

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 4 WEEK 2  
3RD MARCH 2016



## World Book Day

It was a real delight to see so many children—and teachers—take part in World Book Day on Thursday. And incredibly, school attendance was an all time high! We had Batmans, Harry Potters, fairies and princesses galore, and more besides.

World Book Day is all about celebrating books and inspiring children to read more. Each child was given a £1 World Book Day book token to be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used against any book costing £2.99 or more. For more information and a list of participating bookstores, parents can refer to the website:

[worldbookday.com/books](http://worldbookday.com/books).

Well done everyone for making it such a special event and do make sure to use your tokens!



**Things that  
make me go  
wow!**



Seeing how amazing the children looked in their character outfits.



**We're  
Expanding!**

We are really excited to announce that the building work for the school expansion project gets underway next week. This first phase will begin with the construction of 3 new classrooms on the site of the old swimming pool. We hope you will agree that this will be a tremendous boost to the school and we will keep you up-to-date on progress.

## Paradise Park

Last Tuesday, the children from Year 1 went on a school trip to Paradise Park in Newhaven to round off their Learning Journey called 'Jurassic Forest'. They had great fun as they explored the museum, went on the Dinosaur Safari and played in the Adventure Playground.



## Phunky Foods

Did you know that ARK Blacklands is following the Phunky foods Programme?

Phunkyfoods is an award winning early years and primary school programme which trains and supports teachers to deliver fun, healthy lifestyle activities and lessons. Parent information, along with lots of healthy recipes, can be found on their website:

<http://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/>.

## O2 Sponsored Climb

On 20th March, Ark Blacklands' Emma Winter, Michelle Crouch and Kimberley Booker will be climbing the London O2 arena (which is 52 metres high!) to raise funds for Raystede animal sanctuary. A sponsor form is being held by the Office for anyone wishing to sponsor them. Further information on the charity can be found at [www.raystede.org](http://www.raystede.org)

## Attendance & Safeguarding News

Overall attendance this week remained at 95.6% with no change in top performers:

Early Yrs	Picasso	95.9%
KS 1	King Smith	97.1%
LKS2	Baird	97.1%
UKS2	Pankhurst	96.5%

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15 March.....Class 5/6 WWII Day  
Wednesday 16 March.....Classes 6DR & 6VH WWII Day  
Friday 18 March..... Friday dance club performance  
Tuesday 22 March .... Tuesday dance club performance  
Wednesday 23 March.... Yr 2, Alexandra Park trip



Please may we remind parents and carers that only ARK Blacklands PE bags are to be used for PE kits.

Thank you