



Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

Newsletter

Term 4

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Masterful Musicians

Children in Y4 have been learning recorders and Children in Year 5 have been learning the baritone and cornet. They were invited to take part in the Hastings International Music Festival.

The standard and quality of their pieces was recognised by the judges in their feedback.

At the end of the morning after some tense competition, Class Cardiff were placed 2nd overall, gaining an honours certificate.

The staff were immensely proud of the children's attitude and behaviour at this event too.

'We were very nervous. There were lots of people including eight other schools.'
Harry P.

'Everyone was watching us play, it was very nerve wracking and a relief when we finished!' Caitlin H

'The adjudicator told us it was not all about winning but setting us on the path towards excellence.' Miah T



Little Ridge Avenue – School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that Lockie, our Lollipop man, will be away from today for approximately 6 weeks. In his absence, East Sussex County Council have arranged for a relief crossing person to cover as many days as possible. However, they advise there may be occasions when the crossing isn't manned. We ask, in this eventuality, that all parents, carers and pupils are extra vigilant when crossing Little Ridge Avenue.



New Lunch Menu for terms 5 and 6
[take a look!](#)

Jerwood Gallery STEAM Project



Caitlin and Fin presenting their project to parents, artists and fisherman

Over the last four weeks, I have been busy running [STEAM](#) - a pilot project working with Hastings fishermen, five local schools and artists [Peter Quinnell](#) and [Leigh Dyer](#).

Pupils were able to explore the gallery exhibitions and fishing beach for inspiration. Hastings fishermen spoke about their daily lives, the machinery and equipment that they use and the environmental issues surrounding beach littering. They visited the fishermen's fishing sheds, watched a winch working, met local fish sellers and had a nose at the fish market.

Throughout the project we collected found objects and returned to the gallery to explore how we could arrange the materials and start looking at them as forms for sculptures. Pupils have learnt how to make nets and tie knots, basic wood work skills and designed sculptures as part of a team.

It has been a complete joy to work in this collaborative way where exploration of materials and creativity has been at the heart of the projects aims.

I am hugely thankful to everyone who helped make this project happen and look forward to future collaborations.' **Emily Hedley, Education Project Assistant**

'The first day was so exciting! We collected litter (with gloves on) and made sculptures. Ours was a small tent with a whelk inside asleep, with a waterfall and trees in his garden. Before that, we got on to a fishing boat filled with whelks and fish (old and rotten). We threw some off for the other schools!

The second day we were able to draw our artistic ideas into ships. We saw the work of illustrators who designed CD covers and magazines.

The third day was one of the best moments in my life. We used drills and saws all by ourselves. Our group started to make a seagull but it turned into a sinking ship!

Throughout the project we were recording what we did and taking responsibility for each other. I will never forget this AMAZING experience, we were so lucky! Caitlin H

'The first week, we met Pete and Emily. We went outside onto the beach to pick up litter. After this we went back and made sculptures. Our group made a small horse for a sea whelk. On our second visit we met a man called Leigh. He told us about what he does as an artist. We tried to build a long line out of sticks and tape. I had lots of fun. The last week we learnt how to tie a knot that will not untie. We were allowed to cut wood with a saw to make model bases.' Innis M



Red Nose Day Activities

To celebrate Red Nose Day, our School Council have decided on the following activities:

Cake Sale- Thursday 23rd March

Children are invited to bake or bring in red nose themed cakes on this day for a sale at playtime. The donated cakes will be sold at 50p - £1 each.

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March - ‘Wear Something Red on Top’

Children are invited to wear ‘something red on top’ e.g. red jumpers, t-shirts or red accessories. Each class will have a collection box next week for children to donate any spare change to the charity. For a 50p donation, children will get a red nose day sticker.

PSA Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 25th March



The PSA really need your help and support to make this a success! All of the money raised goes towards benefitting your children in school.

If you are able to help with this event, please return the slip below to the school office as soon as possible;
We need at least 12 helpers to run the stalls!

Why not enter our Easter [Competition](#) which is open to all children who are invited to design and bring in something with an Easter theme using any resource they wish. They could cook something and decorate it (e.g. a biscuit or cake), draw a picture, make something or even decorate a real egg; it's up to you!

It's just 50p to enter the competition and there will be prizes for each year group. **The closing date for entries is 9am Thursday 23rd March.** All entries should be given to class teachers **on this day only**. Make sure your entry has your name and class written on it and Mrs Hradi will collect all entries at 9.10 ready for the judging. Please **do not** bring decorations in **before** Thursday 23rd.

Attendance

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	97.7
		Y3 Brunel	93.5
YR Surrey	97.9	Y4 Cardiff	98.3
YR Canterbury	98.3	Y4 Chichester	94.9
Y1 Goldsmiths	96.6	Y5 Aston	99.1
Y1Sussex	98.2	Y5 Leeds	97.3
Y2 Bath	97.5	Y6 Oxford	91.6
Y2 Exeter	95.4	Y6 Cambridge	95.1
		Chester (SLC)	95.4



Diary dates

Can't print a reply slip? Please don't worry; information emailed home to view, handwritten responses are fine!

Mon 20 th March	Zoolab visiting YR classes	Letter emailed home
Thurs 23 rd March	School Council cake sale	Information to follow.
Fri 24 th March	Red Nose Day	Information to follow
Sat 25 th March	PSA Easter Fair	11 am – 1.00 pm information
Tues 28 th March	Y2 Bath rescheduled parent meeting	Appt times to remain as booked. Contact office if you need to change.
Tues 18th April	INSET	
Wed 19 th April	Y2 Exeter rescheduled parent meetings 1 of 2	New appointment sheets at office. Please sign up for meeting time.
Thurs 20 th April	Y2 Exeter rescheduled parent meetings 2 of 2	New appointment sheets at office. Please sign up for meeting time.
Wed 26 th April	Y4 visiting Jerwood Gallery	½ day each class - information emailed home
Mon 8 th May	Y6 End of Key Stage SAT weeks	
Mon 15 th May	Y6 Bikeability course 1 begins	Information emailed home
Monday 22 nd May	Y6 Bikeability course 2 begins	Information emailed home
Thurs 25 th May	YR visiting Rare Breeds Centre	Information emailed home
Fri 7 th July	INSET	
Sat 8 th July	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow

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

[Term dates for September 2016 – July 2017](#)

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