like to find out? Present your work in any way you like!

**Year 3:** Sign into Mathletics for more exciting challenges!

**Year 4:** Have a brilliant Christmas with your family! How many Mathletics challenges can you complete over the break?

**Year 5:** Over the half term, use the QR code or username details in your Reading Log to sign onto Mathletics. Complete your To Do list, explore other activities, earn points and even change your avatar, if you'd like!

**Year 6:** Next term we'd like you to come to school dressed as a WW2 evacuee! Your homework is to work on your costume (see separate letter) Please also complete your reading journal and your to-do list on Mathletics: who will earn the most points?!

## Notices

### Exciting Announcement

I am delighted to share with you that Miss O'Connor, in Year 2, is pregnant. She is expecting her second child in late spring and I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating her and her family on this lovely news.

## 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.