



Open Class morning

There was a great turnout for the Open Class morning on Tuesday 20th October. Classrooms were open for parents to come and see Maths lessons throughout the year groups. It was wonderful to see parents getting involved and interacting in the lessons to delve deep into the learning taking place. Thanks to parents who took a moment to complete feedback form. These are always invaluable in helping us know what we're doing well, and what we could do to be even better. Some comments are shown below.



"Thoroughly enjoyed seeing what my son does at school. Technology has definitely changed."

"We could see exactly how children interact in class."

"I loved watching how the teachers teach as this helps me with my children at home."

"I loved it. I'd like it to be for the whole day."

We'll collate all of your comments at a meeting in the near future and see what we can improve for next time.

Educational visits

Classes in KSI have been studying the Great Fire of London and have travelled across the city to Pudding Lane to see the scene of the event. They had a great time, learned lots

and were a credit to the school in the way they behaved. There are more pictures of the trip and their home learning on our Facebook page.



Y4 went to the British Museum last week. They visited the Anglo-Saxon exhibition where they saw the finds from the excavation at Sutton Hoo. They also had time to peruse the Roman Britain and Aztec exhibitions as they will be studying them later this year.



As part of Science Day, Year 5 went to the Western Recycling Waste Authority in Wandsworth to find out what happens to our rubbish after we put it in the bin. They had a great time looking at the machinery and asking questions about recycling. Adults and children came back enthused to recycle and help our environment!



World Literacy Day/ Black History Month

On Tuesday 13th October, classes across the school produced a piece of writing to mark Black History Month. Each class selected an influential black British person and created some fantastic pieces of writing based around their lives. It has been interesting for all of us to learn more about the people who have helped make Britain great. Writing will be on display in school soon.

Nursery Celebration morning

On Wednesday 21st October, parents of the Nursery Children were invited to attend a Parent Celebration Morning. Some of the children shared their home learning projects with their parents to the rest of the class. They had to make a poster or booklet titled 'All About Me'. It was a lovely morning where parents got to know other parents and to see their children in the Nursery environment playing with their friends. Thanks to all parents attending for their support.



Music tuition at Ark Brunel

This term we have expanded the music programme we deliver at Brunel. Children in KS2 were offered tuition in keyboard, guitar, ukulele and Djembe drumming. Children who signed up for these groups had a fantastic, first full week of music in the school. Francesco in Y6 said: "It was

lots of fun. I was a beginner and I learnt all the notes with both hands and we were given songs to go and learn at home."

After half term we will be launching singing assemblies at school for both key stages alongside the singing that is already being delivered for KS1 in class. Over the course of the year we will be showcasing all of these plus more in end of term concerts. Keep an eye out for dates in future newsletters.

Phonics workshop for parents



Mr Parkhouse (and Fred) send thanks to all who took part in the recent phonics workshop with such enthusiasm. Great to meet you all and talk about how to support the children. Great to hear such positive feedback from parents too.



Good news on attendance

We've been working really hard to try and improve attendance this year. Although the first three weeks of the term were disappointing, our attendance for the last four weeks has been above our target of 96%, which is great news. Let's keep it up for the whole of the term. Remember – all children with 100% attendance for the Autumn term will be entered into a raffle for a brand new scooter. Don't miss a day – not even one!

Y6 performing Macbeth

Year 6 will be performing "Macbeth" in the Shakespeare Schools Festival on 10th November 2015 at 7pm at RADA Studio Theatre (16 Cheries St, London, WC1E 7EX). Tickets are £8.50 and are sale at the box office (02073075060) or online (www.radaenterprises.org). We hope to see you there!

Year 6 Performance
MACBETH

10th November 2015
7pm at RADA Studios
16 Cheries St, London WC1E 7EX

Tickets go on sale Monday 26th October!
RADA Box Office
Visit: www.rada.ac.uk/whats-on
Call to Book: 0207 307 5060

Tickets £8.50

Shakespeare Schools Festival
ARK Brunel Primary Academy

Science Day

Science Day was a huge success with children all across the school investigating recycling. All children were given the chance to sort objects by their materials for recycling and gain an understanding as to why we need to recycle. The children in KSI also planted a seed to represent the need for sustainable trees. We now know what it means to be green!



Children In Need

We will be raising money for Children In Need on Friday 13th November, using the theme of 'Heroes.' More details to follow after half-term...

Happy holidays

Have a great half-term break. We'll be doing some learning of our own on two INSET days after the break so we'll be open again for learning on Wednesday 4th November.



Y2 picked up their quills this week and wrote letters to King Charles II. The results were impressive, to say the least...

