

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 1 WEEK 3

25TH SEPTEMBER 2015

International Pupil Council

On Wednesday, our IPC representatives met with other schools for the first time this academic year at St Mary Star of the Sea. A productive meeting was held to discuss the various awareness days we may participate in, being part of the partnership with the various schools in Sierra Leone. The meeting was a lovely occasion to meet with other children who have a similar passion for making a difference around the globe. Louis, Hayley and Katie are our current IPC representatives. Mr Bacon said, "Our pupils represented Ark Blacklands in such a mature manner and we look forward to hosting the next meeting."



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



Our very promising girls football team this year. They are showing great skill and we have high hopes for them!

New Pupil Council for 2015/16



Congratulations to our newly elected Pupil Council! We are looking forward to another year full of energy and activism for the benefit of the Blacklands community, in and outside of the Academy.

Our Pupil Councillors met for the very first time on Thursday for a team building afternoon and to generate ideas for the year ahead. Councillors met each other with a warm welcome and were treated to meeting a guest speaker, Solomon Curtis, who was the former Vice Chair of the British Youth Council.



Pupil Play Leaders

Well done to all 62 Pupil Play Leaders for their recent appointments after a successful application process. Year 5 Pupil Play Leaders were introduced to the role on Monday, along with a session to discuss ideas for the future.

Our Pupil Play Leaders will be assisting the Mid-Day Supervisors to lead positive play in our Key Stage One playground on a daily basis. This is part of our commitment to developing each child's communication and leadership skills. We will be holding a training session for all of these children next week with Teresa Bennett.



ESCC & Ark Blacklands Expansion Project

Public Discussion and Information Meeting

**Monday 28th September 3– 6pm
Ark Blacklands Academy**



Read with your child

We would like to invite you to come into school to read with your child at the end of the school day. In order to accommodate everybody who would like to participate we have split the dates for year groups:

EYFS

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3 & 4

Year 5 & 6

Donaldson & Butterworth classes

Blake, King-Smith & Dahl classes

Monday 5th October 3 - 3.15pm

Tuesday 6th October 3 - 3.15pm

Thursday 8th October 3 - 3.15pm

Monday 12th October 3 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 7th October 3 - 3.15pm