

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 5 WEEK 3

29TH APRIL 2016

Dance Club

ARK Blacklands Dance Club leader, Miss Kimmy, has received a letter of commendation from local MP Amber Rudd for her work within the education and community sector for performing arts. Dance club is into its 6th year at ARK Blacklands and due to its popularity runs twice a week - Tuesdays and Fridays. The classes are engaging and fun for children of all ages and abilities, where they get to explore a variety of styles during a fast paced, 45-minute session.

The Academy also runs a Cheerleading Breakfast Club led by Miss Kimmy every Wednesday morning between 8am and 8.45am. 'MK Angels' get to practise gymnastics, stunting and much more.

This term's dance performances will take place on Tuesday 24th and Friday 27th of May at 4pm. Don't forget to mark your diaries!



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



Seeing the happy, excited faces of children going off to swimming!

Attendance & Safeguarding

Overall year-to-date attendance for the week is 95.2%. A special mention goes to the children in Donaldson class for their remarkable attendance performance of 99% - well done!

Early Yrs	Picasso	96.0%
KS 1	Donaldson	99.0%
LKS2	Archimedes	96.7%
UKS2	Pankhurst	96.4%



Get Creative!

As part of our on-going parent/child support programme, we are delighted to invite parents and carers to 4 free craft-making sessions. Crafting expert, Gretta Willet, will introduce lots of fun and inexpensive craft ideas to do at home with the children. The first session will take place on Friday, 6th May from 9am to 11am. The following 3 sessions will be held on Tuesdays 10th, 17th and 24th of May at 9am to 11am. To book your place, call Mrs Bolton on 01424 429279 or email picc@arkblacklandsprimary.org.

Active Kids — Final week

Please remember to pick up your Active Kids Vouchers when you shop at Sainsburys. With only a few more days to go until the cut-off date of May 3rd, we hope you will collect as many as possible and help us acquire new sports equipment for the children. A collection box has been set up in the Reception Area. Thank you.



Holiday Club

Thank you to those parents and carers who responded to our Holiday Club questionnaire. Unfortunately, due to the level of response, a holiday club would not be viable at the current time, however, should demand increase, we will of course consider it again in the future.



Pizza Express

Due to the train strike, this week's trip to Pizza Express had to be postponed. The visits will now take place on Wednesday 4th May for Archimedes and Wednesday 18th May for Hawking. If you haven't already done so, please make payment to the office or via Parent Pay.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4 May.....	Pizza Express visit (4PH)
Friday 6 May, 9am-11am.....	Parents craft session
Tuesday 10 May, 9am-11am.....	Parents craft session
9-13 May.....	SATs Week
Tuesday 17 May, 9am-11am.....	Parents craft session
Wednesday 18 May, 3pm-5.30pm.....	KS2 Art Exhibition
Wednesday 18 May.....	Pizza Express visit (4DM)
Tuesday 24 May, 9am-11am.....	Parents craft session
Tuesday 24 May 4pm.....	Dance Performance
Friday 27 May 4pm.....	Dance Performance

Breakfast & After School Clubs



Parents and carers can now pay for Breakfast and Afterschool Club through Parent Pay. This, however, does not secure your child's place; parents still need to complete a booking form in advance. Forms are available from the office or can be found on our website, listed under 'Life at School'.