



Ark Brunel Primary Academy Newsletter



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Our Heart Values



Honesty



Enthusiam



Ambition



Resilience



Thought

Dear Ark Brunel Community,

I hope you have all had a fantastic week. It has been another busy one here, with trips, visitors, authors and assemblies all featuring in this week's edition.

We started the week with our Rights Respecting Schools Award assembly, with this week's focus on Article 28, which says that all children across the world have the right to access primary education for free, and secondary education must be available to every child. Do talk to your children about their learning this week as I know some of the activities included children being asked to talk about what makes a good teacher – which is always a fun area to hear them detail.

On Tuesday, Into Uni visited Year 4 and MyBnk visited Year 5 and we also had our singing coach on site to help our little voices progress. Meanwhile, Year 1 went for a walk around the local area. Read on for more information and pupil views on all of those.

On Wednesday, our EYFS team welcomed parents from Nursery and Receptions for their first workshop of the year. Our Parent Workshops take place on Wednesdays at 9am and details of what's coming up can be found in our weekly newsletter.

Thursday morning saw Johnson class present to their parents and year group peers for the first time this year. All in attendance learnt all about the famous person the class is named after – and no, it's not Boris or Dwayne! On the other side of the main hall divide, we welcomed the author Alex Bellos to Ark Brunel. From what I saw, the sessions were excellent and pupils thoroughly enjoyed them. Where author visits may not be the everyday norm, lots of fun things are, including Year 6 music and singing sessions and Year 5 ukulele practice.

Today, years 3, 4 and 5 were challenged with our professional skipping champion, who had an immediate impact, with more children choosing skipping as their paly and lunch activity.

Next week promises to be another busy week, kicking off with World Mental Health Awareness Day on Monday – remember your one thing yellow everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Scott

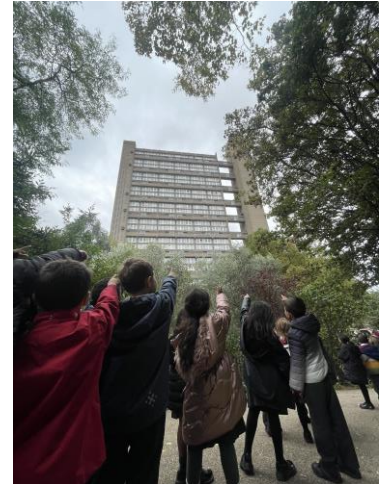
Football School

This week, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a football school workshop led by the author Alex Bellos. Alex talked about his 'Football School' series, and he explained how he teaches children about the world through football.

"Alex's books make you want to research and find out even more. He showed us how Daisy (his editor) edits his work. He explained how Daisy cares about his books and the children who read them. We understand more now why it is important to edit our work."

"Alex's books are more fun than usual books. They keep you engaged and motivated to read more. By reading his books, we are learning about things in a fun way." Bahia

We were also supported by Queen's Park Books who provided the opportunity for the children to receive signed and dedicated copies of Alex's books.



This week, Year 1 went on a walk in the **local area**, which is their Topic subject this term. They explored the area and wrote about what they could see, hear and smell for their English text.

"We saw the famous Trellick tower, we heard the duck's quacking in the canal and we could smell coffee from the café. After that we went back to school and drew what we saw and wrote about it".

Into University

Years 4 and 5 have been working with Into University this week. Here's what some of them thought about it.

We got to meet amazing people today. I am so grateful that Into University staff came in today. I learned so much.

Mohamed, Y5

Into University was a great opportunity and inspired me for the future. Did you know there is over 51,000 subjects to choose from?

Nathalia, Y5

I learned that you have to be 18+ to join university. It motivated me more to join University when I am older. We were able to get into 3 groups and discuss subjects that are taught in university.

Ahmed, Y5



I've been inspired that anyone can go to university at any age above 18, and there is no age limit. I enjoyed it.

Tianna, Y5

When Into Uni came in, we spoke about different jobs. I didn't know about many jobs at the beginning but by the end I knew how important it is that we work hard in school to get a good job. You need a good job to get good money. I like the idea of being a product designer as I like drawing and art and I think it would be interesting to design things like trainers.

Augusta, Y4

I really enjoyed the session with Laura from Into Uni, we started off by looking at different job roles and I told them I want to be an Astro Physicist. They then showed us some different jobs in history, science, and design. I enjoyed being an archaeologist and digging for fossils, this is something I might do in the future.

Poly, Y4



Improving children's mental health

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND CARERS:

Any parent or carer at Ark Brunel can register for the next Place2Be Parenting Smart online parent course at www.place2be.org.uk/family. The next course commences on 1 November 2022 but you will need to register by 17 October 2022.

Also, don't forget about Place2Be's Parenting Smart website which offers practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour with short articles and videos on a range of topics such as transition to secondary school, meltdowns, and sleep difficulties. Please go to place2be.org.uk/parentingsmart.



This week's Value Certificates go to:

CARPENTER	Olivia, Nadiya
DARWIN	Warda, Ibrahim
FARADAY	Jasmine, Lewis
FRY	Rayyan D., Zubair
JENNER	Ellie, Mohammed
JOHNSON	Malak, Louise
NEWTON	Mariam, Adam
PANKHURST	Matin, Gabriela
SEACOLE	Alexa, Zaynab
SHACKLETON	Nisa, Elijah
WILBERFORCE	Isabella, Miguel
WOLLSTONECRAFT	Bahia, Eysan

This week's Mathletes are:

FARADAY	Mansour
FRY	Tia
JENNER	Ari
JOHNSON	Yacoub
NEWTON	Samuel
PANKHURST	Mohamed
SEACOLE	Zaniah
SHACKLETON	Spencer
WILBERFORCE	Aliya
WOLLSTONECRAFT	Adrian



Congratulations to this week's winning Class:

Wollstonecraft

Total School Points: **13,518**

Which class will win next week?

Overall attendance for this week was 92.75%, which is down slightly on last week, and 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.

Well done, and thank you, to everyone in Wilberforce class, for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Buss	90.1%
Carpenter	87.8%
Darwin	94.5%
Faraday	80.8%
Fry	93%
Jenner	99.5%
Johnson	92.1%
Newton	92.1%
Pankhurst	91.1%
Seacole	90.8%
Shackleton	93.9%
Wilberforce	100%
Wollstonecraft	98.5%



Monday 10th Oct:

- Y3 Johnson, class trip to Holland Park Ecology Centre
- Y6 Wollstonecraft, class trip to British Museum
- World Mental Health Day (wear a yellow item, along with school uniform)

Wednesday 12th Oct:

- KS2 Parent Workshop – Reading in KS2

Thursday 13th Oct:

- Y2 Fry Class Assembly

Tuesday 18th Oct:

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

Wednesday 19th Oct:

- KS2 Parent Workshop – History & Geography

Thursday 20th Oct:

Y1 Darwin Class Assembly