



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

This week has seen the full launch of 'Seesaw'! It has been great to see almost 1000 pieces of work being uploaded to the platform. I know that the teachers have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the work produced following the live and pre-recorded lessons, so we would all like to thank parents and children for taking the time to upload the work. We hope you will find the feedback you receive, this week and in future weeks, very useful.

We are sure that you will share our disappointment on hearing the news that schools will not be opening before March 8th. We are missing having all pupils in school such a lot. In the meantime, we have many exciting plans up our sleeves to ensure pupils are engaged and to maintain our sense of community, please do let us know if you have any thoughts too!

As you know, each week we are setting a weekly challenge in our Celebration Assemblies. Last week, the challenge was to build a den and we have seen some amazing creations! We have shared a few examples overleaf – please do visit our website and Twitter and Facebook pages to see even more!

Whilst you are there, you may like to leave a review for Ark Conway, either on our Facebook page or on Google. These reviews really help to spread the message about our special school to prospective parents. Thank you for taking the time to do this. We really appreciate it!

Have a happy and safe weekend everyone!

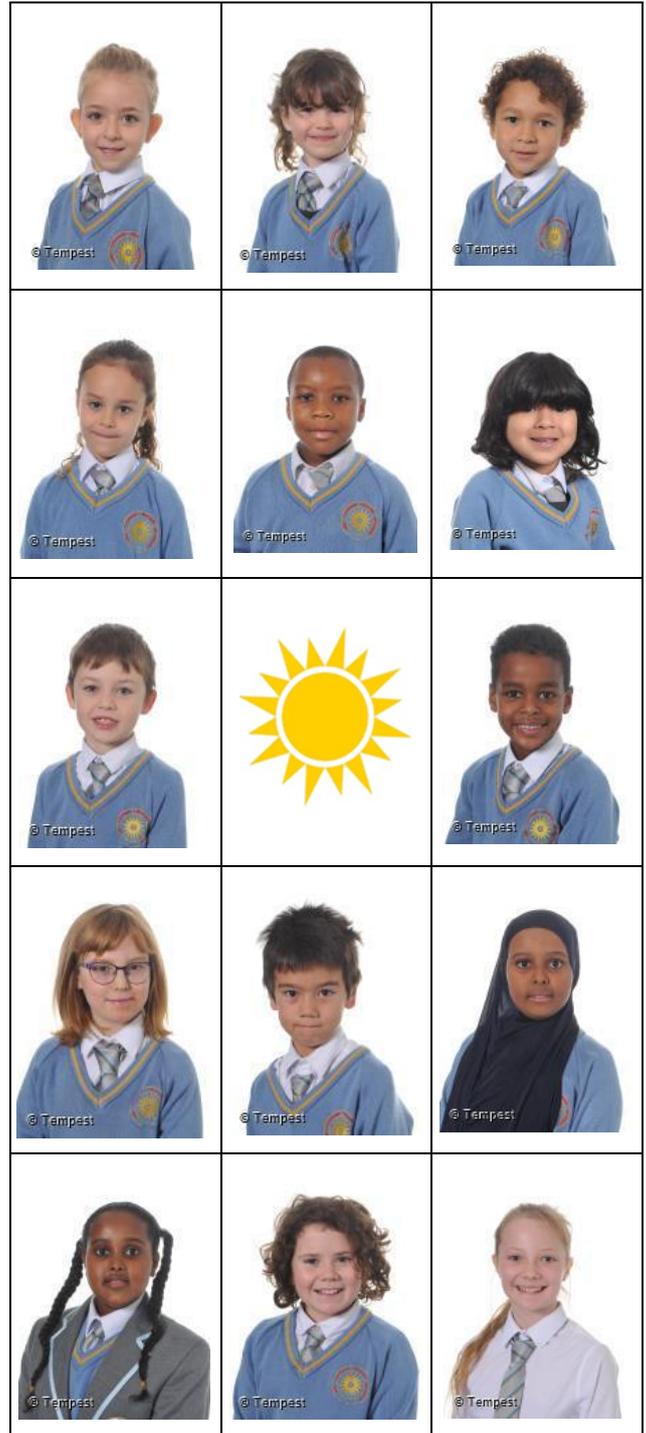
Artist of the Week

This week we are celebrating an artist called Rob Biddulph. We hope you can spend some time away from your laptop screens to re-create some of his work. Do look on YouTube for his brilliant tutorials!



Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:



This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Dickens	95.48%
2 nd	Lewis	94.20%
3 rd	Carroll and Austen	93.94%
4 th	Dahl	93.06%
5 th	Shakespeare	84.33%
6 th	Potter	75.34%

Dates for Your Diary

This term...

Monday 1st February – Poetry Slam Submission Deadline for all pupils. Each child will need to upload their recording by 4pm. We can't wait to see the children doing their poetry performances!

Week commencing 1st February – Children's Mental Health Week: look out for a number of different activities, starting with the daily 'Dress to Impress' where children are asked to wear their brightest clothes every day!

Thursday 11th February – Poetry Slam Final.

Friday 12th February – Inset Day.

Monday 15th February – **Friday 19th February** – School closed for half term holiday.

Notices

Shining the Spotlight on...



We want to **Shine a Spotlight** on pieces of work that your children are proud of, so we can celebrate and share their achievements - whether they're studying at home or in our

Community Classrooms! Each week pupils from a particular year group will be asked to send in a photo of a piece of work they're proud of, so that some of the pictures can be featured in the following week's newsletter and online for all of us to appreciate. Potter Class have been busy sending in some wonderful work this week, which will be published online and in the newsletter next Friday. Next up, we are asking Dickens class parents to send in some of their child's wonderful work. Please send items over to the office by Friday 5th February.

Caught Being Kind

This week a pupil was **caught being kind** by giving constructive feedback on another pupil's writing in the form of a 'tickled pink' and a 'growing green'.

Weekly Assembly Challenge

Den Building:



Riddle of the Week

Each week our Student Council share a riddle. If you think you know the answer to the riddle below, write it down on a piece of paper and share it with your class in your live lesson on Monday!

You are in a room with no windows and no doors. There are two halves of a table and a calendar. How do you eat? How do you get out?

Art Projects for Schools Orders

Please could parents who ordered mugs last term from Art Projects for Schools contact the school office with details of their order and whether they would still like the mugs or would now prefer a refund due to the delay.

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.