



Friday 25th February 2022

A Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the start of the new half term... as we step into the final half of the Spring term, can I say a massive thank you to every one of you! We have started off with the best attendance! Let's keep this up and really make a massive effort to come to school before the gates close at 8:55 a.m.

A massive thank you to Mr Prior and Ms Kalyansingh for taking a group of Year 5 & 6 children to Ark's Sing into Spring event! The children represented the school with real pride and sung their hearts out! Our children really do win the hearts of everyone with their passion for music but also their love for doing well. This is a real testament to you the parents...
#ExcitedAboutMusic!

On the final day of last half term Mr French & I took a group of year 6 children to represent the school in the Readers Cup Challenge that took place at Thomas's, Clapham. The children didn't win but again they represented the school so well and we were all exceptionally proud of them! Thank you to the parents who came along too. Well done again to the children for being brilliant and applauding and saying well done to the winners.

As restrictions have now come to an end in the country, we are committed to ensuring the children continue to remain well so that they can continue to learn and thrive here at the school. I know you will all continue to let us know if your child is unwell in the morning, please do make sure you ring the office to let us know if your child wont be in and we will continue to give you advice. Thank you again for all your support over the past two years...as a community we are Together As One!

I look forward to seeing you all next week for another great week of learning and growth. Please do look after yourselves, and most all... Look after one another!! See you all on Monday!

Best wishes

Maira Cruddas



Attendance

The winners of the class attendance award this week are...

**Reception, Years 1A, 2W
& 5W with...**

100% attendance!!

This is phenomenal!!!

Whole school attendance for this week was a fabulous...

97.9%

Let's keep this up!!! 😊

**Spring B Value
Community**

*Working together and sharing the
same values.*

Star Awards

Reception	Michael Johns
Year 1	Kimberlee Moore
Year 2	Mustafa Ali
Year 3	Eleanor Budd - twice!
Year 4	Nikodem Slabiak Hadjou
Year 5	Kaycee Brawn
Year 6	Paige Johns, Rayan Abdi and Malique Tennant

Well done to all the children!

This week's
Mathletics
Champions are

1A

Crushing the
competition.

Keep it up!

Mathletics

This week's Times
Tables Rock Stars
are

4E

Brilliant work

You rock!



Home Learning Champions...

Congratulations **1A** on the highest home learning completion rate this week. Excellent work!



Mr McCormick's PE Star of the Week

My star of the week is... **Zayn** in **6R**

You never fail to impress me with your attitude to learning. You are such a great valued member of our community and we are lucky to have you. Never change!



Birthdays

Reception - Zahra Amir

Year 1 - No birthdays this week

Year 2 - No birthdays this week

Year 3 - Eleanor Budd and Deniro Parkinson

Year 4 - Abdirahman Mohamud

Year 5 - No birthdays this week

Year 6 - No birthdays this week

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ark John Archer!



Notices

Website

You will find all of our policies, e.g. our Safeguarding Policy, Attendance Policy, our Uniform Policy as well as up to date information. On our website Our great AJA Curriculum is also available to read as well as keep up to date with what the topics are for the half term... <https://arkjohnarcher.org/>

Keeping Safe

Please remember to keep each other and your family safe during this time. If you ever feel at risk or unsafe when you are out and about... you are free to take shelter in our front office. If you have any safety or safeguarding concerns please do speak to Ms Cruddas at any time... we are here to help, support and to listen. #KeepAJASafe

Key Dates

Last Day of the Spring Term

Friday 1st April 2022

Easter Holidays

Monday 4th - Tuesday 19th April 2022

All children to return

Wednesday 20th April 2022





Latest News From Citizens UK
 Story of the CAIUS House Campaign
 #LetsGetAJATalking

Hi everyone, my name is Eleanor. I am a parent at Ark John Archer. I have been working with parents at the school with Citizens UK and Rory since the Summer term last year. We are parents that are a mixture of ethnic groups, child ages, working and stay at home parents, with children with SEN needs. So we listen to parents across the social spectrum of the school.

Through one to one conversations, group meetings and a survey we identified activities for children in the local area as the top issue for parents, followed by housing and road safety. We then found a link between housing and activities for children. We realised a lot of parents' mental health was affected by being in crowded housing with no activities for children, especially in the holiday periods.

Once we had established our top issue of securing more activities for children in the holiday period - through lots of group meetings and negotiation - we decided to research what was currently on offer, with parents contacting local community centres, sport centres and relevant organisations.

Doing this research, we established that the local community centre CAIUS house was putting on lots of activities for young people, but these were not being taken up by people in the local area.

We thought this could be because of limited advertising. So we invited CAIUS house to our school to build a relationship. They came and heard views of parents and the issues we were facing in the local area. We surveyed over 30 parents in the school and shared that parents were most concerned about activities in the holiday period. The staff at CAIUS were surprised by our findings and eager to work with us in the future to make an inclusive summer programme parents would take up.

This issue is not unique to our parents and school, and we hope that our change can happen in other places too. Our story shows that there is power in numbers, and I want to work with you all to make a better Wandsworth to live in. Think about how much we could achieve if we all come together.

If you would like to find out more about the Ark Citizens UK Parent group, please speak with Deborah Young, Zoie Scriven or Nina Thorpe. Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 2nd March at 9am.

Website: <https://www.caiushouse.org/>

