

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 4 WEEK 5

24TH MARCH 2016

**Things that
make me
smile...**

Seeing the children
in their fabulous Easter
bonnets!



**ARK Blacklands Art
Exhibition**

The children have been working really hard on their artwork this term, and our FAB ladies are once again in the process of organising two art exhibitions to be held at the school. The first exhibition will be for the Reception and KS1 children's work and will take place on: **Wednesday 13th April, 3pm to 5.30pm.**

The date for the exhibition for KS2 will be announced after the Easter break.

We hope you will be able to come to see the children's masterpieces and there will be an opportunity to purchase framed artwork.

Staff Announcements



We are very pleased to confirm that Mrs Rankin will become the permanent Head of School from the 1st of September, 2016. We are also delighted to welcome to the academy Mary Quinn. Mrs Quinn will be joining us on the 1st of September as our new Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Quinn is currently an Assistant Headteacher at Little Common Primary School, as well as an experienced Year 6 class teacher. She will be leading on teaching and learning at Blacklands, ensuring our teachers continue on their journey to outstanding. She will be a great asset to the Senior Leadership Team and the community of Blacklands' staff, parents and pupils.

We would like to congratulate both Mrs Rankin and Mrs Quinn on their new appointments.

Lorraine Clarke

Unveiling of First Key Driverless Vehicle in Hastings

Last Friday, our KS2 Class Ambassadors were invited to the unveiling of the UK's very first driverless vehicle. The event was part of the Government's Rail and Road Summit which was held at Sussex Coast College and attended by 200 delegates. As well as being able to try out the vehicle, the children got to learn about the research behind this revolutionary technology and the future of road transport in the UK.



Building Works Update

The first phase of our exciting new extension has begun. Our builders have set up their compound and have begun excavating the foundations in readiness to build the new classrooms. This is why you may have seen the dumper trucks travelling across the playground behind the safety fences, and our contractors do appreciate that this phase of the works has caused some disruption and have asked that we pass on their thanks for your patience whilst this has been going on.

Hopefully this will be coming to a halt this week, and although the safety fencing will likely stay in place for a while because of the parking arrangements, there should be no further disruption from the contractor's vehicles.

We will keep you updated as the works continue, and it is certainly causing excitement among the pupils as they see the works progressing. We look forward to showing off our brand new extension at the start of the new academic year!



Scooter Alert!

Please may we ask parents and carers of children with scooters make sure that their children pay extra attention to road safety. We have had a number of calls from parents concerned that children are scooting out in front of and in between cars, potentially causing harm to themselves and others.

Hot Cross Buns

Year 4 have been using the English and maths skills to enhance their learning in RE about Easter traditions. These Hot Cross Buns made the school academy smell amazing!



Attendance & Safeguarding

This week's top performers:

Early Yrs	Picasso	95.9%
KS 1	King Smith	96.8%
LKS2	Archimedes	96.7%
UKS2	Pankhurst	96.3%