



Ark Brunel Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Our Heart Values



Honesty



Enthusiasm



Ambition



Resilience



Thought

Dear Ark Brunel Community,

Welcome to your new weekly newsletter – and what a wonderful week it has been! We've had raging rains and spectacular sunshine, trips and workshops and everything in between. Whatever our children have been up to this week, they've done it with a smile.

I started the week stood alone, leading an introductory assembly, and ended it with lots of new best friends, from Nursery all the way to Year 6. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your children and I look forward to working with them, and learning from them, each and every day from now on.

It's been a busy week here as always. On Wednesday, Ms Badirkhan hosted our first weekly parent workshop, informing us all about what to expect for KS1 SATs. Next week, Ms Pepper will host a session on phonics. Do you know your "a-a-a-apple," from your "'ay' may I play?" Whether you do or don't, why not come along for a coffee and find out more?

Elsewhere, we've had 'Into Uni' working in Year 5, class trips, forest schools, swimming sessions and much more! Read on to find out more about the wonderful learning taking place here this week.

Outside the school gates, you've raised your concerns around pupil safety and parking. I wish to thank you for informing us of your concerns and support in helping us to keep all our children safe. Together, we can do this!

Going forward, I am keen to continue to learn from you and bring our community closer together. A way to do this is via our Parent Forum; an informal place for us to discuss academy improvement. If you are interested in joining me for a coffee or tea and hearing how we are moving forward, then please register your interest with our friendly admin team.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful weekend. I'm thrilled to be here and to be a part of the Brunel Community.

Mr Scott



Reception – spring term topic

In Reception Classes our learning is based on ‘Where do animals live?’ the children have been learning many new facts about animals and their habitats. They have been sharing their projects with the class. Carpenter class went to forest school and enjoyed exploring the outdoors.



MATHLETICS MAGIC!

Congratulations to Sarra in Y4 who amassed the most points on Mathletics in the months of February. Hard work always pays off, so well done to Sarra!



This week, Year 5 took part in their first workshop led by Into University. During this session the children learned about various universities across the country. They looked at the wide range of courses that are available at different universities and were shocked by the number of options to choose from. The children had the opportunity to ask questions about courses that interested them which led to a great in-depth full class discussion. They also had the opportunity to explore types of accommodation and the pros and cons for each of them. Finally, the session ended with the children learning about the extra-curricular clubs and societies that would be available for them to join throughout their time at university. Year 5 are looking forward to their next session which will take place in the Summer Term. They will be spending a full day at the Into University base exploring what a course, such as Zoology, entails at university.

“It was fun, and we learnt about going to university and how many different courses there are. Did you know that there are 50,000 courses available? You live in halls of residence or live with friends or live at home when you go to university. You also need a good education to go to university. There are universities all over the UK.”

-Isabella (Year 5, Shackleton)

Kerrraannnggg!!



Last week, we spent a day living the rock star dream and practicing our times tables on **Times Tables Rock Stars**. Leather jackets, denim and bandanas also featured!



Easter Bonnet Parade



We're happy to let you know that we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of term, Friday 1st April at 2:30pm. Many of you will have been to one of our parades in the past and will know what a fun event this is.

If children wish to take part, parents must complete a letter with return slip which you will have received by email today. Parents should return this in person to the office. There will be a £1 fee to enter which will go towards prizes for entrants. If children choose to take part, they will be **allowed to have ONE adult from home attend the parade**. An entrance ticket will be provided to parents when the slip and fee have been returned to school. We have a limited number of spaces available for adults to attend so unfortunately, due to space constraints, we are unable to allow more than one adult from home to attend. If any extra places become available, we will let parents know.

The **deadline for entry is Friday 25th March**, one week from today.

If you are unable to visit the school office in person, you should send the slip in with your child.



It was a proud moment for 5 of our pupils last week when, along with pupils from 4 other local schools, they saw their artwork on display at two of the Council's new homes sites - Kensal Road and Hewer Street - where their artwork is shown in all its glory on the site hoardings. They also got to meet Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, Lead Member for Grenfell, Housing and Social Investment.

They visited the sites after taking part in an art competition last year organised by the Council and Wilmott Dixon, the contractors building the new homes on the two sites. The competition offered pupils the chance to get involved in the two schemes by creating a picture that explored 1 of 3 themes – Brilliant Buildings (saving energy), Building Lives (supporting our community) and Better Planet (protecting the environment).

This week, Y4 have been to the Holland Park Ecology Centre to learn about habitats. They found minibeasts in a forest microhabitat and went pond dipping to explore the invertebrates that live in a pond habitat. They had fantastic time and were responsible citizens whilst in the park.



Shout-Out!

Happy Birthday to the children below who will be celebrating, from Saturday 19th March to Friday 1st April

Have a great birthday!

This week's shout outs go to:	
Bus	Assiya
Carpenter	Edi
Caxton	Regan
Darwin	All of Y1
Dickens	All of Y1, Tia
Faraday	Rayan
Fry	Matthew, Arthur, Louise, Rewan, Lacey-May, Rayanah,
Jenner	Kailaiya
Johnson	Neo, the whole class
Newton	Aiden, Elijah
Pankhurst	Khattab, Jordan
Seacole	Valza, Sam
Shackleton	Isabella, Maliq
Wilberforce	Robel, Charlie, Adam S., Kamal, Zhariff
Wollstonecraft	Diego



Reception

Aurora – Caxton

Year 3

KJ – Jenner

Ibrahim – Jenner

Year 1

Rayyan – Dickens

Year 5

Noah – Seacole

Vincent – Seacole

Isabella – Shackleton

Year 2

Ellie – Faraday

Jackson – Faraday

Zyann – Faraday

Malak – Fry

Sumaya – Fry

Year 6

Asiya – Wilberforce

Malak –

Wollstonecraft



Wed. 23rd March:

Rec & Y1 Parent workshop on Phonics, with Miss Pepper

Wed. 23rd – Thur. 24th March:

World Maths Day

Wed. 30th March:

Y6 Parent workshop on KS2 SATs, with Miss Reynolds

Thur. 31st March:

Y6 visiting the Natural History Museum.

Fri. 1st April:

Easter Bonnet Parade.
Last day of spring term



Overall attendance for last week was 90.6%. 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 us.

BUSS	87.9%
CARPENTER	94.6%
CAXTON	76.7%
DARWIN	88.9%
DICKENS	91.2%
FARADAY	94.4%
FRY	88.5%
JENNER	93.7%

JOHNSON	93.8%
NEWTON	97.8%
PANKHURST	94.2%
SEACOLE	91.5%
SHACKLETON	86.8%
WILBERFORCE	95.6%
WOLLSTONECRAFT	93.7%