

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

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21ST OCTOBER 2016

Bayeux tapestry competition

We are extremely proud to announce that Tadea Chattein from Year 5/6, Pankhurst Class was awarded first prize in the Bayeux Tapestry Art Competition. The competition was part of celebrations marking 950 years of the Battle of Hastings, which was organised by the Hastings Week Committee. The winning paintings can be seen on display at Tesco, Church Wood Drive, Hollington and the other contestants' paintings will be on display at 4, Queens Road, Hastings until Sunday 23rd October. Well done to all the children who participated, and to Tadea in particular. We would also like to send our congratulations to ARK Little Ridge who received silver!



Things that make me proud...

Seeing the proud faces of parents at parent/teacher consultations



Year 2

Parent Meeting

On Wednesday 9th November, Y2 teachers will be holding a Parent Information meeting at 3.30pm in the Hall. We invite all parents to attend to learn more about the end of year expectations and SATs tests. We will also be giving each family a handy pack containing curriculum expectations, grammar terminology, maths resources and lots more. We look forward to seeing you.

Tag Rugby



Recently Ark Blacklands' tag rugby team took part in the area tag rugby festival. All the team took part with brilliant enthusiasm and sportsmanship. In their first matches this year they won all their matches through great skill, pace and team-work - winning their group. They scored 17 tries in total, conceding just 3!

Congratulations to all that took part.

Pumpkin Day

Well done to all the children who brought in their home-grown pumpkins. It was a superb turnout and we saw lots of



fantastic and interesting specimens! The winner of the 'Largest Pumpkin Award' went to Beth White in Year 2, whose magnificent pumpkin measured 77.5cm. The award for 'Best looking Pumpkin' went to Skye Curtis in Reception, and Sid Woodhead in Year 2 won the 'Smallest Pumpkin' category. Finally, the winner of the 'Guess the Weight' competition was Bertie Tassell-Dawson in Reception. The winners proudly received their medals and all entries were given a certificate. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for organising this event.



School Photos

Just a reminder that the Academy's photographers are coming in to photograph pupils the first Wednesday after half-term, i.e., 2nd November. Please make sure your child looks his or her very best with full Academy uniform. Thank you.

Pier-to-Pier Sailing Challenge

Well done to Max Tullet from year 3, Curie Class who has so far raised over £400 for St Michael's Hospice by sailing Pier to Pier on his own from Eastbourne to Hastings. You can read more about Max's amazing achievement in the Eastbourne Herald and Hastings Observer newspaper article at: <http://www.hastingsobserver.co.uk/news/boy-s-solo-sail-from-eastbourne-pier-to-hastings-pier-for-st-leonards-hospice-1-7586907>. A special thank you to all Max's supporters for their contributions.

