

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 4 WEEK 3

11TH MARCH 2016



Cookery Club

The After School Cookery Club is proving to be hugely popular! This week, to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, the children made Chocolate Mousse and learned about Fairtrade. To make a slightly lighter chocolate mousse, the children used Greek Yoghurt and egg whites and then they got creative, making beautiful designs on the top. They learned how we can help farmers in other countries by buying foods that have the Fairtrade symbol. They also played a game in which the children were given roles in the various stages of chocolate production and how they are all interconnected: from the farm to the factory and from the shop owner to the chocoholic! The children learned how they are all interconnected and the need to support each other when they can.

The Make Food Cookery club is run by Kate Rintoul. Full details and Registration forms for next term's classes will be going out before Easter if children would like to join. Please email any questions directly to Kate at: kate@make-food.org.



Things that make me smile!

Seeing Mrs Jones of Yr 1/2 teaching the children to dance the Uptown Funk!



SPORTS DAYS



Please be advised that the dates for the school sports days in Term 6 have been swapped over:

KS2: 5th July

KS1: 7th July

Attendance & Safeguarding

Did You Know?

According to recent studies, "only 35% of children whose attendance is below 90% achieve 5 or more A* to C grades in their GCSEs? By contrast, of those children whose attendance is above 95%, 73% achieve 5 or more A* - C grades. This shows that regular attendance in school dramatically increases your child's life chances, which is why we set very high expectations over the attendance levels of our pupils."

Please support us in setting your children up for success by getting them into school as much as possible. Thank you.

Overall attendance this week was 95.5%. Our top performers remain unchallenged, maintaining their no. 1 positions:

Early	Picasso	95.6%
KS 1	King Smith	97.0%
LKS2	Baird	96.9%
UKS2	Pankhurst	96.4%

SCHOOLS' AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK
14-18 MARCH 2016



Medicines

Just a reminder that any medicines brought in to be administered by the school staff must be brought in by a parent or carer and not the child. An authorisation form will need to be completed or we will not be able to administer the medicine.

All medicines, whether wanted or unwanted, must be collected by parents as the school is not allowed to dispose of them.

World War Two Roadshow

The World War II Roadshow is coming to the school on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 March to provide our Year 6 children with a fantastic interactive WW II experience. The children—and the teachers—are strongly encouraged to dress up in 1940s style clothing in order to fully embrace and participate in the day's activities.



Dates for the Diary

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



Mobile Phones

We have noticed a sharp increase in the number of pupils bringing mobile phones into school. May we remind parents/carers that only those children walking between home and school should be bringing in phones.

Thank you