

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 5, WEEK 4

9TH MAY 2015

Chess Tournament



Pupils from Blacklands took part in the Sussex Megafinal of the Delancey UK Land Chess Challenge held at Downlands Community School in Hassocks on Saturday. They all represented the academy brilliantly, with Fraser Redman coming 32nd and Jack Cooper coming 42nd out of 63 players. Harry Cooper came 16th out of 69 players and one of our former pupils came 4th out of 62 and is on his way to the next round.

Sam Osmond won the four points from six matches that he needed to qualify for the Southern Region Gigafinals to be held in Reading on the 4th of July.

Nellie Aschkenasy was a great competitor and worked hard on the games she participated in. Harry Cooper won a shield for being best arbiter in the games, demonstrating excellent diplomacy skills and mastering the art of negotiation.

They were all exhausted after a long day of concentration and competition but what a fantastic achievement! A big thank you to Mr Ridings for working so hard with our Chess Champs.

Things that make me smile...



Our children playing the recorder with Mrs Rodriguez-Mulrooney.



Poetry Competition

As part of our fundraising for Sierra Leone, local schools are holding a competition to create an illustrated poem based on Sierra Leone.

The competition is open to all children and the best poems will be collated and published in a book to be sold to raise money. All entries should include your name, age and class which should be given to Miss Edouard by Friday 22nd May.

For more information please contact Miss Edouard.

Good luck Year 6 for your End of Keystage Tests.

You are a great year group and will achieve great things!

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.

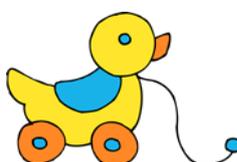
Clare will talk about how children learn to talk and what you can do at home to help your children develop good language skills. You will also have the chance to practise some of the strategies discussed.

Welcome Back!

We welcomed Mrs Hunt back this week as she returned from her maternity leave. Mrs Hunt will be teaching in Hawking class on Wednesdays and Fridays and in Matisse class on Thursdays.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Denyer back next week from her maternity leave. Mrs Denyer will be teaching in Hawking class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Waterhouse who has been teaching Hawking class this year. We hope she will stay in touch and would like to thank her for all her hard work at Ark Blacklands.



KEY DATES

May

11th	Y6 SATs
12th	Y6 SATs
13th	Y6 SATs
14th	Y6 SATs
20th	Parent Workshop
22nd	Break for half term

June

1st	Term 6 starts
12th	PGL
20th	FAB Summer Fete
26th	INSET DAY