

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 5 WEEK 6

20TH MAY 2016

## Tesco Early Years Visit

The children in the EYFS had a great time this week visiting Tesco. They were very excited to be travelling by coach and even more excited when they arrived and got to use the travelator. First they visited the bakery to see how bread was made and also got to see how pancakes are made. Then they visited different departments and got to taste lots of lovely bread, cheese and fruit. What a lovely time they had!



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

Seeing parents  
going home with their craft  
work!



## PE Kit

As the summer has hopefully now arrived can we ask parents in Y3/4 to ensure that their child has shorts for PE rather than tracksuit bottoms at this time of year. Also, can the children have a sun hat so they can wear this when participating in PE outside. Please can you check everything is named clearly particularly jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.



## Creative Craft Course

There was much fun and laughter involved during Tuesday's parent craft making activities! Parents and carers completed a range of items mostly using a variety of inexpensive paper and card. They included personalized bunting, gift boxes and bags and even origami flowers – all beautifully decorated. Although the children weren't present during the course, they benefitted too, as templates and/or ready-to-assemble crafts were available to take home for rainy days.



Next Friday, last day of term, Pupil Council will be holding a cake sale to raise money for Pestalozzi. This follows our visit from Mr Bacon who explained all the fantastic work Pestalozzi do for young people. Please can children take cakes to their classrooms in the morning and bring a small amount of money to buy cakes at playtime. Any remaining cakes will be on sale at the end of the day from the Upper Hall (playground entrance).

## Year 1 Garden Area

Year 1 have been very excited watching their garden grow. The willow seating area is growing and the plants are settling in well. I know the children would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have helped develop this area outside for year 1. Your hard work is much appreciated, the children are enjoying the new area.

Could I just ask that before and after school, children are not allowed to pull the willow arch or climb round. This is for sitting in and pulling will dislodge the roots. Thank you for your help with this.



**Class Photos** are being taken on Wednesday 25th May by a new photographic company following feedback from Parents regarding Tempest. Thank you for ensuring that your child is in full school uniform.

## Gardening Club



The response to the gardening club has been extremely positive and all available places have now been taken. If your child was unable to secure a place, please add them to the waiting list and we will let you know when space becomes available.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24 May, 9am.....	Parents craft session
Tuesday 24 May 4pm.....	Dance Performance
Wednesday 25 May.....	Pizza Express visit
Wednesday 25 May.....	Class photos
Friday 27 May 4pm .....	Dance Performance
Friday 27 May.....	St Leonards & Sandown Football tournaments
Friday 27 May.....	Cake Sale

## Attendance

Year-to-date attendance remained at 95.2%. This week's top performers:

Early Yrs	Monet	98.7%
KS 1	Dahl	98.7%
LKS2	Hawking	98.0%
UKS2	Ghandi	97.2%