



Oxford & Warwick at Thames Explorer Trust

On Monday 12th January, Oxford and Warwick classes visited the Thames Explorer Trust as part of their project on rivers. They participated in a workshop that taught them all about the river Thames. They learned that the River Thames was the cleanest river in the world in 2010 and that we all drink its water. The children were lucky enough to have the opportunity to explore the foreshore; some of the children wished they had brought their wellies!

Mathletics Success

Children in Y6 are able to come into school early each morning in order to practise their maths skills using the Mathletics website. They independently complete activities which reinforce learning done in class. The website also gives teaching guidance on areas which may be causing difficulties. We are proud that this week we reached no.2 in the UK, and no.12 in the world! At any given time, there are thousands of students taking part all over the world so our Y6 pupils deserve great credit for their efforts. Well done!

Mathletics Hall of Fame				Time Remaining: 153 : 57 : 99
World Top 100 Students	World Top 50 Classes	UK Top 100 Students	UK Top 50 Classes	
1	Mrs HICK : Year	St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Aided School,	16,698	
2	Mr Roberts : Year	ARK Brunel Primary Academy, London, United Kingdom	16,724	
3	Mr Allard : Year 4	Orangefield Primary School, Cheltenham, United Kingdom	15,240	
4	Mrs Hughes	Birchgrove Primary School, Cardiff, United Kingdom	14,375	
5	Miss Russell :	Nightingale Primary School, London, United Kingdom	12,305	
6	Miss Feamley :	Farfield Primary and Nursery School, Bradford, United	10,401	
7	Mrs Bertle : Year	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, ISLE OF WIGHT, United	9,498	
8	Mrs White : Year	AHP School, LANCASHIRE, United Kingdom	9,260	
9	Mr Warren : Year	St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Aided School,	8,653	
10	Miss Whitley :	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Hindley Green,	8,629	

Parents in school

We've been working hard to provide parents with more opportunities to get involved in school life this year. On Tuesday 27th January, parents will be able to come into school between 9am-10am to be in class and see what's going on. These open class mornings have been very popular so far. We'd love to hear your feedback about what else we could do to make these events even better for parents so please do tell us or even better, complete a feedback form before you leave. Also, it's been great to see so many parents taking advantage of the series of workshops we've been running on Friday mornings. Thanks to all who came to Mr Parkhouse & Miss Sweet's phonics workshop this morning. We trust you found it useful.

Parent Conferences

Thanks to all who attended last week's parent conferences. It's great that we get almost every parent attending and gives us a great opportunity to discuss next steps and how to help the children achieve their very best.

Y6 Football Team

The Y6 boys football team took part in the RBKC tournament on Wed 14th Jan. Despite not having trained for several weeks, they put in a great performance to be proud of. Thanks to Mr

Ghafar for all his efforts over the last two years and well done to the boys!

Maths Challenge

On Thursday 22nd January, Brunel hosted the Ark Schools Maths Challenge for Year 3 & 4 pupils. Pupils and staff from twelve other Ark schools in London, Portsmouth, Hastings and Birmingham came to take part in the event. A range of mathematical tasks challenged pupils' thinking and problem-solving skills. Pupils worked in teams to try and solve the challenges set. There was a calm and purposeful atmosphere throughout and it was a joy to see pupils so engaged in the competition. Hannah, a Year 3 pupil said: "It was great working as a team and I really liked solving the puzzles."

Well done to all who took part with special congratulations to KSA who came first with a total of 63 points.



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Reporting Your Child Absent

We would just like to remind all parents/carers of what you should do if your child is absent.

- Telephone the school office on either of the school numbers: 020 8969 4094 / 020 7565 5875.
- Or, if you are bringing another child to school, you can go to the school reception area and let the office staff know the reason for the absence.
- Or, a written message can also be handed in at the school office.

If your child is sick, please give details of their symptoms. We cannot accept "feels unwell" as a reason.

Absences should ONLY be reported to the school office. DO NOT tell a member of staff in the playground. DO NOT give notes to teachers.

If you do not provide a reason for an absence it will be marked as unauthorised.

