



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Let's have a Picnic!

As we begin to enjoy warmer, dry weather, we would like once again to give children having a packed lunch the opportunity to eat their lunches outside 'picnic' style. Children can enjoy the warm sunshine and fresh air whilst socialising with their friends before enjoying playtime on the playground or field. Of course, some children may prefer to eat their lunch in the dining hall as usual, which they are most welcome to do.

Things that make me proud...



Seeing how extremely hard our Year 6 children have been working this week in preparation of next week's SATs. Please join us in wishing the children the very best of luck.

Fidget Cubes and Spinners



A craze has started in school with fidget cubes and spinners. Unfortunately, this has led to lots of arguments between children over ownership and interferes with concentration during lessons. Please note that NO toys should be brought into school, including these cubes and spinners. Only children who have provision from the Inclusion Team will have access to such items in class. Thank you for your support.

Bodiam Castle—Y 2

On Tuesday and Wednesday our three Year 2 classes visited Bodiam Castle as part of their topic work. They learnt such a lot and were very interested to try on the armour and pretend to be knights! The visit really helped to secure their understanding of the topic.



Swimming Star!



Louis Clark in Year 6 recently took part in his first round of swimming heats as a new member of the Junior Squad of Hastings Seagulls. He did incredibly well in all six heats, taking home a medal for 5th place in his age group for the 50m breaststroke and a silver trophy for 2nd place in the 100m breast stroke. Well done Louis!

Super STEAM Sculpture

The Jerwood Gallery's STEAM project has now come to an end. During their last session, the children had an opportunity to design and build their own sculpture using wood, nails and items they had collected from the beach.

'First of all, they told us we had to make a sculpture. We had to measure the doorframe to check the size. Gregor had the idea of making a net hut shaped sculpture, then we all came up with the idea of the 'netting fish' crashing through the tides. The whole thing was inspired by our visits to the beach.'

It is now proudly displayed at Ark Blacklands. Sam, Lilly, Gregor and Maya in Year 5

