

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 3 WEEK 5

11TH FEBRUARY 2016

Ark Blacklands Girls' Football Team Take Silver!

Eight girls from Year 6 took part in Hastings cluster football tournament on Thursday. They all played brilliantly, conceding just one goal throughout the whole tournament, scoring 6 goals to come second. They now go forward to the area finals next month. Well done girls!



Things that make me proud

Seeing the children walking nice and quietly through the corridors.



A Visit from the Mayor

On Monday, we received a special visit from the Mayor of Hastings, Councillor Bruce Dowling. The Mayor presented the school with a Certificate of Merit as a 'thank-you' reward for our very hard work and involvement in last year's Hastings Day.



*Come have
a cuppa
with...*

Parents and Carers are invited to drop in for afternoon tea

with Mrs Bolton on Thursday 25 February between 2pm and 3pm. Mrs Bolton is our Parent Information and Communication Contact and this event is a great opportunity to meet her and learn about her role. We hope to see you there!

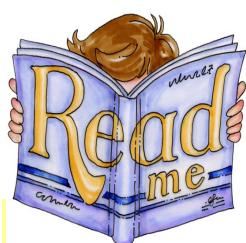
Attendance & Safeguarding News

Overall attendance this week was 95.7%. As part of our ongoing efforts to improve attendance, we will be working with small groups of children next term to help raise awareness of good attendance among our pupil community. These will be short sessions and are designed to support the ongoing success of our school. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hawthorne. Once again, well done to our top performers.



Sierra Leone

Throughout the school, children have been producing work to be taken to our partner school in Sierra Leone. I am sure the children and teachers out there will be extremely grateful and interested to learn about the children at Ark Blacklands.



Early Yrs	Picasso	95.9%
KS 1	King Smith	97.0%
LKS2	Baird	97.0%
UKS2	Pankhurst	96.6%

Literacy & Dyslexia Workshop

We will be holding a further Literacy & Dyslexia workshop for parents and carers on Monday, 29 February at 2.30pm. Please do take advantage of this chance to learn how to support your child's literacy.

World Book Day—Thursday, 3rd March

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March, we will be giving each child a £1 World Book Day book token that can be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used against any book costing £2.99 or more. Vouchers can be used at all participating book stores listed on worldbookday.com/books.

In addition, to make the most of this special occasion, we invite your child to come to school dressed as a character from any children's book. We would just ask that you ensure they wear sensible footwear for safety. Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope you will use World Book Day to get them started on their reading journey.