



Ark Brunel Primary Academy

Newsletter

30th September 2022

Our
Heart
Values



Honesty



Enthusiasm



Ambition



Resilience



Thought

Dear Ark Brunel Community,

What a wonderful week it has been! We have seen the return of school visits, some excellent displays of learning and another parent performance from our children.

In case you are unaware, each week, one of our classes will present an assembly to parents and their year group peers. This week was the turn of Year 4 Newton class, details of which follow in this edition of our newsletter. Next week, we will have Year 3 Johnson Class, then on to Year 2 and so on. We are delighted to see class assemblies return this academic year as we continue to open our doors and welcome our families inside. I spoke with lots of you in the summer term, about school improvement and how you felt kept at arm's length following the covid closures. We hope this goes some way towards reversing that. And, if you happen to miss your class this autumn term, fear not, as each class is scheduled to perform three times across the academic year.

From one 'you asked, and we did' to the next. I know that some parents would have received our uniform letter and perhaps felt the timing was insensitive. Of course, we never intend to offend, the intention was to remind families of the expectations agreed in the summer term. As you know, I want all our children to be running into school happy and excited for their day of learning, and slumping home exhausted because of it at the end of the day. Worries about uniform will only get in the way of fun learning. To that end, please be alert to future correspondence as we have some opportunities for more parent ideas on uniform coming soon.

In addition, you also asked for a 'Staff Spotlight' piece in our newsletter, which I am glad to say has made its first appearance in this week's edition. Read on to find out who our star is this week.

Remaining with the theme of parent feedback, we are excited to let you know that our parent consultations will run after half term – please look out for more information coming soon.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy weekend.

Mr Scott

World Mental Health Day

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

On Monday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day. As a school, we are going to celebrate this by wearing something **yellow** (mental health colour) i.e., socks, ribbons, t-shirt, hairbands etc **alongside school uniform**. If your child wishes to do this, we are asking for a donation of **£1** which will go towards the charity Young Minds UK. Classes will be taking part in a mindful hour that afternoon where they will take part in lots of well-being-based activities

Ark Brunel Family Group

For many years we have been working in partnership with The School & Family Works, to deliver Family Group at Ark Brunel. As our partnership now comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who have contributed to Family Group, and to thank the facilitating team. As you would expect, we will continue to do all we can to support children and families at Ark Brunel

In The Spotlight



I'd like to introduce myself to everyone at Ark Brunel Primary Academy.

My name is Koser Ali and I am the Early Help Link Worker for Ark Brunel Primary School. I will be in the school from Wednesday to Friday each week.

I will be focusing on attendance and supporting families who, for whatever reason, are finding it difficult to get their children into school. This will take place on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and all day Friday, I will be working as the North Kensington Inclusion Pilot worker, supporting children in year 5 and year 6. This project is aimed at helping children who maybe struggling and not getting the most out of school.

I am also able to offer parents and carers a drop in from 8:30am – 9:30am on Friday mornings, to talk about anything from benefits queries to support with a child at home. I will hopefully be able to sign-post people to the many voluntary and local authority services that are available in the borough. Should you feel that this may be of benefit for you, please speak with me at the school gate in the mornings.

I look forward to meeting with you!





This week's Value Certificates go to:

BUSS	Ayla, Wakeel
CARPENTER	Anuar, Layla
DARWIN	Hamza, Zayaan
FARADAY	Jannat, Asiyah
FRY	Ayonie, Leela-Anne
JENNER	Noah Z, Hamza
JOHNSON	Damien, Rewan
NEWTON	Alaya, Augusta
PANKHURST	Mohamed, Asma
SEACOLE	Valentina, Sarra
SHACKLETON	Aniya, Ahmed
WILBERFORCE	Mohamed, Nicole
WOLLSTONECRAFT	Gabriel, Valza

This week's Mathletes are:

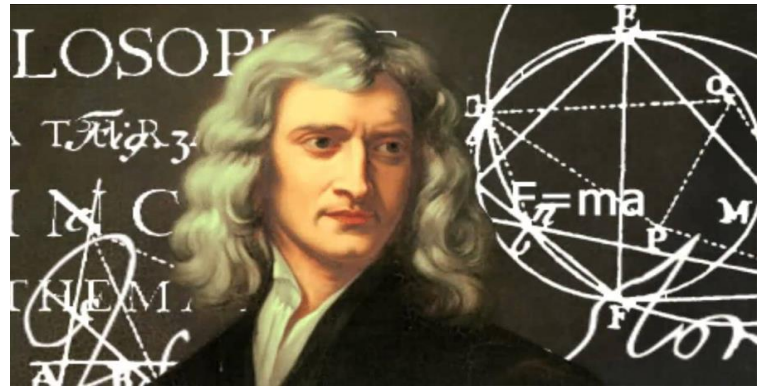
FARADAY	Mya
FRY	Kawther
JENNER	Ari
JOHNSON	Isaac
NEWTON	Poly
PANKHURST	Malik
SEACOLE	Sarra
SHACKLETON	Joel
WILBERFORCE	Jada



Congratulations to this week's winning Class:
Wollstonecraft
Total School Points: **15,672**
Which class will win next week?

Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, Newton class performed their class assembly to parents, Pankhurst class and Mr Scott. We were lucky enough to have our own Sir Isaac Newton (Omar) who taught everyone about the three laws of motion, and he even had an apple fall onto his head, just like Sir Isaac Newton did! Omar said, "My favourite part of our assembly was when Poly taught everyone about the third law of motion, this is that for every action there is an equal opposite reaction, and Poly showed this by letting go of an untied balloon. It flew across the other side of the hall!" All the children worked so hard to learn their lines and I'm sure parents would agree that they did amazingly well and taught everyone a few interesting facts about Sir Isaac Newton.



Overall attendance for this week was 93.19%, which is up slightly on last week, but still below our 96% target. Please help us to improve this by making sure that your child comes to school EVERY day – we can only achieve this with your support.

Buss	91.1%
Carpenter	93.5%
Darwin	94.6%
Faraday	82.3%
Fry	99%
Jenner	98.4%
Johnson	94.4%
Newton	87.2%
Pankhurst	85.9%
Seacole	95.8%
Shackleton	89.9%
Wilberforce	96.5%
Wollstonecraft	98.8%



Wednesday 5th Oct:

- Y2 Faraday, class trip to Kensington Palace
- EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Parent Workshop – What does EYFS look like?

Thursday 6th Oct:

- Y3 Johnson Class Assembly

Friday 7th Oct:

- Skipping Workshop – Y3, Y4 & Y5

Monday 10th Oct:

- Y3 Johnson, class trip to Holland Park Ecology Centre
- Y6 Wollstonecraft, class trip to British Museum

Wednesday 12th Oct:

- KS2 Parent Workshop – Reading in KS2

Tuesday 18th Oct:

- Pre-loved Uniform Sale (details will be sent home next week)

Wednesday 19th Oct:

- KS2 Parent Workshop – History & Geography



ONE LONDON BASKETBALL

RESTARTING SEP 2022

**WEEKLY AGE GROUP
TRAINING SESSIONS**
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

CADETS

U8's, U10's and U12's

JUNIOR GIRLS

U14's and U18's

JUNIOR BOYS

U14's, U16's and U18's

BOYS

U20's

**COMPETITIVE LEAGUE
GAMES EVERY FRIDAY 6 PM**

at Kensington Leisure Centre, W10 6EX

Register by Text/Whatsapp at

07852 176 005 or email: info@oneldn.org.uk for more details

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10 tips for parents and carers

HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?
Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from small air gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: www.rubbishscience.com.



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