

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 6 WEEK 5

11TH JULY 2016



## Y6 pupils exceed national expectations!

Our amazing group of Y6 pupils exceeded the national average by 15% in their end of year tests this year. This is credit to their brilliant attitudes to learning, hard work and sheer determination. Early indications are that Ark Blacklands is the top performing school for KS2 outcomes in the town. An amazing achievement for the school, the staff, the pupils and their parents. Well done, Y6!

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



seeing the year 5 and 6 children helping the little ones in their races !

## Year 1—Rare Breeds Centre

Pupils from Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to The Rare Breeds Centre on Tuesday. The children loved interacting with the many different animals at the farm including chickens, rabbits, goats, horses, donkeys and many more! They learned all about animal life-cycles and the diet and habitats of the creatures. The highlight of the day for many was watching the 'piggy races'. The children and adults had fun cheering on their favourite pig as they raced along the track after some delicious treats. As always, the children behaved beautifully and they were a credit to the school.



## Sports Days



Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends of ARK Blacklands who supported the children for their sports mornings this week. The weather held and allowed all the children to really enjoy their range of races and activities. Huge thanks to Mr Regnier and Mrs Horsman for all their meticulous organising... we could not have done it without them!

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## School Stomp!



A reminder that we have the sponsored school stomp on Monday. To participate, pupils are asked to donate a £1 to 'Health, Poverty Action'. Sponsorship forms have also been given to the children should they wish to raise additional donations.

## Take the Survey



## Parents and Carers Questionnaire

Almost 50 responses to our online Parent and Carer survey have been received so far - thank you! If you haven't already done so, please do take the opportunity to share your views about our academy. If you are unable to access the online link provided through ParentPay, paper copies of the questionnaire are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

## Meet Your



On Monday 18th July, pupils will learn who their new teachers are for the new academic year in September. Parents and carers are invited to come in and meet the teachers at the end of the day from 3.30 pm to 4.30pm.

## Musicians Wanted!



Are you a keen musician? Would you love to help us develop our own Academy choir? We are looking for a keen volunteer to help us join in with Ark Schools "One Voice" next academic year and hopefully ensure pupils from Blacklands can take part in a One Voice performance like the one on 12th July at the Barbican centre. To find out more, please take a look at <http://arkonline.org/programmes/music> and contact the office if you think this might be for you!

## Dates for the Diary

Sunday 10 July, 12.30pm.....	Summer Bonanza Fete
Monday 11 July.....	School Stomp—charity walk
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
Monday 18 July.....	Meet the Teacher