

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 6 WEEK 5

3RD JULY 2015

## **Early Years and Foundation Stage Continues to raise the standard**



Congratulations to our amazing EYFS team. This year, 82% of our pupils achieved a Good Level of Development (the Government expectation for end of year). This is significantly above the 2014 national average of 60% and is another year on year improvement for Blacklands. All the children have worked so hard with our teaching staff and they should be extremely proud of their achievement!

## **Meet your new teacher**

**Monday 20th July 3.30pm—4.30pm**

**During the morning, pupils will learn who their new teacher is. Please feel free to pop in after school with your child to meet their new teacher for the next academic year.**

## **Year 1 Phonics An amazing result!**

Congratulations to our brilliant Year 1 team. This year, 86% of our pupils passed the phonics screening check. This is significantly above the 2014 national average of 74% and is another year on year improvement for Blacklands. All the children have worked so hard with our teaching staff and they too should be extremely proud of their achievement!

## **Mega Maths Wrangle**

Pupils from Blacklands proudly represented our academy in the Mega Maths Wrangle and did very well at displaying their mathematical skills. Well done!



## **Blacklands' Fiver Challenge**

As part of the nationwide [Fiver Challenge](#), run by Young Enterprise and supported by Virgin Money and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, pupils held a Fiver Fiesta last week. The Fiesta marked the end of Enterprise Week, where the children prepared their products for selling.

Each class was given a £20 start-up fund from which to start their businesses. Children were involved in deciding what product or service to provide and some classes were faced with difficult decisions when ideas failed. Overcoming these difficulties has all been part of the challenge.

Each class was responsible for promoting their product or service in order to maximise sales. A range of products were available on the day, ranging from snacks and drinks to handmade gifts and trinkets.

Following the Fiesta, the children calculated their profits (or losses) and celebrated a really successful event, as you can see from our picture.

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



**Thursday 1st July.**

**All pupils arrived on time for school for the first time since the academy opened.**

## **KEY DATES**

### **July**

7th	KS1 Sports Day
9th	KS2 Sports Day
10th	Book Day
15th	Year 6 Production
16th	Year 6 Production
20th	Meet the new teacher
21st	End of Term - Have a lovely Summer!

## **Walk to School Competition Winners!**

