

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 2, WEEK 6

12TH DECEMBER 2014

## Sierra Leone

Children and staff had great time on Friday raising money for our friends in Sierra Leone. We are incredibly proud of our international community links with REC Hastings, therefore this day was close to our hearts.

Not only did children have the opportunity to raise money, but were also treated to a very special assembly on the current situation in Sierra Leone, hosted by our visitors from the Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link, Roger Mitchell and Richard Lane. This assembly was educational and informative, which provided us with a more detailed explanation behind our fundraising efforts.

Awards were given out during our assembly for those who entered our Sierra Leone Art and Poster Competitions. A big congratulations to all of the children who entered and especially to our two winners in Year 4, Imogen Webb and Ruby Brackley.

Mr Bacon was really pleased with how the day went and would like to say, "Well done and thank you to everyone who donated their time, money and books for this worthwhile cause. In the end, we raised an impressive figure of £625. What a success!

Money came flowing in through our books sale, which was run by our PTA and KS2 pupils. It was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces while purchasing their favourite books for themselves, friends and family. In addition, we created a large coin message for REC Hastings from Ark Blacklands on the academy playground. This allowed each child to witness the impact of their fundraising efforts and feel part of something special. I even managed to complete my sponsored run and crawl around the muddy field, while dressed as a lady and was given a few surprises on the way around the field; these included a bashed bean and custard pie in the face. My knees are just beginning to recover from the crawl, but it was all worth it in the end."



We look forward to maintaining and building on our cultural understanding of those less fortunate than ourselves in Sierra Leone.

## 100% Attendance

Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term will receive their next collectable attendance card in the new year.

Eastbourne Devonshire Park Theatre has donated two tickets for their pantomime in January, Beauty and the Beast. A name from those with 100% attendance will be picked at random to win these tickets. This name will be announced in assembly next week.

Brighton and Hove Albion have also made a donation to the academy. They have given us a voucher for 2 complimentary tickets for a tour of the American Express Community Stadium in Brighton. A name from those with 100% attendance will be picked at random to win this voucher. This name will also be announced in assembly next week.



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal last month. We raised £47.06.

## Christmas Dinners



Christmas dinners were a great success this year. Thank you to all the staff, governors and members of the PTA who came in to help serve the children.

There was a great atmosphere with crackers (sponsored by the PTA), a Christmas tree and Christmas songs.



## KEY DATES



### December

15th	YF Nativity	2.15pm
16th	YF Nativity	9.30am
16th	Y3 & Y4 Carols	2.45pm
17th	KS1 Christmas Show	2.15pm
17th	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert	6pm
18th	KS1 Christmas Show	9.30am
18th	Y3 & Y4 Carols	2.45pm
19th	End of Term - Merry Christmas	

### January

**6th Back to school**