



Encouraging attendance news

We continue to do all we can to improve our school attendance. The last two weeks have been very encouraging, with overall school attendance hitting our target figure of 96% for the first time this year. In order to reach this target, whole school absences cannot exceed twelve each day. We have 14 classes so just one absence in each class means we are in danger of not reaching our target. Let's make sure our pupils are in school and learning every day so that our recent improvements continue.

Police visit Early Years

This week, our Nursery and Reception classes were visited by two police officers. They have been learning about how the police keep us safe. The children enjoyed seeing the officers in their full uniform and especially liked looking at handcuffs.



Great Fire of London Theatre workshop

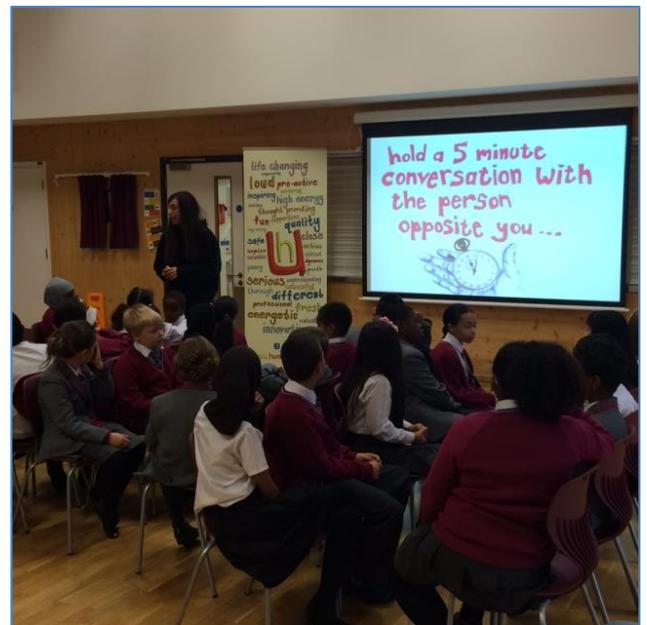
On Thursday 1st October, all the children in KS1 took part in an acting workshop about the Great Fire of London. The children enjoyed learning about the event through acting out jobs of the time, role playing people of the time and moving like the fire. This also gave the children a chance to utilise the facts they have learnt in a different context. Well done KS1!

Need help with homework?

There is a homework club each Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30-5:00pm at RBKC local libraries (Brompton Library, Chelsea Library, Kensington Central Library, Kensal Library and North Kensington Library). On offer are trained volunteers, a wide range of books, computers with access to online resources especially for homework, a printer/photocopier and friendly surroundings. The club is for children aged 7-11.

Developing citizenship with Humanutopia

One of our priorities this year is to 'develop pupils' awareness of social responsibility and their ability to be responsible citizens.' The children in Year 5 have been working with Humanutopia, looking at how we can become better humans. They have worked on different techniques on how to show respect towards others alongside looking at increasing confidence. Elizabeth said, '*The day was fantastic. We learnt lots of new things like not filling people's bins with negative words.*' The programme also aims to encourage pupils to take risks by challenging themselves. Mubashir reflected '*I enjoyed the day because I was challenged to leave my comfort zone and enter the stretch zone.*' The children all had lots of fun and are taking away lots of things to help them get more out of life.





Upcoming trips

Year 1 and 2 will be heading east in the next couple of weeks to visit the scene of the Great Fire of London in and around Pudding Lane. Year 4 will continue their project looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Scots with a visit to the British Museum to look at the treasures and artefacts unearthed at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk.



Paddington Bear at Paddington Station

On Monday 5th October, all of Year 1 caught the 23 bus to Paddington station, as part of our English topic. This term, we have been reading about Paddington Bear and wanted to see where he met Mr and Mrs Brown. While at Paddington Station we saw two statues of Paddington and talked about everything we could see and hear. It was a great trip and the children were impeccably well behaved! Well done Year 1!



Science workshop

Ark Brunel Parents had the chance to take part in a science workshop on Friday 2nd October. Parents experienced how fun it is to be in a science lesson at our school and completed an investigation of their own. Thank you for taking part, parents!

The next workshop for parents will be on Friday 16th October from 9:00am and will be looking at Phonics in KSI. This will aim to give parents the tools to help children at home with learning their phonics. All very welcome.

