



# Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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## Blacklands Baby Boom!



We are delighted to announce that 4 of our wonderful staff members are currently expecting babies - we are sure many of you have already spotted the signs!

Mrs Gough is expecting her first baby in January;

Mrs Ellis-Gilchrist is also expecting her new addition in January;

Mrs Bradbury and Miss Stenou are expecting their first babies in March;

We are currently recruiting to cover maternity leave and will inform individual classes once we have been successful in this.

We hope you will want to join us in sending huge congratulations to each of them and their families and wish them good luck for their new arrivals in due course!



**TERM 2 WEEK 1**  
**8TH NOVEMBER 2019**

## What made me smile,

Welcoming all the prospective parents and their little ones to the school this week.

Natalie Rankin



## Christmas Poetry Competition



"A good poem is a contribution to reality. The world is never the same once a good poem has been added to it. A good poem helps to change the shape of the universe, helps to extend everyone's knowledge of himself and the world around him." —Dylan Thomas

Year 1 wrote such impressive acrostic poetry during the final week of term that we wanted to share our work. We performed our poems to Year 2 (Carle class) and Year 4 (Donaldson and Butterworth). The older children were very impressed and enjoyed hearing all the poems.

**This term, we are running a very special competition to inspire the wonderful poet in you!**

All children across the school are invited to submit one poem for consideration, before the closing date (13th December). Poems must be on the theme of Christmas, and a maximum of 20 lines long. All entries will be read by Mrs Bradbury and the winners will be announced in the last week of term.

The winner from each age category (KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2) will receive a festive prize and also have their poem read in assembly so that everyone can enjoy their magnificent writing.

Please include your full name and class on your entry and return to Mrs Bradbury.



## All change for Year 4

"This term, Year 4 are embracing the change in season by starting their new topic 'All Change!'".

This science based topic looks at changes of state including melting, evaporating and freezing. Focusing on cold elements and frozen states, Year 4 will also be exploring the magical world of Narnia with their English book, 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe'. You can see 4AM's exciting display in the photo!



## Dates for your Diary



FAB fireworks has been postponed to Saturday 16th November.

St Helens Wood Trip Reception 12th November.

Influenza Vaccinations - December 10th .

Photos need to be returned by 14th November.

## Wonderful African masks made by Year 5

