

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 6 WEEK 6

10TH JULY 2015

Goodbye and Hello

As the end of the academic year approaches, we will be saying goodbye to some of our teachers as they start new phases of their professional and personal lives, as well as hello to new members of staff.

Val Harvey

After 26 years working at Blacklands, Mrs Harvey has made the decision to retire. She has worked so hard for the pupils of Blacklands and has been a loyal and committed member of staff. We wish her well in her retirement.

Rachel Mould

Ms Mould is changing roles next year and moving onto a new school. After working at Blacklands for eight years, Ms Mould feels that the time is right to change schools.

Bryony Hackett-Evans

Miss Hackett-Evans will be joining us in September as a class teacher in EYFS.

Dan Barton

Mr Barton will be joining us in September as a class teacher in Year 5.



Record Primary Results at Ark Blacklands

93% of our pupils achieved a Level 4 in their reading and maths this year; 88% achieved a Level 4 in their writing. 84% of our pupils achieved a level 4 in all three subjects combined! This is an amazing achievement for the pupils and is well above last year's national average of 79%



Trip to Mallydams

Year 2 children have been learning about habitats and food chains in science and were able to further their knowledge at Mallydams.

It was a glorious day for discovery! Mallydams wood is a magical wood, brimming with animal hideaways, quiet places and footpaths to explore; this sets the scene for wildlife detectives of all ages.

Children took part in experiences that set their senses alive and stimulated their enquiring minds.

Thank you to all of our staff and parent helpers for making the day such a success!

Chess Champ!

Samuel Osmond, 3FP attended the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge Southern final in Reading last Saturday. Samuel played amongst 2,000 of the best young players in the UK from an original 50,000 entrants. He secured an amazing 2.5 points from 6 games, an incredible achievement for Samuel and the school.



A big thanks to Mrs Bolton who has been running our indoor lunch time club for those children who prefer to play quiet games inside.



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



Children & parents
having fun at our sports
days.

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Parents are invited to join us at the Y6 Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday 21st July at 2.15pm on the main field.

Weather permitting

**Meet your new
teacher
Monday 20th July
3.30pm—4.30pm**

**During the morning,
pupils will learn who
their new teachers
are.**

**Please feel free to pop
in after school with
your child to meet
their new teacher for
next academic year.**

KEY DATES

July

15th	Year 6 Production
16th	Year 6 Production
20th	Meet the new teacher
21st	End of Term - Have a lovely Summer!

September

3rd	Back to school
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