

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 4 WEEK 1

25TH FEBRUARY 2016



Teacher of the Year !

Nearly 2,000 teachers and teaching assistants from across the Ark network came together on last week's INSET day for a day of professional development, collaboration and celebration as part of Ark's Education Conference. We are very proud to announce that our Mr Regnier of Year 6 was awarded the Primary Award for Excellent Teaching for driving a 15 point improvement to Year 6 results. This has led to Ark Blacklands having the most improved SATs results in Hastings and St Leonards. In addition, he has also led the school to sporting success, having coached the school team to win the Hastings Town Sports three years in a row. Congratulations Mr Regnier!



Things that make me smile..

Seeing the children return to school with an excellent attitude to learning.



Literacy & Dyslexia Workshop Reminder!

Please don't forget that another Literacy & Dyslexia workshop for parents and carers is being held on Monday, 29 February at 2.30pm. We strongly encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity.



Ark Blacklands Athletics Success

Twenty-eight Year 6 children took part in East and West Sussex Indoor County Athletics Finals. It was a full morning of competitive events against 9 other schools from across Sussex, who had each won their own area events against hundreds of schools 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 came fourth, narrowly missing out on bronze! The Blacklands' team have now made the county finals for the past 7 years running! Congratulations to every member of the team for a fantastic effort!

Attendance & Safeguarding News

Overall attendance this week was 95.6%. Well done to our top performers, listed below.

Early Yrs	Picasso	95.9%
KS 1	King Smith	97.0%
LKS2	Baird	97.1%
UKS2	Pankhurst	96.6%

Thank you!



Ark Blacklands has received a special Thank You note from The Royal British Legion for our donation of £91.65 to their Poppy Appeal. Congratulations was also received from 'Save the Children' for our Christmas Jumper collection,

which raised £277.41. Thank you to all our parents and carers for their support.



Save the Children.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 29 February (2.30pm).....Literacy & Dyslexia workshop
 Wednesday 2 March (2.45pm).....Early yrs information session for Tapestry
 Thursday 3 March..... World Book Dress-up Day
 Friday 18 March..... Friday Dance Club Performance
 Tuesday 22 March..... Tuesday Dance Club performance

Helping the homeless

Gabriel Hobbs of Year 6 is collecting McDonalds coffee stickers to donate to the homeless. Any unwanted stickers can be handed in to the office for Gabriel. Well done Gabriel for this very worthy initiative!

As well as ensuring all items of uniform are named, please may we ask parents to check that their child has not mistakenly returned home with another child's belongings. Many thanks

