

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 5 WEEK 5

13TH MAY 2016



On Monday, we were extremely pleased to welcome back into the Academy former Teaching Assistant, Mr Bacon. Since leaving us, not only has he begun his new role at Pestalozzi but he has also been elected as a local Councillor. Mr Bacon spoke to our very own Pupil Council about the important work Pestalozzi do for children less fortunate. He then led a KSI assembly encouraging the children to get excited about an upcoming fundraising event we are planning—more details on this will follow shortly.



The children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed Mr Bacon's visit and we hope he will come back again soon!

Things that make me smile..



Seeing the children's bunting on the fantastic new Hastings Pier.

Art Exhibition



A final reminder that the Key Stage 2 children will be exhibiting their art work at the Academy next week on Wednesday, 18th May from 3pm to 5.30pm.

Hastings Pier Bunting

The Academy has received a very nice email from Gillian Whiteman of Hastings Pier Charity congratulating the children on the amazing bunting they made especially for the pier opening. We hope that many of you were able to visit the pier to see all the wonderful bunting from the many contributing schools. Sadly, it had to be taken down this week to make way for a new installation, but in case you missed it, here is a picture showing just how lovely the bunting looked.



Attendance

Overall year-to-date attendance was 95.2%. Well done to this week's top performers:

Early Yrs	Matisse	97.1%
KS 1	Butterworth /Dahl	97.7%
LKS2	Baird	99.7%
UKS2	Darwin	100%

Amherst Tennis Tournament

Nine children in Year 4 went to Amherst Tennis Club to take part in an inter-schools tournament. The children came a healthy 4th out of 7 schools, all giving 100% effort and showing excellent sportsmanship.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17 May, 9am.....	Parents craft session
Wednesday 18 May.....	KS2 Art Exhibition
Wednesday 18 May.....	Pizza Express visit
Tuesday 24 May, 9am.....	Parents craft session
Tuesday 24 May 4pm.....	Dance Performance
Friday 27 May 4pm	Dance Performance
Friday 27 May.....	St Leonard's Football tournament
Friday 27 May.....	Sandown School Football tournament

After School Gardening Club

Mrs Crouch, one of our support staff members, will be running a Gardening Club every Friday from 10th June until the end of next term. The club will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, and is free of charge. The children will be working around the Outdoor Learning area, and will be learning about all things horticultural! If your child wishes to take part then please collect a letter from the school office. Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Mrs Crouch would also be grateful for any plastic gardening tools, children's gardening gloves or other useful items. Please hand any donations to the school office. Many thanks.

