

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 2 WEEK 1
6TH NOVEMBER 2015

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



**Miss Kimmy's
Halloween Dance
spectacular!**



Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council were privileged to have a tour of the Town Hall, learn about our local democracy, as well as meet the Mayor of Hastings, Councillor Bruce Dowling. Mr Bacon says, "Despite the poor weather, we made it to the Town Hall in time.

The children conducted themselves really well and asked the Mayor some interesting questions. I would like to wish the Pupil Council all the best in their future projects. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Pupil Council over the past year and I am delighted that so many children have experienced a greater insight into the democratic world.



Debate Club

The KS2 Debate Club were treated to a Q&A session with the St Helens Ward Local Councillor, Andrew Batsford.



Don't Count Yourself Out!

Year 5 children supporting 'Don't Count Yourself Out', a campaign to educate and encourage young people to vote and discuss democracy.

FAB Fireworks

**Ark Blacklands Primary
Academy**

Saturday 7th November

6 - 8 pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult

No sparklers or alcohol, please.

**The weather forecast is variable so please
check Twitter for an update on this event.**

Have your say.

We recently consulted with parents about a proposal to make some changes to the end of the school day.

Letters were sent to over 400 parents asking for views on the proposal.

Thank you for submitting your responses, which we are currently reading.



Eco Champs!

Our Eco-Champions took part in an onsite review on how eco-friendly we are, followed by an evaluation on what we can do better for the environment and recycling.

Parent Information & Communication Contact

This term, from the 2nd November, Mrs Debbie Bolton is our new Parent Information & Communication Contact. She is available to meet with parents to discuss any help and advice needed in relation to their child at Blacklands. Mrs Bolton is an experienced member of staff who works closely with teachers and teaching assistants in the school to support our pupils. She has also developed good, positive links with external agencies, support workers and local charities.

Mrs Bolton will soon be advertising coffee mornings, which will be a great opportunity for you to meet and get to know her. She will also run open surgeries for any parent who would like to talk to her about any aspect of their child's health, well-being and education.

Morning Surgeries

8.15 - 8.45

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Afternoon Surgeries

3.15 - 3.45

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