

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 2 WEEK 4

27TH NOVEMBER 2015



Primary Maths Challenge

We are extremely proud of the 34 year 5 and 6 pupils who sat the national primary Maths Challenge last week! The Primary Maths Challenge is not just another test in school but a way to encourage enthusiasm, boost confidence in mathematics and shows the different ways questions can be asked. All of the children did brilliantly. Gold awards were presented to Jake and Freddie; Silver to William, Zoe, Ana, Luca, Rebecca M and Corey and Bronze award winners were Daniel, Nellie, Louis, Ashton, Luka, Rebecca G and Harry. Fantastic achievement!

Things that make me smile...

Seeing our children on stage learning their phonics in the new Reading and Learning Centre !



Amber Rudd Visit

Last Friday we welcomed our local MP, Amber Rudd, to our academy. Amber enjoyed a tour of the academy by some Class Ambassadors before meeting pupils from Year 5 and 6 to discuss her role in parliament. Children had prepared questions for their local MP and were thrilled to have the opportunity to ask these directly.



Amber was asked about a range of issues including: her role as a local MP; the reopening of Hastings Pier and her new role as energy minister. She really took the time to explain her answers fully and helped the children develop a really deep understanding of democracy, national and local issues .



School Photos

The school photos were distributed today amid much excitement! Please make sure we receive your orders by next Friday, 4th December or delivery will not be guaranteed before Christmas.

Rugby

Recently Ark Blacklands' tag rugby team took part in the area tag rugby festival. All the team took part with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. In their first matches this year they won one, lost one and drew one, coming second in their group. Congratulations to all who took part.

Hockey

Ark Blacklands sent two teams to the area hockey finals at Horntye Park. Both teams received an afternoon of coaching from Saxons' hockey coaches before the tournament. Both teams performed brilliantly with Blacklands A just being edged out in the semi-finals. They won their bronze medal play off against King Offa. Well done to both teams in their first hockey tournament!



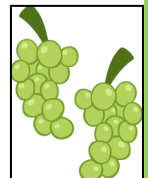
New Beginnings

Welcome to new staff member, Anna Jane Benford, co-teacher in Y6. Miss Benford is to provide additional support and learning opportunities for our y6 pupils.

Miss Cook has joined the After School Club as the new supervisor. We thank Miss Winter for her hard work in setting up the after school provision and she will now focus her energies on running and developing our breakfast club.

Sour Grapes!

We would encourage parents to please cut grapes in half lengthways for your child, as there have been incidents of children choking on whole grapes in the news recently. Whole grapes can block a child's windpipe, so cutting them in half can prevent any distress for your child. Thank you for your co-operation.



Morning Surgeries

8.15 - 8.45

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Afternoon Surgeries

3.15 - 3.45

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