

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 1 WEEK 6

13TH OCTOBER 2016

Ark Blacklands Academy—Habits of Success

This term we have been introducing our new academy values to children, which are:

RESPONSIBILITY
COURAGE
INDEPENDENCE
CURIOSITY
DETERMINATION
ASPIRATION
RESILIENCE

We want these values to become embedded across the Academy and permeate all aspects of academy life. This term children have been learning about these habits and developing their understanding of each one. Next term we will invite parents to a workshop to share with you our vision - time and date to be confirmed.

In the mean time, please do speak to your children about the Habits of Success. We feel strongly that these attributes reflect a clear focus for the personal development of our children and hope you will support us in developing them over the coming year. Thank you, Mrs Rankin

Things that make me smile!

The excitement and joy of the children participating in this week's many visits and extracurricular activities.



Harvest Festival

Don't forget to send in your donations on **Monday** for our Harvest Festival Assembly! Non-perishable items only, please!

Blue Reef Aquarium—Year 2

This week, the children in Year 2 visited Blue Reef Aquarium to find out more about the creatures that live in the five oceans around the world. It was a long walk but everyone had lots of fun and learnt lots about seahorses, sharks and pufferfish.



School Run Rage



We were sorry to learn last week that one of our parents experienced road rage from another parent whilst collecting their child. The pressures of getting children to school on time or collecting them during rush hour can be stressful. However, we would appeal to parents to be patient and respectful to other parent drivers, to park their vehicles responsibly, and to consider the example they are setting their children. Should you be the unfortunate victim of road rage, we would strongly advise avoiding conflict by not engaging with the offending driver and to immediately call 101 to report the incident.



Pumpkin Weigh-in

If you successfully managed to grow a pumpkin from the plant you purchased at the Summer Bonanza in July, remember to bring your pumpkin into school on **Friday 21st** for the weigh-in. Any photos of the plant growing would be lovely. We really are looking for home-grown as apposed to Tesco's finest!



Playing with Maths

Explore current methods used for calculations and measuring shapes and space in Early Years as well as discover fun ways to help children learn maths. Parents and carers are invited to a free 6-week course to take place every Thursday morning (9-11am) from 3rd November to 8th December.

For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Mrs Bolton.