



Ark Brunel

Primary Academy

Newsletter



25th March 2022

Our
Heart
Values



Honesty



Enthusiasm



Ambition



Resilience



Thought

Dear Ark Brunel Community,

It's been a fun-packed week here at Ark Brunel. On Wednesday, Ms Pepper hosted our second, weekly parent workshop, informing us all about phonics, which sparked a lovely conversation about supporting reading at home. It was fantastic to see our participants offer advice and support to each other. Next week, we have Ms Reynolds talking us through KS2 SATs. If you have children in Year 6, why not come along for a coffee and find out more?

Additionally, we have begun our journey to becoming a Unicef recognised Rights Respecting School, which will eventually see us rewarded for our efforts. The staff and children have made a fantastic start to the journey, and it is already showing signs of helping us all to realise our rights and responsibilities, value the individualism of children and provide a sense of belonging. This week, we recognise Articles 5 & 8. You'll find some information below but you'll receive much more from your children over the next week, as they engage with the assembly and activities in class. If you wish to know more about our RRSA journey, please see our detailed letter, which was sent out earlier this week.

Elsewhere, we've had 'Rhythm Studio' working in Year 6, Reception off to Forest School, and much more! Read on to find out more about the wonderful learning taking place here this week.

Outside the school gates, you've continued to share your concerns, comments and compliments. Feedback received is that we are much happier with: the safety of our children; the push to improve uniform and; the launch of the parent forum. However, we haven't been perfect with our timekeeping on the gate this week. I wish to thank you all for taking the time to talk with us and we look forward to working with you on our improvement initiatives each week. 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 and a biscuit and hearing how we are moving forward, then please register your interest with our friendly admin team. Our first session will cover 'being a Rights Respecting School'.

Finally, I want to wish you all a magnificent Mother's Day weekend. Enjoy celebrating and honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

Mr Scott

Congratulations!

This week's shout outs go to:	
Buss	Aysam
Carpenter	Zakariah
Caxton	Sean
Darwin	Ella-Mae, Jannat
Dickens	Khumo, Sky
Faraday	Zyann, Hajar
Fry	Mia, Sumaya
Jenner	Augusta
Johnson	Imran, Mazen
Newton	Sergio, Zafeerah
Pankhurst	Aiden, Isha
Seacole	Sam, Mohammed
Shackleton	Rayan, Mohamed
Wilberforce	Anaiya, Muhammed
Wollstonecraft	Haythem, Nathaniel



Y3 Class Trips

Last week Year 3 went to the Floating Classroom in Little Venice where they went on an electric narrowboat up to Camden Market. On the way they learnt about Human Geography and the history of the Regent's Canal. They learnt about 'legging' and how the canal was used for cargo. One of the best things was going into the working lock.

'I enjoyed looking at all the boats. I now know about the canal and the bridges. Canal boats used to be pulled by horses and in the bridges the boats were moved by the men, and it was called legging. They lay down and push the boat using their feet.'



Article of the Week

Articles 5 & 6



In addition to rights that belong to children, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child also talks about **rights for parents and carers**. These include Article 5 (parental guidance) and Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance).

Article 5 says that governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up. Article states that parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. It also talks about government support for children and parents.



There has been great excitement that the Parent Workshops have started again in the Small Hall every Wednesday at 9.05. The first workshop, held last week, was based on the KS1 SATs which take place in the Summer Term. One parent said 'the workshop was very informative and useful. Mrs Badirkhan showed us how to help our children with fractions of numbers. Another parent said 'it shows the parents how to help their children learn. I'm looking forward to the next one'.

This week's workshop was on KS1 phonics and was led by Miss Pepper, and next week parents and carers from Y6 are invited to join us, when Miss Reynolds will be looking at how to support our children through their KS2 SATs

Website Survey

Ark Schools is working on redeveloping the current website system, so it's much easier to use. To understand how parents are using (or would like to use) the website, they are conducting research via the survey linked [here](#). We would welcome your participation in taking the survey, in order for the school website to be as helpful as possible to both current and potential families.



We raised money for Comic Relief



Last Friday we dressed in red and had our very own talent show; it was great fun!

Well done everyone who took part – we raised **£371.50** for Comic Relief: Red Nose Day

During this half term the children in Year 6 have been working on a project with Rhythm Studio

Muhammad:

'In rhythm studio we have spent the last 10 weeks learning how to compose music. We have written and recorded lyrics and used different notes on the piano. It has been such a fun and exciting experience using these special effects.'





- Wednesday 30th March: Y6 Parent Workshop – KS2 SATs
- Thursday 31st March: Y6 visiting the Natural History Museum.
- Friday 1st April: Easter Bonnet Parade
End of Spring term
- Wednesday 20th April: Start of Summer term
- Wednesday 20th April: KS2 Parent Workshop – Digital Strategy

Overall attendance for this week was 92.31%. 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 with your support.

BUSS	87.9%
CARPENTER	94.6%
CAXTON	86.1%
DARWIN	93.3%
DICKENS	92.4%
FARADAY	96.6%
FRY	98.4%
JENNER	90.4%
JOHNSON	95.7%
NEWTON	92.5%
PANKHURST	81.4%
SEACOLE	98.1%
SHACKLETON	91.8%
WILBERFORCE	96.6%
WOLLSTONECRAFT	88.8%