



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Habits of Success—Aspiration

“We will have dreams for the future and work hard to achieve our targets.”

Yesterday’s World Book Day was a huge success! Everyone, staff members included, looked amazing in their character costumes. The day was filled with lots of reading activities including shared reading between Year 5 and Year 1 children, as pictured below. Also pictured are children from KS1 who were awarded certificates for ‘best costume’. The day most certainly encouraged the aspirations of children in Year 2 who have been writing and publishing their own books! As well as being lots of fun, we hope that yesterday’s celebration of books and book characters will translate into a greater joy of reading both in the classroom and at home. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your magnificent effort and for your donations.



Things that make me proud...



Seeing the children in Year 5 helping Year 1 children with their reading.

Items Wanted!



Reception and KS1 teachers would be very grateful to receive donations of unwanted pants, socks and tights as well as school trousers and skirts. Many thanks in advance.

Visit from the Home Secretary!

Blacklands was delighted to welcome Amber Rudd, MP for Hastings and Home Secretary, today. She was keen to hear about our amazing success and journey to 'outstanding' status and toured the school to meet our children. She spent time talking with the pupil council who asked her a number of questions about her role and her plans for Hastings. She was impressed with all our pupils as well as the dedication and commitment of our staff to improving education.



Radio 2 Short Story Competition!

We all send the best of luck to aspiring writer, Luella Vega, who has entered the 500-word story competition. Mrs Rankin thoroughly enjoyed reading Luella’s entry entitled ‘A Great Day out’.

Year 4—Aspiring Artists!

This week Year 4 pupils visited the Jerwood Gallery to take part in a range of activities. At first they took a trip around the whole gallery, taking in the variety of exhibits. The current exhibition downstairs shows the great work of Keith Tyson. They played a 'word association game' in response to his art work, which was a brilliant way to create our own quick poetry performance! Keith Tyson's art work reveals moments in time, thoughts and experiences in a diary of paintings. This inspired the children to create their own mono prints of things they enjoyed, disliked or felt a strong feeling about.

