

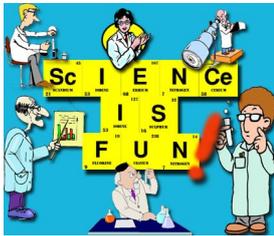
# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 2 WEEK 2

11TH NOVEMBER 2016



## Science Week

Next week, the whole school is having a science week so that children can become even more immersed in their scientific enquiries. They will be spending all afternoons, apart from PE slots, doing science.

There will also be a special visit from an organisation called Blast on Wednesday, who will see each year group throughout the day, doing 50 minutes of sound exploration.

**Things that  
make me  
proud...**



Seeing the pupils proudly wearing their poppies!

## Spotty Accessories Day

On **Friday 18th November**, children are invited to accessorise their school uniform with all things spotty—hairbands, badges, gloves, hats, earmuffs, etc.—in return for a small donation of £1.00 for Children in Need. There will be a collection on the school gate and children will also go round the classes.



The FAB Team will also be on the gate fund-raising: children will be able to pay 50p to enter a colouring competition. FAB will supply the colouring pages and the children will take them home and bring them back in on Monday.

**Year 6  
Parent  
Meeting**



On **Tuesday 15th November**, Year 6 teachers will be holding a Parent Information Meeting at **3.30pm** in the Y6 Block. Parents are invited to attend to learn more about the end of year expectations and SATs tests. Each family will be given an information pack containing curriculum expectations, grammar terminology and maths resources.

## Poppy Appeal



This week, children have been talking in class and during assemblies about the importance of armistice day and the meaning of wearing the poppy. Today, the whole academy observed 2 minutes' silence at 11am to allow children the opportunity to have a quiet reflection on this important day. We have been overwhelmed by how many children have come to the office wanting to buy and wear a poppy; thank you all for your support.

Grace Pepper and Leah Gartside of Y6 have written a wonderful poem which we would like to share with you all:

### ***The Last Poppy Standing***

*A cool summer's breeze on the green fields of France,  
Making all the red poppies dance,  
The countless white crosses lying mute in the sand,  
The man's blind indifference towards his fellow land,  
They shoot and go tumbling down,  
The poppies that we wear,  
The thoughts that we share,  
For everyone out there,  
THANK YOU*

**POWER  
FOR  
GOOD**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Next week is national anti-bullying week. We will be marking this in school with assemblies and discussions in class as well as seeking views from the school community about how we can use the 'Power of Good' to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage everyone in the school community to take action against bullying throughout the year.

### **Coming soon...**

We will be sending out an Information Leaflet with Top Tips for Parents, along with a short questionnaire to seek views on what is working well and what we can do differently to help stop bullying.

**Bike &  
Scooter Racks**



This week we have had new bike/scooter racks installed on the top playground. We now have much more space to safely store bikes and scooters for children able to travel this way to school. May we ask parents to help ensure children use these sensibly and to remind them that these are not climbing frames. Thank you