



Friday 17th January 2020

A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Spring Term.

We have started the new term with a real Spring in our step... Over the past two weeks there has been a flurry of trips and immersive learning experiences. Year 1 have been out in the local area conducting a travel survey; Year 4 went to Tate Britain to see their photograph in the Steve McQueen exhibition and to also look at some other works of art. Year 3 immersed themselves in their Greek Day. What a great way to start a topic! Year 5 visited The Design Museum to visit their exhibition 'Moving to Mars' - an adventure where the children travelled to Mars without leaving London! Year 6 went to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club... a trip that may inspire future Wimbledon Tennis Champions! Two weeks in and already some learning experiences that will remain with the children and inspire them to delve deeper into their topics for this half term. There are many more to come and you can track the children's travels on Twitter: @ArkJohnArcher

This Spring has seen a wider offer of Clubs & Enrichment Opportunities which now include Cooking, Drama & Choir. These clubs are free and are being run by members of staff. I am looking at every way possible to increase the number of opportunities for our children to engage in after school activities as well as ensuring that the costs are either free or kept to a minimum. **We have a new club starting on Tuesday 28th January - 'Scario Funk' (Street Dance) - It will be £30 and takes you up until Easter (£3.00 per session) It is available for Years 3-6.** If you have some ideas for clubs or know of anyone who would be willing to run one then please do let Nicola Stobie or myself know. Always open to new ideas.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Best Wishes

Maira Cruddas



Attendance

Winners of the class attendance award this week is...

Year 3M with a fantastic 100% attendance this week!!

Well done !!

Whole school attendance this week was a much improved... **96.2%!!!**

Congratulations 1C!

You were 100% on time to school! Well done!

100%

**The value for next half term is...
Achievement!**

Working hard to be proud of yourself.

Birthdays

Nursery: Neve Budd and Mahir Hussein

Reception: Emilia Serjent and Isaiah Mislán Brown

Year 1: No birthdays this week

Year 2: Mohamed Mohamuud

Year 3: No birthdays this week

Year 4: Charlie Hersey and Paige Johns

Year 5: Marwan Hazel

Year 6: Samiullah Asadi

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ark John Archer!



Star Awards

Reception	Adam O'Connor
Year 1	Zakaria Mohamud
Year 2	Jamari John
Year 3	Khalid Ali and Alex Booth
Year 4	Tatyana Rookes Frank and Amy Booth
Year 5	Gabriella Monteiro-Smith & Yozygur Kalin
Year 6	Whole Class!



Notices

Governor News

Some sad news to share.... Our Chair of Governors, Emma Perkin, has had to stand down. All at Ark John Archer would like to thank Emma for everything she has done to support the school since we joined Ark. We are working with the Ark Team to recruit a new Chair to join our local governing body and I will let you know as soon as I have more news. If you need to contact the governors then you can do so through our clerk Katie Bird at governance.team@arkonline.org

School Uniform

A gentle reminder about our Uniform Policy. Children are expected to be wearing black shoes (not trainers) with their uniform. The only permitted time to wear trainers is when it is a PE Day and these too need to be black. Please support the uniform policy. Many thanks.

Clubs

Clubs have now started so please do take the opportunity to sign your children up for some great experiences after school.

Food Vouchers

If any of you require food bank vouchers, please do contact Ms Cruddas. If you do require support from the vouchers, please know that this matter will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. We are here to help and support you.

Website

You will find all our policies; for example, our Behaviour, Curriculum & Safeguarding Policies, on our website— <https://arkjohnarcher.org/>

Key Dates

Ark Network Day - School is closed - Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term - Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

INSET Day - Monday 24th February 2020

All children to return to school on Tuesday 24th February 2020

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