



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Music Gala Success!

Last Friday, for the very first time, children from Ark Blacklands joined pupils from 28 other Ark Academies across the country to take part in Ark's 9th Music Gala. Held at London's prestigious Barbican Centre, this annual celebration is part of Ark's extensive music programme giving students the opportunity to perform at a world class venue in front of family and friends. Both our choirs performed to perfection: First, our older children joined the Ark massed choir in singing incredible versions of 'What a Wonderful World' and 'River Song'. Then, our youngest singers took centre stage to perform a moving rendition of 'How Far I'll Go' from Disney's Moana. Mrs Rankin was so proud to accompany the children, who were a real credit to Hastings. Huge thanks to the parents and staff who came to help. It was a long but truly memorable day for everyone.

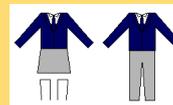


Things that make me proud...

Listening to our recorder and violin players perform for their parents and classmates on Thursday.



FAB Appeal!



With an increase in demand for pre-loved uniforms, our lovely FAB ladies are appealing to parents for donations of unwanted items of uniform which are in fair condition. Please hand in any donations to the office. Thank you

Non-School Uniform Day— Friday 14th July Sweatbands at the Ready!

Our Pupil Council have elected to help two of our parents raise funds for Tommy's Charity, which supports research into pregnancy complications, by holding a **non-school uniform day next Friday, 14th July**. The theme of the non-school uniform day will be 'sportswear', and we ask that children make a voluntary donation of £1 in return for the opportunity to wear sportswear of their choice to school for the day.



Mrs Vega and Mrs Boreham aim to run the first ever London Half Marathon next year in support of Tommy's charity but need to raise the sum of £700 in order to enter. Their proposal was put to the Pupil Council for the children to discuss together and a decision was made to help them raise the funds they need. More information about the charity can be found at: <https://www.tommys.org>

Some Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 11 July..... KSI Sports Day
- Wednesday 12 July..... Yr 6 Leavers' Disco
- Thursday 13 July..... KS2 Sports Day
- Thursday 13 July..... Yr2, St Helen's Wood visit
- Monday 17 July..... Yr3 Activity Morning
- Monday 17 July..... Meet the Teacher (3.30pm)
- Tues 18—Wed 19 July..... Yr6 Production (6pm)
- Friday 21 July..... Yr6 Leavers' Assembly (2.30pm)
- Friday 21 July..... End of Term

An invitation to: Ark Helenswood Summer Arts Festival

On Wednesday, 12th July, Helenswood are holding their annual arts festival. There will be drama and musical performances, dance and gym displays, poetry recitals and an art exhibition. Starting in the afternoon, this exciting event will carry on until the early evening, allowing plenty of opportunity for children to attend at the end of the school day.