



Open Class Morning for parents

Yesterday, we held an Open Class morning for parents between 9-10am. We hope that those who attended found it useful to see how children learn at Brunel. We know you are all keen to support your children to help them achieve their very best and hope this was helpful. If you missed it this time, keep an eye out – there'll be further opportunities to come in and see classes in the future. A parent said, "Smashing idea. I'd like this at least once a term."

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who attended our coffee morning on Fri 26th Sep in aid of Macmillan Cancer Trust. A total of £455.94 was raised and it was great to see so many parents in school supporting such a good cause. We think an ARK Brunel Bake Off might be a good idea in the future, judging by the fabulous cakes that were baked for the event! Thanks to all who contributed by donating cakes and/or buying a cake and coffee. Special thanks also to Mrs Sweeney for organising in school. Great job, Jan.

Workshops for parents

Thanks to all who attended the workshop on Friday 26th Sept, with a focus on phonics. We've tried to schedule a variety of workshops for parents this term covering a range of subjects. It would be great to see even more parents getting involved in the future. If there's something you think would be beneficial to cover, please let us know and we'll do our best to cover it in the future.

ARK primaries outstrip national average for phonics results

ARK primary schools have beaten the national average for the phonics check by 14 percentage points. 90% of students at ARK Brunel passed the phonics check, well above the national average of 74%.

BANG!

This year, we are following the Empiribox Science programme in school. This features a range of experiments which have been carried out in class in KS2. There's been lots of excitement, whooping and one or two rather loud explosions! Ask your child what it's all about.

Drumming in Lancaster and Loughborough

Great to hear the sound of drums from these classes this week. They will be learning how to play djembe drums over the coming weeks... Ba dum!

Brunel Builders

We've been getting more and more excited by the prospect of a brand new playground. Miss Gibson's class couldn't help themselves and got involved with a spot of digging and planting to speed up the process. All under the watchful gaze of Mr Curd, of course.



ARK Schools Music Gala 2014

An edited version of this is now available to view on YouTube at <http://www.arkschools.org>

Attendance

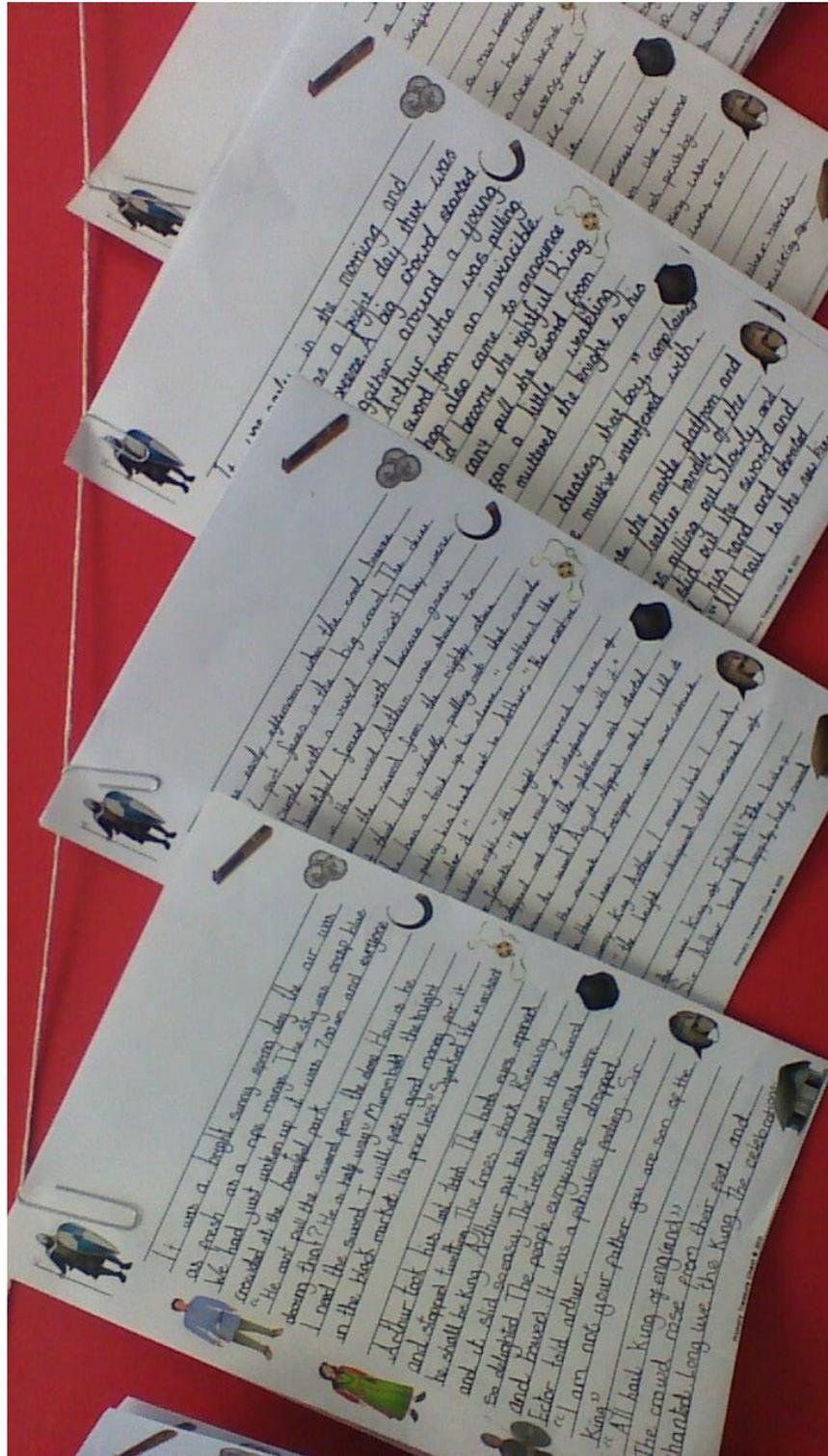
This week's class attendance is:-

Bath	95.7%	Bristol	99.5%	Durham	95.6%
Exeter	93.3%	Imperial	97%	Kings	96.5%
Lancaster	98.7%	Loughborough	97.8%		
Oxford	97.3%	Warwick	95.2%	York	98.5%

Overall attendance this week was 96.8%

Well done to all the classes that got *at least* 95%. We're very to see that that was almost all of them.

We are working really hard to improve our handwriting at Brunel this year. We award pen licences to children who consistently show excellent handwriting, with evenly formed letters which are joined. Well done to Oxford Class for leading the way with this writing based on The Sword In The Stone.



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