



Ark Brunel Primary Academy

Newsletter



29th April 2022

Our
Heart
Values



Honesty



Enthusiasm



Ambition



Resilience



Thought

Dear Ark Brunel Community,

As we were back to five full days, we have plenty more to write home about this week. Let's dive right in!

Last week, the children were introduced to their summer term topics and have spent this week enjoying even more awesome activities. We have seen children painting landscapes in our amazing art room, Year 5 constructing clay coins, Year 6 enjoying our outstanding outdoor learning space and both Nursery and Year 3 sharing our revamped ICT Suite / Library.

On Wednesday, Mr Webb hosted our weekly parent workshop, informing Y2, Y3 and Y4 parents what to expect with the Multiplication Tables Check. Next week, we show how to support reading in EYFS and KS1. Personally, I enjoyed story time with Nursery this week and can see the love of reading on the faces of our littlest learners already. If you're interested in our reading strategies, please do come along next week to find out more.

This week's RRSA Article of the Week is Article 17 (access to information from the media). Collectively, we have learnt that every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, the dangers of fake news and now know government's role in protecting children from harmful material. Do talk with your children to find out more about their activities and learning.

Also, this week, I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you on a more personal level, which I found to be incredibly valuable. And on that note, I am pleased to announce that our first **Parent Voice** session will take place on Thursday 19th May at 9am. There, I will share the academy's Rights Respecting Schools Award journey. We'll learn about the award and what this will mean for our community both now and in the future.

As always, if you are interested in supporting the school through positive parent voice, then please see our friendly reception team to register your interest.

Finally, I want to wish you all a brilliant bank holiday weekend and Eid Mubarak!

Mr Scott



Times Tables Parent Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came to the Times Tables workshop this week. We talked about supporting your child with their times tables, ready for the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June for Year 4 pupils**.

It would be great for your child's learning if you can help them to be ready for this, by starting practice at home early and creating a daily routine. We would like children to be practicing multiplication times tables for **at least 10 minutes each day**, especially for pupils in year 4.

Below are some useful websites to support your child to learn and practice their multiplication tables.

The Government website – useful information and guidance for parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

Practice assessment website – good for getting used to the format and the speed

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check>

Websites for practising – for learning and getting quicker with recalling facts

<https://ttrockstars.com/> - we recommend this!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Year 6 have been looking at mental health this week in PSHE. They spent some time in our outdoor classroom discussing different strategies to help people when they feel stressed or under pressure and created cubes with these strategies for us to use across the school.



FAMILY GROUP wished Vitor every success after his graduation from the group this week. Along with his mum, Mark Griffiths, Mr Clegg-Butt and the other current families, Vitor's progress over the last year was celebrated. We are all so proud of him and his wonderful mum. They have been such committed and enthusiastic members of the group and they will be missed. We have space available within the group to help another family. If you are interested in finding out more about FAMILY GROUP, please contact Mark at mark@theschoolandfamilyworks.co.uk

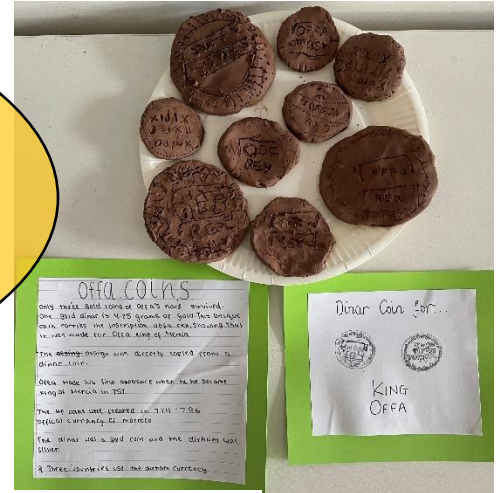


Year 5 has the



factor

In History this term, Year 5 are studying Baghdad. Each pupil is contributing to their classroom's WOW display through a mix of researching and summarising, sketching, and 3D modelling activities. Last week, we focused on 'The Round City' and this week we learnt about dinar coins and, specifically, a coin for King Offa. We will be adding to our display each week!



This week's Value Certificates go to:

Buss	Liam, Ameera
Carpenter	Edi, Iqra
Caxton	Marwa, Jazmine
Darwin	Mya V., Elisa D.
Dickens	Altay, Rayyan Z.
Faraday	Damien, Yhya
Fry	Sinatra, Malak G.
Jenner	Kailaiyah
Johnson	Ahmed, Mazen
Newton	Fatima, Illius
Pankhurst	Sophia, Sarra
Seacole	Vitor, Coco, Noah, Mohammed, Mya
Shackleton	Jude, Lina
Wilberforce	Anabella, Sarah
Wollstonecraft	Ayisha, Diego

This week's Mathletes are:

Darwin	Ivy
Dickens	Wajan
Faraday	Tamia
Fry	Rewan
Jenner	Polychronis
Johnson	Zion
Newton	Aniya
Pankhurst	Zaynab
Seacole	Honey-Rose
Shackleton	Damian
Wilberforce	Shifa
Wollstonecraft	Malak

Overall attendance for last week was 94.73% - ever so slightly up on last week's 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	91.7%
Carpenter	87.2%
Caxton	90.4%
Darwin	92.3%
Dickens	91.8%
Faraday	97.7%
Fry	96.8%
Jenner	93.9%
Johnson	96.3%
Newton	94.7%
Pankhurst	90.3%
Seacole	97.7%
Shackleton	99.1%
Wilberforce	98%
Wollstonecraft	97.8%



Monday 2nd May:

School closed for May Day bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd May:

Sp&L Parent Group, 9-10am

Wednesday 4th May:

EYFS & KS1 Parent workshop -
Supporting reading

Thursday 5th May:

Y4 Parent workshop – Science/Sound

Thursday 5th May:

Final day to hand in entries for the
Eid card competition

Thursday 5th May:

There will be no Play Centre, as Barlby
School is closed for polling