

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 5, WEEK 1
17TH APRIL 2015

Pearson Teaching Awards: Teaching Assistant of the Year Award



The Pearson Teaching Awards is a prestigious event that is televised nationally. It recognises outstanding contributions to education amongst school and academy staff.

Some time ago, I nominated James Havbro for the Teaching Assistant of the Year Award for his dedication, time and commitment to working with our pupils, some of whom find school systems challenging.

James works over and beyond his directed hours to ensure his pupils have the best possible experience. He also worked tirelessly over the summer holidays and weekends to create a fantastic outdoor learning environment. We will soon be supplying our kitchen staff with our own, home-grown vegetables thanks to James!

I am delighted to announce that James has been selected as a finalist for the award and judges will be visiting Blacklands later on this month to meet with him as well as others, whose lives he has affected. The judges are keen to meet with some parents who feel that James has worked successfully with their children. If you would be willing to meet with the judges, please could you let us know.

We wish James all the best for this final part of the selection process and also commend his achievements so far for reaching the final.

Things that make me smile...



Our spring daffodils that have erupted across our field in all their splendour!

Swimming

Don't forget swimming starts next week.

The timetable is on our academy website.



Parent Workshop

Developing Good Language Skills

9am

Wednesday 20th May

Clare Wilson, ARK Schools Early Language and Communication Advisor, will be delivering a parent workshop next month.

Clare will talk about how children learn to talk and what you can do at home to help your children develop good language skills. You will also have the chance to practise some of the strategies discussed.



We will be promoting the national Walk to School Week this term. Children will hear from guest speakers and take part in assemblies, promoting the benefits of walking to and from school.

Please help us support this important campaign.

KEY DATES

April

20th Class photos

May

4th May Day Bank Holiday
11th Y6 SATs
12th Y6 SATs
13th Y6 SATs
14th Y6 SATs
22nd Break for half term

June

12th PGL
20th FAB Summer Fete
26th INSET