



Charity Focus: Helping those with Ebola

On the last day of half-term, we held a non-uniform day. Pupils were asked to contribute £1 and money raised was given to Save The Children to help those in Africa suffering from the ebola virus. The day was organised by Y6 school councillors, Mohammed Benzekri and Jazmine Rahman. Details of the amount raised will follow next time. We'll tweet the amount as soon as we know it.

PE News

With the first half-term coming to a close, we end our Physical Education lessons with net and wall sports and move onto invasion games. Over the last 7 weeks students have been developing their skills and knowledge in net and wall games such as volleyball and tennis.

Starting next half term we move onto invasion games which includes development of the skills necessary for netball, football, basketball, hockey and tag rugby, just to name a few.

Congratulations to our two winners of PE star of the month for September.

Year 4/5: Dina

Year 6: Jazmin



School Trips

There have been quite a few school trips this week. Classes in KS1 have travelled into central London as part of their 'Kids About Town' project, seeing some of the sights on offer in our city.

Warwick and Oxford classes visited the Western Riverside Waste Authority to learn about what happens to the things we throw away and why it's so important

that we recycle in order to have a healthy planet in the future.

Class teachers and TAs were extremely proud of the interest pupils showed in their surroundings and of the way they conducted themselves on public transport and in the city. Well done!

Home Learning Matters

As you will know, in addition to weekly homework tasks, which are designed to consolidate and provide practice of skills learnt in class, we often set longer-term home learning projects, involving research, design or other skills. In Year 4/5, pupils have been studying the Anglo-Saxons and were set the task of designing and making an Anglo-Saxon dwelling. Teachers were highly impressed with the effort and enthusiasm with which the classes carried out this task. Special mention to Artem for the incredible level of detail in his house. Well done to all!



English, Maths and everything else too

As you know, we devote a lot of curriculum time to the study of English and Maths as we believe that this provides a solid foundation for the future well-being of our pupils. We do still find time to study all the other subjects too. It's been great to see so many classes taking advantage of the facilities afforded by the new playground, especially the MUGA (it's a Multi-Use Games Area – not a pitch!) and the new table tennis tables, kindly donated by our founding partners Michael and Gianni Alen-Buckley. In addition, our pupils are still managing to produce some fantastic artwork. Mr Price has been doing some work on sketching with Year 6 with some amazing results, which can be seen on the reverse of this newsletter. Well done.

Keeping up to date with what's going on

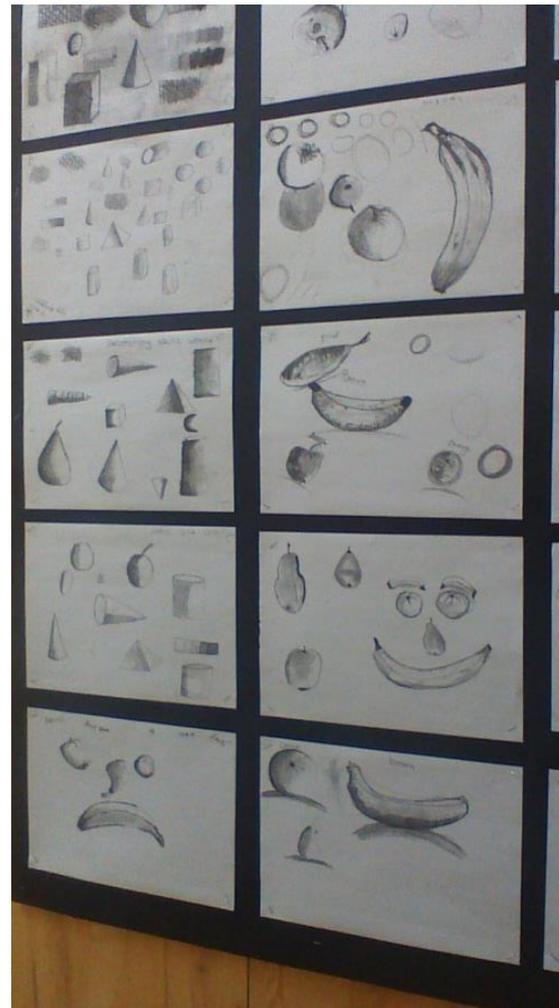
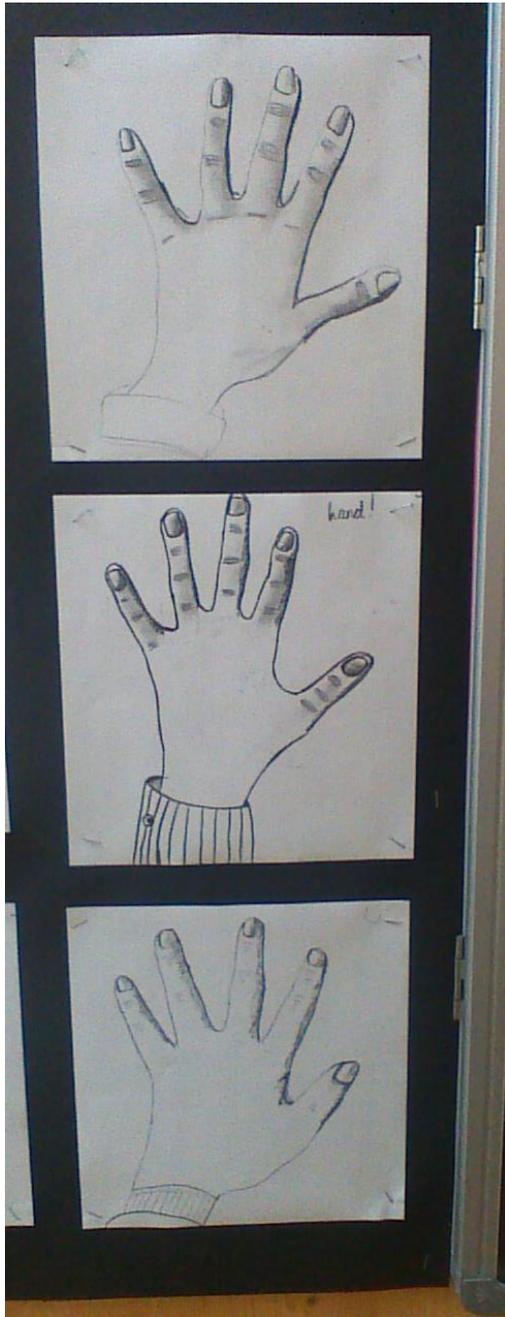
We're trying to improve our communications with parents this year. More regular newsletters are one way of doing this but why not follow us on Twitter for more immediate news about what's going on? You can download the app on your smartphone and follow us (@ARKBrunel). We have 296 followers so far but would love more parents to join our Twitter following.

Otherwise, you can always check our school website to see what's going on (www.arkbrunelprimary.org).

We are also considering making more of use of email to communicate with parents. If you think this would be a good idea, please let us know.

Attendance

News will follow next time...



Have a lovely half-term. Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, so we look forward to seeing the children again on **Tuesday 4th November.**