



MR POWELL

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to the Summer Term. It has been a really positive start and the children have been arriving with big smiles, looking forward to the learning ahead of them.

I've been extremely impressed by the amount of effort the children have put into their writing since returning. There have been lots of shout-outs in assembly for children who have been working really hard to improve their writing. Over lockdown, writing has been the subject that children have missed the most and so if you can, please encourage your children to practise their writing as often as they can. It will really help them to progress quickly.

I have also been really impressed with the children's ambition by attending their soft-start and after-school tuition lessons. It is great to see how keen they are to improve their learning. The adults in school have worked really hard to make these sessions happen, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work preparing. If your child is invited, please make sure they attend in order that they don't miss out.

Wishing you all a peaceful three-day weekend.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

From Tuesday 4th May, could all children arriving at school before 8.30am queue alongside the school building, as parents do in the evening. This is to make sure we observe social distancing. When the gate opens, children will be able to walk calmly to their classes.

THIS WEEK IN NURSERY.

The nursery children were super enthusiastic to create their own spiral snail art inspired by our story of the week, The Snail and the Whale. They were able to grasp the technique through lots of mark-making both indoors and outdoors with pastels, paints and collage making.



FAMILY GROUP AT ARK BRUNEL

"Family Group is about change – and it changed our life"

Family Group parent

"It makes me feel happy because my Mum helps me with my problems"

Family Group child

We believe that everyone needs support from time to time, and as we're just emerging from a pandemic that has brought stress and worry to many families, some of us need that support more than ever. If your child is experiencing some difficulty at home or school, maybe Family Group can help. **Come along to our ONLINE CHAT**





on Microsoft Teams on Friday 14th May at 14.00. We have 15 spaces for this online event. To confirm your interest, email info@arkbrunelprimary.org and we will send you a link.

What is Family Group?

Family Group is designed to enable change, especially when things feel really stuck. Family Group is a community of up to 8 families who meet weekly in school to work together to bring about positive change. The group is facilitated by Mark, a psychotherapist, and Michael, a senior teacher. Parents join Family Group because they want to help sort out difficulties that their child is experiencing at home or at school. In Family Group, families help families sort out problems, drawing on each other's experiences and strengths.

Who can we help?

When children are happy and settled, they learn and make friends. When children are struggling for some reason, they don't always find it easy to talk. They may communicate in other ways - in their behaviour, in their attitude to learning, in how they get on with other children and staff in the classroom or playground, or in relationships and communication at home. Family Group is designed to support children who seem to have got a bit stuck. We work together to puzzle out what is happening and change things for the better.

What's required?

You know your child best. Each child needs to come to Family Group with their parent or carer – on Thursday morning every week. Parents need to be in school from 09:00-11:30. You come with your child for as long as they need to be in the group. Once the problems are sorted the child graduates and we celebrate together.

Many parents work. If it helps, we can write to your employer to request they consider supporting you to attend every week to support your child. Family Group is a big commitment but well worth your investment.

For more information see our website <https://www.sfwfamilygroup.org> or our Facebook page @SFWFamilGroup



This week's shout outs go to:

Buss	Khadeejah
Carpenter	Mya
Caxton	Leen
Darwin	Mohammed, Noah Z.
Dickens	Abdullah, Isaac
Faraday	Ibrahim
Fry	Jasmine, Symphani
Jenner	Israel-River
Johnson	Sophia
Newton	Brandon, Hubie
Pankhurst	Olivia
Seacole	Adham, Arman, Muhammad
Shackleton	Amir, Adam O.,
Wilberforce	Alice
Wollstonecraft	Kaya





Class Attendance – this week	
BUSS	98.9%
CARPENTER	98.6%
CAXTON	98.6%
DARWIN	96.8%
DICKENS	83.8%
FARADAY	100%
FRY	97.1%
JENNER	97.5%
JOHNSON	95.2%
NEWTON	95.7%
PANKHURST	98.3%
SEACOLE	98.7%
SHACKLETON	97.7%
WILBERFORCE	94.6%
WOLLSTONECRAFT	95%

Upcoming

*Fri 7th May Parent Forum (open topic)
10am*

*Fri 14th May Parent Forum (open topic)
10am*

*Fri 21st May Parent Forum (open topic)
10am*