



# Ark Brunel

## Primary Academy

### Newsletter



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Our  
**Heart**  
Values



*Honesty*



*Enthusiasm*



*Ambition*



*Resilience*



*Thought*

## Dear Ark Brunel Community,

Welcome back!

Despite it being a shorter week, it has still been brilliant. We've had some spectacular sunshine and 'stunning starts' to our learning too.

Staff have worked tirelessly over the break to ready the building for the children's return and it has all been made worthwhile watching their eyes light up and smiles appear when they see what exciting learning is planned for them this half term.

On Wednesday, Mr Roberts hosted our weekly parent workshop, informing us all about the digital strategy. Next week, Mr Webb will host a session for Y2, Y3 and Y4 parents on Times Tables and the Multiplication Tables Check. Why not come along for a coffee and find out more?

This week's RRSA Article of the Week is 6 (life, survival, and development) and 24 (health and health services) and focuses on Earth Day. Do talk with your children to find out more about their activities and learning.

Outside the school gates, we've had generally positive comments about the changes made around uniform, including PE uniform. However, some of you have raised concerns about parent social media groups. We thank you for informing us of your concerns and we will try to find resolutions for you.

At any rate, if you are interested in supporting the school through parent voice, then please see our friendly reception team to register your interest in our **Parent Voice** sessions. Several parents have already put their name forward and between them they cover most year groups. However, we still don't have anyone with a child in either Reception or Y3, and it would be great if we had parents from every year group. Our first session will take place this half term.

Finally, I want to wish you all a super Saturday and Sunday.

Mr Scott



# Parent Workshops

It was great to talk to parents in this week's Digital Strategy session on Wednesday morning. We shared the rationale behind our distribution of laptop devices for KS2 children and got some helpful feedback from parents attending about ways to improve our digital provision. We'll aim to work on these in the coming weeks and months. We continue to stress that devices at home are a great tool, and **we need the support of parents to make sure that our children are completing their home learning tasks regularly** with or without devices. Please keep supporting us in this and let us know if you have any questions at all about the digital strategy, Seesaw, or device usage at home.

Next week's workshop is for parents of Y2, Y3 and Y4 pupils and will be looking at the importance of Times Tables, and the upcoming statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

## Eid Card Competition 2022

Ark Brunel is holding their first Eid Card competition! Muslims celebrate two Eid festivals each year and will be celebrating their first next week. To celebrate the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate Eid Al-Fitr. Like the Christmas Card competition, children will have the chance to design and Eid Card. You will only need to design the front cover so don't worry about writing messages. You can choose to use any materials/resources, and you can make you card in whatever size you want. So get Arty!

Please hand you card into Miss Ali by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We will be announcing 3 creative winners on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

We look forward to seeing your creative cards.





**This week's Value Certificates go to:**

Buss	Malina, Adam
Carpenter	Yasmine, Elise
Caxton	Nasir, Nevaeh
Darwin	Aaliyah, Zavier
Dickens	Elliot, Wajan
Faraday	Bobby, Noah Z.
Fry	Abdullah
Jenner	Augusta
Johnson	Kyrese, Beatriz
Newton	Sergio, Nuhayd
Pankhurst	Alexa, Oscar
Seacole	Salma, Ean
Shackleton	Isabella, Adam
Wilberforce	Zoe, Macai-Blue
Wollstonecraft	Haythem, Jervany, Aljoory, Nubaid, Mariam, Ayisha, Amelia, Nathaniel, Khalifa, Arman, Shanyar, Malak

**This week's Mathletes are:**

Darwin	Mya
Dickens	Leen
Faraday	Hajar
Fry	Maya
Jenner	Polychronis
Johnson	Abdulmalik
Newton	Aniya
Pankhurst	Zaynab
Seacole	
Shackleton	Millie
Wilberforce	Zhariff
Wollstonecraft	Amir

As Year 2 embark on their topic of 'Significant People' this term, they went on a protest in the playground, fighting for causes that mean the most to them. These ranged from protecting our planet to stopping discrimination around the world. What wonderful young activists we have!



Overall attendance for last week was 94.26%. It's great to see that we're heading in the right direction with our attendance. Please continue to improve this 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	93.3%
Carpenter	97.5%
<b>Caxton</b>	<b>100%</b>
Darwin	93%
Dickens	93.7%
Faraday	87.2%
Fry	91.5%
Jenner	91.8%
Johnson	88.1%
Newton	96.1%
Pankhurst	91%
<b>Seacole</b>	<b>100%</b>
Shackleton	94.1%
Wilberforce	95.6%
Wollstonecraft	99.2%



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April:  
Y2, Y3 & Y4 Parent workshop –  
Times Tables and MTC

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May:  
EYFS & KS1 Parent workshop –  
Supporting Reading

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May:  
Y4 Parent workshop – Science