



# Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

*Newsletter*

Term 3

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Dear parents and carers,

I would like to thank you for the excellent attendance we have had at parent consultations this week. It was encouraging for me to hear so many positive comments both from teachers and parents over the evenings.

It has been another very busy term at ARK Little Ridge and we have seen some excellent work from the children across the curriculum. Staff have been excited to implement our new curriculum map and it is great to see the creative side of our pupils; from rainforest animals, to Iron Men and intestines made out of tights! I hope everyone has a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back next term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Rankin, Head of School

## Opposites attract!

In Science this week, Year 3 have been looking at magnetic forces. The challenge was to move the boat from one side of the tray to the other without any contact and using only magnets. The children learnt that magnetic forces can 'repel' and 'attract'.



## Farewell

Today we say 'farewell' to Mrs Bendle who is leaving us to work in her husband's business.



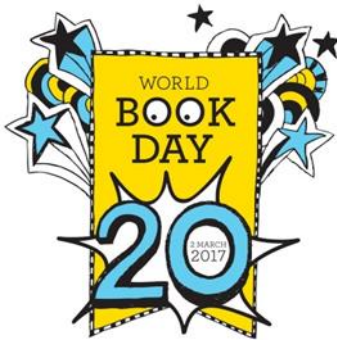
Mrs Bendle has worked at Little Ridge for 8 years as a Teaching Assistant and HLTA. We thank her for all her hard work and support and wish her well with her new ventures.



Today, all children have had a 'Creative Art Day'.  
[Take a look](#) on our website and Facebook pages!

## The Iron Man

Children in Y4 Cardiff have been studying Ted Hughes' book, 'The Iron Man' during their English lessons. [Take a look](#) at these creative chalk and pastel pictures the children have drawn as part of this topic.



## World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

On this day, Ark Little Ridge will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

## Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	95.2
YR Surrey	96.6	Y3 Brunel	95.0
YR Canterbury	95.5	Y4 Cardiff	96.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	94.9	Y4 Chichester	93.6
Y1Sussex	96.8	Y5 Aston	94.4
Y2 Bath	97.9	Y5 Leeds	96.8
Y2 Exeter	96.1	Y6 Oxford	94.2
		Y6 Cambridge	96.2
		Chester (SLC)	92.2


## Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y6 Oxford and Cambridge, joint winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to Y1 Goldsmiths and Sussex, Joint winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!



## This week's Achievers

Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	Talulah Burdett	Integrity	Surrey	Christie Griffen	Integrity
	Liam Cunningham	Achievement		Mollie Upton	Achievement
	Tejas Machavarapu	Achievement		Callum Chandler	Achievement
Goldsmiths	Luke Gray	Enthusiasm	Sussex	Jack Thompson	Integrity
	Aimee Stewart	Achievement		Devon Castleman	Achievement
	Joy Africa	Achievement		Coby Mills	Achievement
Bath	The whole class	Enthusiasm	Exeter	Whole class	Enthusiasm
	The whole class	Achievement		Lucy White	Achievement
				Phoenix Chandler	Achievement
Brunel	Summer Hinton	Enthusiasm	Kingston	Tia Cresswell	Rigour
	Phoebe King	Achievement		Ellie Cruickshank	Achievement
	Grace Travena	Achievement		Zane Wickens	Achievement

<b>Cardiff</b>	Elise Cunningham	Determination	<b>Chichester</b>	Niamh Gamwell	Integrity
	George Thwaites	Achievement		Ava Shewry-Maryan	Achievement
	Kamran Bin Kamran	Achievement		Spencer Bushell	Achievement
<b>Aston</b>	Faye Clark	Generosity	<b>Leeds</b>	Dylan O'Leary	Rigour
	Alina Urzica	Achievement		George Newton	Achievement
	Roman Pardi	Achievement		Amy Stevens	Leeds
<b>Cambridge</b>	Theo Woods	Rigour	<b>Oxford</b>	Josh Puttock	Rigour
	Jack Wells	Achievement		George Webb	Achievement
	Olivia Fairweather	Achievement		Emily Williamson	Achievement
<b>Chester</b>	Jake Woodcock	Rigour			
	Ben Goldsmith	Achievement			
	Jake Woodcock	Achievement			

## Diary dates

February Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>Academy closed to pupils – children return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Y3 Brunel Swimming sessions begin	4 sessions. <a href="#">Information sent home.</a>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day Celebration	Children invited to dress up as favourite book characters
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PSA Quiz Night	<a href="#">Information and tickets</a>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4/5 Music Festival Entry (morning)	<a href="#">Information emailed home</a> Please confirm child's attendance and if they would like a school lunch on this day.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> March	PSA Easter Fair	11 am – 1.00 pm - information to follow
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 visiting Jerwood Gallery	1/2 day each class - information to follow
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow

Please always check [our school website](#) for [Ark Little Ridge Term dates](#).

## Quiz Night Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm - upper hall PSA event

- ❖ 6 people to a team
  - ❖ A quiz like you've never done before!
  - ❖ £8 per person - includes food
  - ❖ Bring your own drinks - alcoholic or soft drinks
  - ❖ Prizes for the winning team
  - ❖ Charity auction
  - ❖ [Buy tickets online](#) and choose your menu options
- All profits go to the school's PSA