

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 2, WEEK 3

21ST NOVEMBER 2014

Mayor's visit to Blacklands

ARK Blacklands was honoured to have a visit from the Mayor during assembly in celebration of the children's achievements throughout National Others Week.

The assembly was lively with a focus on kindness, good deeds, friendship and helping others. The children were excited to meet and hear from the Mayor who presented the certificates and prizes for the National Others Week poster and poetry competition. Well done to everyone who entered.

The winner of the poster competition was a joint piece from Poppy Collins, Morgan Collins and Amelia White. The runners up were Nate in Year 2 for his poster on the Dragonflies charity and Drew Rogers with her poster on Oxfam.

The winning poem was awarded to Connie Baker in Year 6. The runners up were Lois Nailor and Charlie Piper.

The children were also treated to an opportunity to witness Mr Thwaites dress as a lady and Mrs Harvey dress as a man as part of a good deeds skit; this was to reiterate the different ways we can show kindness to others throughout the week.

"I was thoroughly impressed with the enthusiasm from all of the children towards their contributions to National Others Week. I have enjoyed reading through their 'Good Deed Challenge' sheets, as well as the vast number of posters and poems which were entered into the competition. The quality of these was phenomenal! Thank you to everyone who took part in these competitions and to the Mayor for getting stuck into our celebrations." Mr Bacon.



Helenswood Visit



ARK Blacklands Pupil Councillors were delighted to have their invitation taken up by the Helenswood Academy Lower School Leadership Team. Both the Lower School Head Girl, Abbie Bowers and Deputy Head Girl, Beth Morton, spoke confidently about the reward system at Helenswood; something which our Pupil Council members are currently discussing.

ARK Blacklands students asked some probing questions so that they could report back to the class groups fully, and a good discussion was held about the importance of a rewards system in school. Both academies look forward to working more closely together in the future.

Library Club

...run by parents for the pupils and parents of Blacklands.



Don't forget! Library club has started. Mrs Piper and Miss Graham are running a library club on **Thursdays 3.15 - 4pm.**

Parents and pupils are welcome to come and use the library during these times.

We are looking for further volunteers to run this club on different mornings/afternoons. Interested?

Please contact Miss Clarke.

KEY DATES

November

December

10th Christmas Dinners
12th Rainbow Theatre Panto
12th Christmas Jumper Day
19th End of Term -
Merry Christmas

January

6th Back to school

