



# Ark Brunel Primary Academy Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## Our Heart Values



*Honesty*



*Enthusiasm*



*Ambition*



*Resilience*



*Thought*

## Dear Ark Brunel Community,

*Ice-cream, anyone?*

As I type this, the temperature outside sits at 32 degrees - in the shade. Now, that's hot. Thankfully, our lovely Year 6s are on hand to serve us a cake or an ice-cream (for a small fee, of course).

It may be a modest activity, but I am pleased with the efforts that the Year 6s have displayed. They have seen an opportunity to raise money for their end of year production and have worked hard to plan, prepare and successfully deliver too. A big 'very well done' to them all, and we look forward to the same again next week – both with the weather and the cake sale!

If the weather is to remain high, we strongly recommend using 24-hour sunscreen, arriving with plenty of water and opting for the summer uniform of white polo shirts and school shorts or light blue gingham summer dresses. Blazers, jumpers and long trousers may be a bit too much in this type of heat – and, when removed, sometimes don't always go home with their correct owner. On that note, please do check the labels this weekend and liaise with class teachers or our friendly office team should you need to.

Around the academy this week, our Year 5 choir continued to prepare for the music gala at the Barbican, Year 3 visited Pizza Express and many classes enjoyed reading time outside in our grassy, shaded spaces.

Further, Mr Bucknall continued to show us all the tricks we need to be successful mathematicians at home during our weekly parent workshop and we were delighted to welcome so many of you to the first of our parent open mornings.

From our RRSA assembly, we learnt about Article 32 (child labour): Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education.

Finally, I wish you all a smiley Saturday and Sunday.

Mr Scott

## PARENT OPEN CLASS MORNING

It was lovely to greet so many parents this week for the open class morning on Thursday. We had lots of you in classes watching, listening and getting involved in your children's learning! After being unable to have parents in for so long during the pandemic, this was especially heart-warming. We know from the feedback we received that parents greatly appreciated the opportunity to come into classrooms too. We will be doing it all again next Thursday from 9-10am so if you couldn't make it this time, please feel free to come along next week to see your child in class. The children really do love to have their folks from home in class seeing them in action!

**Next Parent Open Class Morning on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9-10am.**

### What were the good things about the event?

Everything! Participation in the class activity, overview of the lesson and how it's conducted by the teacher. Brilliant, and very enjoyable for both parents and children.

Great insight to how the class is structured and how the teacher encourages their students. Keep up the great work!

Well structured, well presented, everyone engaged, children all very happy and eager to learn.

### How could it have been better?

I think that everything was fine. It is only necessary to consolidate all the knowledge better, including at home.

Extra time for parents with 2+ kids. Perhaps option of open class mornings for different classes on separate days.

I'd like to have seen some of my child's work on the same topic, to see where they were up to before today. Not a big deal, it was lovely, regardless.

# Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express

"Yesterday we went to Pizza Express. We learnt that dough takes a whole day to be ready for cooking"

Gabriela

"We went to Pizza Express and made pizzas. Afterwards we went to the park for a pizza picnic and we played in the water. It was the best day ever!"

Zayn



# Congratulations!

## This week's Value Certificates go to:

CARPENTER	Angelso, Joshua
CAXTON	Hamza, Nasir, Aurora
FARADAY	Rayan, Destiney
FRY	Arthur, Lacey-May
JENNER	Omar, Hadeel
JOHNSON	The whole class
NEWTON	Ibrahim Ali, Ahmed
PANKHURST	Zaniah, Ajay
WILBERFORCE	Macai, Sarah
WOLLSTONECRAFT	Ayisha, Valeria

## This week's Mathletes are:

FARADAY	Tamia
FRY	Rewan
JENNER	Polychronis
JOHNSON	Malik
NEWTON	Aniya
PANKHURST	Sarra
WILBERFORCE	Sarah
WOLLSTONECRAFT	Alessia



Congratulations to this week's winning Class:

**Johnson**

Total School Points: **19,200**

**Which class will win next week?**



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:  
Y6 trip to Chessington (returning approx. 6pm)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:  
Parent Workshop, Rec – Getting Ready for Year 1

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:  
Open Class Morning (9:05-10:00) followed by  
tea/coffee (10:00-10:30)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June:  
Y6 after school cake sale

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June:  
Ark Music Gala

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June:  
Parent Workshop, Nursery – Starting Reception

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June:  
Y6 Orienteering on Hampstead Heath

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June:  
Y2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June:  
Y6 after school cake sale

### Play Centre

Please note that there will be a slight increase in the cost of Play Centre at Barlby, from September.

The cost per child will be £7 up to 4:30pm or £14 up to 6pm.

Siblings per child are £4.50 up to 4:30pm or £9 up to 6pm.

Overall attendance for last week was 92%, which is very disappointing. Please help us to improve this low level by making sure that your child comes to school EVERY day – we are aiming to reach 96% attendance and can only achieve this if you support

Buss	88.8%
Carpenter	85.1%
Caxton	88%
Darwin	92.5%
Dickens	96.3%
Faraday	92%
Fry	88.5%
Jenner	93.1%
Johnson	90.5%
Newton	93.1%
Pankhurst	95%
Seacole	95.9%
Shackleton	95.5%
Wilberforce	87.2%
Wollstonecraft	93.8%

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, 'Bits' and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them – including horror games.

### HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo – or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching; it's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams – including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

### WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

### PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

### LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

### WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag – including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

### LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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**National Online Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday