

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 6 WEEK 2

12TH JUNE 2015

**It all starts with an amazing teacher!**

## **2015 Pearson Teaching Award Winners announced**



**James Havbro has been announced as a Silver Teaching Award Winner in the category, The Award for Teaching Assistant of the Year, in the Pearson Teaching Awards 2015!**

Selected from thousands of nominations received by the Pearson Teaching Awards in 2015, James's is one of just 60 celebrations which took place in schools and colleges across England, Ireland and Wales on **Thank a Teacher Day**, today, when prestigious Silver Pearson Teaching Awards were presented to outstanding local heroes of education.

The Pearson Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching, founded in 1999 by Lord Puttnam, they recognize the life-changing impact of an inspirational teacher on the lives of the young people they teach.

James will now join fellow Silver Award winners at the UK final of the Teaching Awards to be held at London's Royal Opera House, Covent Garden on 18<sup>th</sup> October, where 10 Silver Award winners will receive a Gold Plato Award. The ceremony, titled "Britain's Classroom Heroes", will be filmed and broadcast by the BBC as a showcase of excellence in education.

We are extremely proud at Ark Blacklands that James is among one of these prestigious award winners.

**Things that make me smile...**



**Handing out cupcakes to our brilliant teaching staff to say thank you for being so amazing.**

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Hastings Pier, learning about its history and the materials surrounding the pier and those used to build it.



## **Anyone for Tennis?**



Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 stars for coming 2nd place in the Amherst Tennis Tournament.

Mr Tomlin, who accompanied the team, said, " I was really proud of all the tennis players. They all showed excellent tennis skills and excellent sportsmanship to come a very healthy 2nd. Well done!!"

## **Meet the Gruffalo!**

Our EYFS spent the day enjoying the nature and beauty of Bedgebury Pinetum. This was to provide more insight into their curriculum on plants and growing.

We're really proud of our EYFS pupils for their impeccable behaviour.



## **Fiver Challenge**

Children were introduced to the 'fiver challenge' young enterprise initiative in a special assembly on Thursday. Lots of business ideas are already being generated from all year groups on how we can make a profit from the £5 notes which classes will have responsibility for.

## **KEY DATES**

### **June**

12th PGL  
20th FAB Summer Fete  
26th INSET - Academy Closed

### **July**

7th KS1 Sports Day  
9th KS2 Sports Day  
14th Year 6 Production  
15th Year 6 Production  
21st End of Term -  
Have a lovely Summer!

### **September**

3rd Back to school