

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 4, WEEK 2

6TH MARCH 2015



The Astronaut and the Boy

By Joshua Ramsbottom

Ark Blacklands Athletics Success

Recently 28 year 6 children took part in East and West Sussex Indoor County Athletics Finals.

It was a full morning of competitive events against 8 other school from across Sussex, who had each won their own area events to reach the final. Field events included the long jump, triple jump, javelin, speed-bounce, vertical jump and the chest push.

Together with the results from all the relay races Ark Blacklands took bronze! The Blacklands' team have now made the county finals for the past 6 years running, winning a medal each time! Congratulations to every member of the team for a fantastic effort!

Sothebys Art Auction

Last term, five talented Year 6 pupils were selected to take part in an exciting art project. They were asked to produce a piece of art work in any medium on the theme of "Dreams and Aspirations". The brief was very open and could be abstract or take a more literal form. During a lunch time art club, run by Mrs Mould, they created work showing incredible focus and skill. By the end of the project 5, very individual pieces were produced by Matilda Wilson, Liam Banks, Ruby Moon, Ruby Weaver-Hill and Joshua Ramsbottom.

Joshua Ramsbottom was chosen for his art work to be placed in a special art auction at Sothebys in London. Money raised from the auction will go towards supporting ARK schools and programmes. Pieces by David Hockney and Henry Moore were also sold during the evening.

Joshua showed great maturity and had a very clear vision from the beginning of the project. His piece was also one of only 8 chosen to be reproduced as a post card that will be given to all those that attended the auction. What great talent we have at Blacklands!



Most children have access to the internet and in recent assemblies we've determined some startling facts:

- 95% of students are free to use the internet.
- 50% of students chat to people they don't know.
- 85% of students have personal information online.
- Students as young as 7 play the 18 rated GTA5 which is racist, sexist, homophobic and contains both physical and sexual violence.
- 90% of students have sent or received abuse online.
- 10% of students have received sexual abuse online.



E-Safety for Parents

Location: Helenswood Academy (Lower School)
 When: Tue 10th March 2015 at 6pm
 Topics:
 - Types of devices children use
 - Privacy, filters and controls
 - Dangers children face when online
 - Apps they use like SnapChat, Twitter
 Register: Please contact your school office



KEY DATES

March

20th FAB Quiz Night
 30th Easter Break

April

13th INSET
 14th Return to school

May

11th Y6 SATs
 12th Y6 SATs
 13th Y6 SATs
 14th Y6 SATs

Cashless System for Lunches

Don't forget, in order to pay for an academy lunch, you need to pay via ParentPay. The academy no longer accepts cash payments.

**FRIDAY
20/03
2015**

SECRET QUIZ WHIZZ?

ADULTS: A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & RAISE FUNDS FOR F.A.O.

Friends of Ark Blacklands

GREAT TEAM PRIZES!!

7.00-10pm
 Quiz starts @7.30pm
 Bar & bar snacks

Please note this is an ADULTS ONLY EVENT

**£1 ENTRY PER PERSON
 MAXIMUM PER TEAM 6**

Sign up by 13th March
 Contact Katie:
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