



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Outdoor Learning

Mrs Rankin was delighted to walk outside on Friday afternoon and find so many classes had taken their learning outside. There were children from year 6 enjoying PE, some were sharing stories with Year 2 children while others were creating a massive version of the map in Kensuke's Kingdom to support their English work. She saw year 1 children happily planting with Mrs Knowles and finally she found Reception children making the most of their new outside play area. Such a lovely end to a busy week!

Things that make me proud...
To hear the National Schools' Commissioner praise our children for their independent learning!



Little Reminder!
Please may we remind parents that consent forms and contributions for the Year 1 trip to Fairlight Hall—Farm to Fork—need to be in by Monday latest.



Ground Force Day at Blacklands!



This week, our outdoor space improvement project got well underway thanks to the contributions of our volunteer gardeners!

Huge thanks also to the lovely group of volunteers from Community 10000 who spent a long day in school this week clearing back the brambles and making our adventure play area much more welcoming and useable by the children.



Monkeying around...

Everyone at the Academy would like to say a massive thank-you to the wonderful FAB team for providing us with two fantastic traverse walls for the Key Stage 2 playgrounds. The children absolutely love them and are all asking:



'When will it reach all the way along the wall?!' (No hint intended!)

SATs Meeting Year 2

On Tuesday 2nd October, parents and carers of **year 2 children** are invited to a SATs information meeting at **3.30pm**. The meeting, which will be held by Mrs Jones, is an opportunity for parents to ask questions and find out more about SATs, the assessment process and how they can help support their child's learning. We hope you will be able to attend.

ARK Blacklands Open Days

We would like to welcome all prospective parents to come along to an open morning/afternoon at ARK Blacklands Primary Academy to be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7th November—9.30am**
- Wednesday 8th November—9.30am**
- Thursday 9th November—1.30pm**

The tour will last about an hour. No booking is necessary, but please ensure you arrive in time. Children are welcome!