



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Welcome back!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2017! It has been wonderful to welcome back the children who have all returned enthusiastic and eager to learn.

We are looking forward to another successful year at Blacklands as we continue to build on last year's achievements. It is with this in mind that we have made a few changes to our Behaviour Policy, which can be found in full on our website. I am pleased to report that the children have responded really well to the positive ethos of the new systems and we look forward to a record number of pupils earning a bronze or silver star for the Spring Term. It's GOOD TO BE GREEN!

Mrs N. Rankin

Things that make me smile...



Seeing the proud faces of the children wearing their bronze stars!

Breaking News...

We are delighted to announce that Blacklands won today's Athletics competition! More info to follow next week!

Early Years

The children in the EYFS kick started their term topic about space by visiting the moon! The children have been reading and re-telling the story 'Whatever Next!' and were very excited to finish their week by dressing up as astronauts and blasting into space. The children had a fantastic time in space and even got to see some aliens!



Read to Succeed!

This week across the school we launched our new approach to reading called 'Read to Succeed'. This involves a whole class approach to the teaching of reading - working from the same text throughout the week - and teaching comprehension skills.

Key Stage 1

In KS1 we have begun Reading Races, which encourages and rewards children who read regularly at home. The children each have a rocket or a car which they move around the track, depending on the number of times they read each week. This week, Jessica and Grace got to move their rockets for reading 15 times during the holidays - well done girls!



Year 5 - Source Park

As part of their new topic, children in Year 5 had the opportunity to visit Source BMX skate park this week. They learnt about the history of the building as well as its construction and economic impact. Huge thanks go to Matt Brown for taking the children on the tour and generously providing them with free passes, which I'm sure they can't wait to use!



Crafty English Course

We still have a couple of places on this free course for interested parents and carers. Learn how to support your child as they develop the important skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing and phonics. The course is held every Tuesday morning - 9am to 11am, until Tuesday 7th February. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Bolton or Mrs Childs. Thank you



Winter Coats... Brrrrrr!

Now that the cold weather has well and truly arrived, please ensure your child arrives at school with a nice warm coat, good footwear, gloves, scarf and hat - all clearly named! Thank you