



# Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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### Source Park—Year 5

All year fives have visited the Source Park this week. After a brisk walk to the sea-front, the children benefited from a tour of the different areas of the park: the skate-board, the BMX and the scooter areas.

A demonstration by a top-class BMX sportsman was a highlight as well as learning a great deal about the evolution of the park and the history of the building through the years. This visit supports this term's topic on the changing nature of Hastings as a seaside resort.

The management of the park made the children welcome whilst explaining the importance of combining a love of sport with achieving success at school. "It was exciting, interesting and surprisingly huge - all underground too!" stated Zoe in 5CS.



### Things that make me proud!



Receiving high praise for our children and staff from Ark's Director of Primaries during her visit to Blacklands this week.

### EYFS Parent Talk on Phonics

**On Wednesday 24th January at 3.30pm,** parents of Reception children are invited to a talk given by Miss Hackett-Evans to explain how we use phonics to support the children with their reading. As the children are all bringing home reading books, now is the ideal time to ensure that we are using the same strategies both at home and at school to support the children to make great progress.

Miss Hackett-Evans will share ideas on how to make reading more enjoyable for you and your child and will answer any questions that you may have.

The session will take place in Miss Hackett-Evans' classroom, and your children will be able to play in Mrs Bartlett's classroom.

We hope you are able to attend.

### Brilliant Blacklands!



Congratulations to Ark Blacklands' fantastic athletics team. On Friday, twenty six children from years 5 and 6 took part in the Hastings and Rother Area Indoor Athletics Finals at Summerfields Leisure Centre. They were competing against 9 other schools in a variety of events

including: sprint and middle distance relays, hurdling, long jump, triple jump, chest push, javelin and speed-bounce. It came down to the last event, with Blacklands coming a fantastic 2nd place - just 2 points behind the winners on 388 points. Well done to the whole team!

### Autism Support

On Tuesday 23rd January, 9am to 10.30am, parents are invited to an open coffee morning and talk on supporting children with Autistic Spectrum Difficulties.

### Pupil Council

Pupil Council have decided to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice by collecting unwanted Christmas presents, which will be donated to the charity. If you happen to have any spare or unwanted Christmas presents which are in a sellable or useable condition, please could they be brought in to your child's classroom by Friday 26th January 2018. Thank you for your support.



### Dates for the Diary

- Tue 23 Jan, 9am....Autism Coffee morning
- Tue 23 Jan.....EYFS visit to Alexandra Park
- Wed 24 Jan.....EYFS Parent' Phonics Meeting
- 6 to 8 Feb.....Yr 2 Chocolate Making
- Fri 9 Feb..... INSET Day
- Sat 3 March.....FAB Jumble Sale
- Fri 9 Mar.....Yr 2 Mother's Day Assembly