

NEWSLETTER



ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy

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Sports Days

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to support and cheer on their child(ren) at our EYFS, KSI & KS2 sports days. Both were great days (thank you for your resilience and good humour when the rain began to fall on Tuesday) and the children demonstrated great sportsmanship. They truly are a credit to you all and Blacklands!



Blacklands Awarded Silver Active Mark

Congratulations to everyone across the school for their wonderful effort and commitment to school sport throughout the year! The children have shown a real commitment to develop their skills across a range of exciting sports. It was great to see so many children enjoying taking part at last week's sports days.



Ark Blacklands has recently been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition and physical education across their school. It recognises the opportunities that Ark Blacklands has offered to attract young people to participate in a range of physical activities throughout the year. It also recognises how Blacklands is utilising sports coaches to support children in their participation of school sport.

Staff News

We are saying goodbye to several members of support staff, some of whom have been with us for a considerable time. We wish Mrs Pope a long and happy retirement after 23 years as a Midday Supervisor, what a commitment! Mr Ballard is leaving his post as Cleaner after 7 years and Miss Hulls leaves us after 8 years. We also say goodbye to Mrs Guye, Mrs Brunton, Miss Lyon and Miss Valenti. Good luck to them all for the future.

County Athletics

Four girls and four boys from year six competed in the County athletics finals last week. Each child had to compete in 5 events: 75m sprint, long jump, vortex howler throw, 600metres and the 8x50m relay in a gruelling 2 hours of competition. Congratulations to the



Blacklands team who can be seen here pictured with British Olympic 400m runner Nigel Levine.

Blake and the Beanstalk

Children in Blake class enjoyed reading traditional tales, their favourite was Jack and the Beanstalk. They planted their own beans in the classroom as they thought it might be exciting to climb a beanstalk and find a giant. As they had been learning about what plants need (as part of their growing topic), it was no surprise that the beans germinated. Once the beans were big enough they planted them outside in the school garden and watered them weekly. Unfortunately they did not grow up into the clouds, however, plump, healthy broad beans did grow. these were just perfect as a healthy snack after Sports Day.



Book Day!

Our Blacklands Book Day was a triumphant success for the school. We celebrated our love for reading for the day by giving children the opportunity to swap books, take part in class activities and a poetry competition, as well as dress as their favourite book characters. We managed to raise over £250 for the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity so a big thank you for your kind donations.

Walt Disney once said, 'there is more treasure in books, than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.' It is through this idea that we wanted to promote the importance of reading and books to the overall development of every child. The day was a huge a success with children displaying such a variety of costumes ranging from Harry Potter to Willy Wonka.

A big thank you to everyone who took part." A great day was had by all and finished off nicely with an outdoors assembly showing off all of the amazing costumes and promoting the importance of reading a variety of books at all ages.



Things that make me smile...



Aaron Lingard playing the Genie of the Lamp on a swivel chair after breaking his ankle because he knew 'the show must go on!'

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Parents are invited to join us at the Y6 Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday 21st July at 2.15pm on the main field.

Weather permitting

Meet your new teacher
Monday 20th July
3.30pm—4.30pm

During the morning, pupils will learn who their new teachers are.
Please feel free to pop in after school with your child to meet their new teacher for next academic year.

This is the last newsletter of the academic year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents, carers, staff and pupils for making this such a successful year at Ark Blacklands.

We wish our amazing Year 6 pupils all the success as they move on to the next adventure of their school lives.

