

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 6 WEEK 4

1ST JULY 2016



## Record results for EYFS

Pupils and staff at Blacklands have achieved amazing results for Early Years. 89% of pupils achieved a Good Level of Development this year at Blacklands, which is 22% above last year's national average of 66%. An amazing result for the early years staff and pupils!

## Phonics just keeps getting better!

Yet again, Blacklands has surpassed expectations with the number of children who passed their Year 1 Phonics screen. 93% of our pupils passed the screen. This improves on our results last year of 85% and is far above the national average of 77%. Congratulations to all the Year 1 staff and pupils for their huge achievement.

*Miss L Clarke, Executive Principal*

**Things that make me smile...**  
Seeing the children from Year 4 in their Greek costumes.



## Meet the School Nurse over coffee!



We are pleased to announce that we have been able to

arrange a second parent information session with the school nurse for those parents and carers who were unable to make this week's drop in session. This will take place on Friday, 15th July at 9.00 to 10.15.

## Attendance

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

Early Yrs	Monet	96.4%
KS 1	Dahl	98.0%
LKS2	Hawking	98.0%
UKS2	Keller	97.3%



## Sierra Leone

This week we were happy to welcome Francis Mason from Sierra Leone back to our school. Francis, who coordinates the link between schools

in our country with those in Sierra Leone, was accompanied by Roger Mitchell, who coordinates the link over here. They had the opportunity to tour the school and take part in Q and A sessions across a few of the classes. We would like to thank both Francis and Roger for an insightful afternoon.

## Ancient Greece—Year 4



Year 4 had a great day when they went back in History to Ancient Greece: they learnt about slavery, how

the rich lived and battles. They had the opportunity to dress up for the day and learn some Greek and where some of our English words come from.



## The School Stomp

On the afternoon of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July we are inviting our pupils to participate in our 'School Stomp.' This is a sponsored walk around the school field, to raise funds

and awareness of a charity called 'Health Poverty Action.' This organisation is being supported by all the Ark Hastings Academies, and further details of the work it does can be found at

[www.healthpovertyaction.org](http://www.healthpovertyaction.org).

We ask that every pupil donates £1 to take part, and we will also be distributing sponsorship forms next week for those pupils who wish to raise additional monies to support this cause. We will be supported on the day by pupils and staff from Ark William Parker, as the pupils have done much of the preparation work for these events as part of their Citizenship Qualifications. Our only wish is that the weather does not scupper our plans. If you would like any further details please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hawthorne. Thanks in advance for your support!

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 4 July.....	Bedgebury—Reception class
Tuesday 5 July.....	Rare Breeds Centre, Y1
Tuesday 5 July, 9.30am.....	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 6 July.....	Herstmonceux—Year 3
Thursday 7 July, 9.30am.....	KS1 Sports Day
Sunday 10 July, 12.30pm.....	Summer Bonanza Fete
Tuesday 12 July, 7pm.....	Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 13 July, 2pm.....	Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 13 July, 7pm.....	Year 6 Performance
Thursday 14 July, 9.00-10.15....	Key Stage 1 Parents' coffee morning—Literacy Course
Friday 15 July, 9.00-10.15.....	Parents drop-in session with School Nurse