

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 3 WEEK 2

21ST JANUARY 2016

Blacklands Champions Again!

Congratulations to 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 nine other schools in a variety of events including: sprint and middle distance relays, hurdling, long jump, triple jump, chest push, javelin and speed-bounce.



Blacklands came out as eventual winners with a massive points total of 716, compared to their nearest rivals Sacred Heart, who finished with 634 points. Our athletics team will now go on to compete in the East and West Sussex County Finals next month.

Congratulations to the whole team on a great achievement!

Things that make me smile...



Seeing the children really enjoying their indoor P.E. lesson

Safer Internet Day

The school will be hosting two Online Safety Information sessions for parents and carers on

Tuesday, 9th February at 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

The presentations will be given by Childnet International, who are experts in online safety education. They will provide practical advice and safety tips to help parents, carers and schools manage internet safety issues and support children online.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of children's development. We do hope that as many of our parents and carers as possible will attend and look forward to seeing you there.

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that as from the end of half-term, there will be no more School Crossing Patrol in Elphinstone Road. This service is being replaced by a Zebra Crossing, which should be in place for when the children return to school on Monday, 22nd February.



Lost Property Announcement

School Uniforms

Recently, we have had a number of school uniform items handed in which are unnamed. Please can you ensure that all items of your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly named. This will help us return lost items to their owners. Please remember, too, that names fade over time with washing and need to be re-done.



Attendance

& Safeguarding News

Our overall attendance figure this week is 95.8%, compared to our school target of 97%.

Well done to the following classes, which had the highest attendance figures for their phase last week:

Early Yrs	Picasso	95.8%
KS 1	King Smith	97.2%
Lower KS 2	Baird	97.2%
Upper K S 2	Pankhurst	96.9%

Let's get dressed up!

The children absolutely love dressing up during their lunch breaks. This fun activity, introduced and supervised by our lunchtime staff, is proving so popular that we are now appealing to our parents and carers to donate their unwanted children's dressing-up costumes.

Thank you.