



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Principal's Message

Happy sunny Friday Ark Conway!

This week, we invited Principals from two other Ark schools (King Solomon Academy and Ark Byron Academy) to spend the day with us, reviewing the key strengths of Ark Conway, as well as highlighting any areas that we can improve in.

A clear strength that came up through conversations with staff and pupils was that at Ark Conway, we excel at going beyond the curriculum, through our offer of trips, Wonder Days, expert visitors and also our exhibitions. Pupils shared with our visitors (without being prompted!) just how much they love events such as STEM day and taking their learning beyond the classroom. Year 3 exemplified this joy today in their fantastic class exhibition during Celebration Assembly. We hope you all enjoyed it! Other classes, including Reception and Year 5, will be thrilled to welcome you for their exhibitions next week.

The visitors also took the time to discuss our key areas of development and provide their insight on these. For example, how we can increase language development when pupils are working in partnerships. We are excited to develop this further, in line with our current work on Oracy.

Talking of language, we have been blown away with the Poetry Slam performances that all pupils have completed this week! A huge congratulations to every single pupil for their confidence and determination. These are great life skills to have! We are looking forward to finding out who will reach the semi-final and then final next week!

## Composer of the Term

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

*Frédéric Chopin*



*Inspire Excellence*

## Stars of the Week

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



This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Angelou	96.67%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nightingale	96.67%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Earhart	96.33%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Farah	92.33%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Obama	89.66%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Attenborough	85.00%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ali	77.33%

## Dates for your Diary

### Next week...

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

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Poetry Slam Semi-final

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Whole School Disco  
4:00pm – 5:30pm

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

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Whole school disco!  
4pm – 5:30pm

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

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Poetry Slam final during Celebration Assembly

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Year 5 exhibition at 9:15am

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

### Next term...

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – All pupils return to school at 8:20am

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Parent Teacher coffee morning at 8:40am (instead of assembly)

## Celebration Assemblies

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

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

- **8:35am** – Whole school: Poetry Slam Final!

## 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:** Can you make up a story including your favourite animal? It can be as short or as long as you like! We can't wait to listen to the creative stories that you make up.

**Year 1:** Madison doesn't grow, he has always been the same size. They want to see how you have changed over time. Can you create a timeline of you growing up using pictures or drawings and compare it to another family member's timeline?

**Year 2:** Find out as much as you can about a country in Asia. Present your work in the most creative way that you can!

**Year 3:** Create your own newspaper or news report. What story will you report on? You could make a paper or record a report!

**Year 4:** Why are rivers so important for our lives? What can humans use rivers for?

**Year 5:** Create a piece of art, a diagram or a sculpture about the volcano or earthquake you are researching for your group project.

**Year 6:** This week we have been learning about the Windrush Day. Research someone who was part of the Windrush generation and what their life in the UK has been like.

## Notices

### Pelican 1:1 Music Lessons

Pelican have had another fantastic term teaching at Ark Conway: Our lessons in Guitar, Violin, Piano and Viola have been running as usual and we have been hearing about the amazing progress of our pupils, some of whom have recently completed their first concert with Pelican!

We run 1:1 instrumental tuition in primary schools across London. If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, then click the link here: [pelican-music.co.uk/apply](https://www.pelican-music.co.uk/apply)

### 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.