



Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

Newsletter

Term 5

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Author Visit

This week, author C S Clifford visited Ark Little Ridge. He spent time in school talking to the children about his books in an assembly and then presented the children with a series of writing tasks.

Steve then visited each of the KS2 classes for a writing and editing workshop. The children had opportunities to share their fantastic writing with him in turn for some top tips.

Lots of our children purchased a book from his 'Walking with.....' series. You can look at his books via his website [here](#).

Here are some extracts from the fabulous Year 4 writing completed on the day:

Layne Coomber Year 4 Cardiff

'Although my tummy was churning, I stood taller, took a deep breath and gritted my teeth wondering what would be behind there..... Envisaging something to happen, nothing did. I decided it was time to step in. Opening my eyes, I found myself moving in the force of the waterfall. The water gracefully parted, leading to a small pathway on the other side.'

Toby Fielder Year 4 Cardiff

'As I slowly moved towards the waterfall, I reached out my hand. My heart was pounding, I tried to stabilise it, I tried to be brave. I trembled. The water was rushing, my teeth were chattering. I gulped.'

Sophie Harris Year 5 Aston

'As my weary eyes adjusted to the light, I sat up, yawning. The cold penetrated into my body all through the night. Branches of trees and poly-carbon surrounded me as if protecting me from the crumbling walls. Growling, my stomach howled at me for food. The only thing I could hear was silence. I was clearly alone'

[Take a look](#) at some photographs from the day.



Why not play 'Beat the Street'

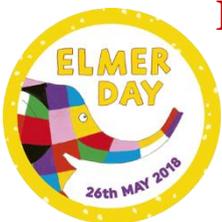
6th June – 25th July 2018

Once again, children will be coming home with information and a Beat the Street key fob they can use to take part in this year's 'Beat the Street'. Why not join the challenge and see how far you can travel! For further information, [take a look here](#).



Walk to School Week

Well done to everyone who rose to the challenge of walking to school this week. The weather was perfect and it was lovely to hear children's excited chatter about their journeys to school. **Congratulations to Y2 Exeter** who between them, walked 116 times during the week! We have sent off our data to Hastings Borough Council and await the outcome. Fingers and toes crossed!



Happy Holiday Reading

[Take a look](#) at this link, it gives ideas for books to share with children in different age categories over the half term. You can also find information on celebrating 'Elmer Day' on 26th March!

Bon appétit



Our Y5 classes have been learning about Paris and its different cultures and traditions. Food is a big part of French life, and the children held a food tasting afternoon to experience classic French dishes. Foods included croissants, pate, brie and crepes. Everyone had an opportunity to taste the food and make comparisons with classic British alternatives. Tiffany from Aston class said, 'The French food we tasted was chewy, soft, delicious, sweet and buttery all at the same time!' [Take a look](#) at some of the pictures.....



As you know, your child being in school every day is hugely important to their success and so we always carefully monitor attendance every week to ensure we meet our academy attendance target and remain above the national average for attendance in school. With all the sickness bugs, colds, flu, chicken pox and scarlet

fever recently we are at risk of not remaining above 96% attendance this academic year. With Spring finally here and, hopefully, all the winter bugs behind us, please make sure your children are in school **and** on time every day.

A reminder too that term time absence for holidays will not be authorised. It is very easy to think that we wind down in term 6 as we move towards the summer break, however, this is far from the case. In term 6 children are not only completing the programme of study for this academic year, but are also being prepared for the next academic year with a focus on transition and ensuring children are ready for the next steps in their education.



Measles outbreaks in England, 2018

Message from Public Health England: 'You may be aware there has been an increase in the number of children and adults contracting measles and we are encouraging parents and students to check they and their family members are vaccinated. If parents think they or a family member have been in contact with someone with measles they are advised to phone their GP and NOT visit them to seek advice. There is no upper age limit for having the free MMR vaccine, so if parents and students are not sure they have received two doses of MMR, they should be encouraged to contact their GP.'

Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	95
		Y3 Brunel	97.6
YR Surrey	99	Y4 Cardiff	91.2
YR Canterbury	89.6	Y4 Chichester	93.1
Y1 Goldsmiths	99.3	Y5 Aston	94.6
Y1Sussex	94.6	Y5 Leeds	92.6
Y2 Bath	89.6	Y6 Oxford	96.6
Y2 Exeter	93.3	Y6 Cambridge	95.6
		Chester (SLC)	100



 This week's Achievers					
Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	Jazmine Elliott	Enthusiasm	Surrey	Jack Jenkins	Integrity
	Rojin Nouri	Generosity		Lily Frezel	Achievement
	Isabella Collins	Achievement		Jeremiah Murray	Achievement
Goldsmiths	Callum Chandler	Rigour	Sussex	Louie Field	Integrity
	Maisie Jennings	Achievement		Nikita Harris	Achievement
	Jakey Chantler	Achievement		Isabelle Isted	Achievement
Bath	Maisy Bradley	Rigour	Exeter	Lawrie Gurney	Rigour
	Michelle Mangiri	Achievement		Mia Ramsay	Achievement
	Cooper Tilbury	Achievement		Amelia Pain	Achievement
Brunel	Ruby Innes	Rigour	Kingston	Caitlin Rivers	Rigour
	Rubi Dyson	Achievement		George Westlake	Achievement
	Daisy Salehi	Achievement		Lloyd Braham	Achievement
Cardiff	Gunnar Dunford	Rigour	Chichester	Lexie O'Prey	Rigour
	James Barry	Achievement		Harry Foster + Sarah Megit	Achievement
	Layne Coomber	Achievement		Summer Hinton	Achievement
Aston	Matthew Mangiri	Rigour	Leeds	Sophie Wadmore	Rigorous
	Woody Thomsen	Achievement		Baxter Farmer	Achievement
	Obaida Adi	Achievement		Nancy Loynes	Achievement
Cambridge	Millie Sabu	Rigour	Oxford	Alina Urzica	Rigour
	Toby Brett	Achievement		George Newton	Achievement
	Riley Dash	Achievement		Lewis Betts	Achievement
Chester	Jack	Achievement			
	Katie	Achievement			
	Charlie	Achievement			



KS1 winners: Y2 Bath (236)

KS2 winners: Y5 Leeds (376)

CONGRATULATIONS!

28 th May – 1 st June May Holiday		
Thurs 7 th June	Y3 Brunel rescheduled Mallydam's Wood visit	
Weds 13 th June	Y6 PGL drop in meeting at 3 – 4 pm	An opportunity to ask any questions/discuss concerns about forthcoming trip.
Thurs 14 th June	Special Menu: World Cup Day	Information to follow
Mon-Fri 18-22 nd June	Y6 Bikeability course 1	Information
Fri 22 nd June	YR/1/2 Sports	Information to follow
Mon-Fri 25-29 th June	Y6 Bikeability course 2	Information
Tues 26 th June	Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop	Information
Sat 30 th June	PSA Summer Fayre	12 noon – 4 pm Information to follow
Mon 2 nd July	Y5/6 Sports	Information to follow
Tues 3 rd July	Y6 'It's Your Move' transition workshop	Free in school activity
Wed 4 th July	Y3/4 Sports	Information to follow
Wed 4 th July	Special Menu: American Independence Day	Information to follow
Thurs 5 th July	Y2 visiting Smugglers Caves and Blue Reef Aquarium	Information
Fri 6th July	Inset	
Fri 6 th – Mon 9 th July	Y6 residential visit to PGL Windmill Hill.	Information Drop in for parents/carers on Weds 13 th June 3 – 4 pm.
Mon 16 th July	YR classes visiting the Rare Breeds Centre	Information
Tues 17 th July	Y6 Graduation and Prom	Information to follow
Wed 18th July Last day of the academic year for all pupils.		
Thurs 19th/Fri 20th July	Insets	

Term dates: [2017 - 18](#) [2018 - 19](#) [Take a look!](#)



Enjoy the May holidays!
Children return to school on Monday 4th June