

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 6 WEEK 7

20TH JULY 2016

SCHOOL'S out for summer

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, the Staff at ARK Blacklands would like to say a big thank-you to parents and carers for all their support during the year. We are especially thankful for your patience and cooperation with the building and refurbishment works. This will be continuing throughout the holidays and we expect most of the work to have been completed for when we return in September. This is also the time when we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils – we wish them all the best of luck as they move to their next schools. Finally, we wish everyone a fantastic and well-deserved summer break and look forward to seeing you on the 5th of September.

Natalie Rankin, Head of School

Things that make me smile—



Seeing our budding thespians from Year 6 in their amazing costumes and performing brilliantly!

Ye-Ha !

Year 6 did it again! Ye-Ha—a western musical—was performed to parents on three occasions last week. Additionally, Years 2-5 were fantastic audiences for rehearsals.



After a challenging year on new exam systems, the children in Year 6 are leaving on a high with some excellent results. Their performance of Ye-Ha was excellent and many talented drama performances were enjoyed. Well done Year 6! We wish you every future success.



SUMMER BONANZA

We would like to thank all our parents and carers who braved the rain to come and support our Summer Bonanza! A huge thank-you must go to our wonderful FAB team and helpers who worked incredibly hard to put together yet another amazing event. Although it was a little soggy (ahem), spirits were not dampened and everyone had a lot of fun. The FAB team will let us know how much they raised once they have completed the count-up.

The Great Blacklands Bake-off Winners

The judging panel were very impressed with all the entries, and it was incredibly hard to choose between them... but choose they (eventually) did...

KS1 Winner: Riley Parrish (Chocolate Matchstick Cupcakes)
KS1 Runner-up: Oliver & Ellie Cull (Banana Cupcakes)
KS2 Winner: Rosie Willoughby (Chocolate Cake)
KS2 Runner-up: Grace Pepper (Red Velvet Cake)
Everyone Else Winner: Sintia Kostadinova and family (International cake)
Everyone Else Runner up: Petra Willoughby (Carrot Cake)



Quad Kids Success!

Four girls and four boys from years 5 and 6 competed in the East and West Sussex athletics School Games finals at the K2 Arena in Crawley against 9 other schools. Each child had to compete in five events: 75m sprint, long jump, vortex howler throw, 600metres and the 8x50m relay in a gruelling two-hour competition. Congratulations to the determined Ark Blacklands' team who came 4th! A special mention to Ruby-Rose who came 2nd overall out of all the athletes who competed from the whole of Sussex!



School Stomp!



The children raised an amazing £505.40 for the charity 'Health, Poverty Action' with a sponsored walk around the school field. A huge thank-you to all the parents and carers who donated, to the children who participated and a special thanks to the boys from William Parker for their help.

Pupil Council Cake Sale for Pestalozzi



The cake sale that was organised by our Pupil Council raised £207 for Pestalozzi. Mr Bacon from Pestalozzi has asked us to pass on his thanks to the Pupil Council members, who will be receiving a certificate shortly. Thanks must also go to all pupils, parents and helpers for their support.