



# Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

*Newsletter*

Term 5

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**I hope you have had the chance to read through the Ofsted report that was published this week. I'm sure that you will agree that it is a great result for our community, and that the report recognises the real strengths of the school. The staff and pupils have worked extremely hard to get to this point, and are incredibly proud of this achievement.**

**I would like to wish staff, parents and pupils an enjoyable and restful break and I look forward to seeing you all after half term.**

**Mark Rankin, Head of School**



## **Purple Day**

Well done to Miah Tovey who arranged for the school to 'Wear Purple for Cystic Fibrosis'. It was really good to see so many children come to school supporting this great cause.

*Miah said, 'It was nice to see all the effort people had put into wearing purple. We raised £75.20 (and still counting) which I will give to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Thank you everyone!'*



## **Grow a Sunflower for Bloodwise Competition**

Our school council is running a competition to grow the tallest sunflower. Children are coming home with sponsorship forms and if your child is interested in participating, they will be given a sunflower to take home and grow. In exchange, we would ask that they obtain sponsors to donate to the [Bloodwise](#) charity. You can also [donate online](#).

The school council will then ask children to return their sunflowers to school at the end of term and the tallest one will receive a special prize.



### Walk to School Week

Well done to everyone who took up the challenge to walk to school last week. Bath class were the winners of KS1 with 82 pupils walking during the week, and Y5 Aston were winners of KS2 with 105 walkers during the week. Sadly we heard that

Little Ridge did not win this year, but congratulations go to Sandown School. Keep up the good walking!



### Understanding Autism

The Hastings and St Leonards Education Futures Trust (EFT) is running a series of workshops for adults to develop a greater understanding of autism and Asperger Syndrome. These are being held at Sacred Heart Primary School and are aimed at parents and carers who have a child with autism. The course is free and runs on Fridays from 16<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.30-12 noon. Anyone interested should contact the EFT on 01424 722241 or email [office@educationfuturestrust.org](mailto:office@educationfuturestrust.org)

### Parent Staff Association (PSA) AGM

Please find attached to this newsletter, the minutes of our recent PSA AGM. It was disappointing that no parents/carers were able to attend or support the meeting. Please do take a look at the minutes to see what our PSA have provided for our school this past year. If any of our school community, parents, carers, grandparents, aunts or friends are interested in joining, please do let the school office know. Thank you!

### Attendance this week

<b>Registration groups and % attendance</b>		<b>Y3 Kingston</b>	<b>96.3</b>
		<b>Y3 Brunel</b>	<b>97.7</b>
<b>YR Surrey</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>Y4 Cardiff</b>	<b>96.6</b>
<b>YR Canterbury</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>Y4 Chichester</b>	<b>98.2</b>
<b>Y1 Goldsmiths</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>Y5 Aston</b>	<b>98.3</b>
<b>Y1 Sussex</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>Y5 Leeds</b>	<b>89.6</b>
<b>Y2 Bath</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>Y6 Oxford</b>	<b>95.7</b>
<b>Y2 Exeter</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>Y6 Cambridge</b>	<b>96.8</b>
		<b>Chester (SLC)</b>	<b>90.9</b>

### Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y3 Kingston, winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to Y2 Exeter, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!

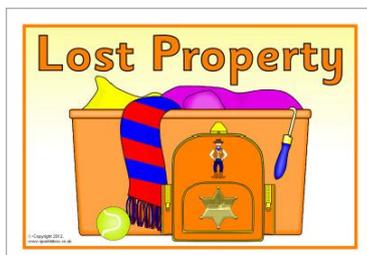




## This week's Achievers

Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
<b>Canterbury</b>	Lacey-Mae Hall	Rigour	<b>Surrey</b>	Awarded to the whole of Surrey class for amazing behaviour at the Rare Breeds Centre	Integrity
	Jessica Firth	Achievement			
	Louie Hollands	Achievement			
<b>Goldsmiths</b>	Chloe Casey Moran	Generosity	<b>Sussex</b>	Amber Palmer	Integrity
	Emily Self	Achievement		Preston Smith	Achievement
	Tom Brockhurst	Achievement		Ebony Cascio	Achievement
<b>Bath</b>	Alisha Flaherty	Determination	<b>Exeter</b>	Daisy Salehi	Generosity
	Hope Galloway	Achievement		Ruby Penton	Achievement
	Jack Loftus	Achievement		Ethan Jones	Achievement
<b>Brunel</b>	Ruby Bradshaw	Generosity	<b>Kingston</b>	Bradley Ripley	Rigour
	Esme Dann	Achievement		Alesha Molyneux	Achievement
	Tilly-Mae Tanner	Achievement		Katie Pearce	Achievement
<b>Cardiff</b>	Joe Cooper	Enthusiasm	<b>Chichester</b>	Luke O`Shaughnessy	Rigour
	Josh Moor	Achievement		Eden Guest	Achievement
	Umar Ahmed	Achievement		Skye Jarvis-Hillen	Achievement
<b>Aston</b>	Sasha Powell	Determination	<b>Leeds</b>	Amy Stevens	Generosity
	Tyler Kourti	Achievement		Lucia Collins	Achievement
	Faye Clark	Achievement		Harry Davenport	Achievement
<b>Cambridge</b>	Cameron Bushell	Rigour	<b>Oxford</b>	Mohammed Yahaya	Integrity
	Jamie English	Achievement		Jack Stretton	Achievement
	Fatima Miraj	Achievement		Alicia Doe	Achievement
<b>Chester</b>	Ben Goldsmith	Enthusiasm			
	Lilly Booth	Achievement			
	Lucas Carter	Achievement			

## Lost property



A reminder before half term that we have cupboards full of unnamed lost property. Please check that your child has all their uniform and come and take a look if not. We do not have the space to store uncollected clothing – any named items are sent back to class but uncollected unnamed items will be recycled. Can we please stress the importance of naming all items of clothing.



**Diary dates**

<b>May Holiday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Kingston visiting Mallydams Wood	<a href="#">Information emailed home</a>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Brunel visiting Mallydams Wood	<a href="#">Information emailed home</a>
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Ark Music Gala rehearsal at Cecil Sharp House London	School Choir
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Ark Music Gala at The Barbican Centre Concert Hall	School Choir
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Morning	Information to follow
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Morning	Information to follow
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET</b>	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production: Mystery at Magpie Hall (1)	Information to follow
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production: Mystery at Magpie Hall (2)	Information to follow
Mon 10-Fri 13 July	Scholastic Book Fair	3.15 – 4.00 pm information to follow
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Graduation and Prom	Information to follow

**Have a lovely May holiday**

**Children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**



## ARK LITTLE RIDGE ACADEMY PSA AGM Minutes

**Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Time: 2.30pm**

**Place: ARK Little Ridge School**

Committee in attendance: Jan Wallace (Chair)  
Tabitha Loynes (Treasurer)  
Emma Stevens

Wendy Hrabí (Secretary)  
Mally May

Apologies from Committee members: Jane Starr Michael Hinton  
Sandra Capps Georgina O'Leary

Additional Attendees: nil

### **AGM Business:**

**Chairpersons Report:** Jan Wallace (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the ARK Little Ridge PSA AGM and gave apologies from those who could not attend. It is noted at this point that no one other than committee members attended this meeting; it was disappointing that no other parents/carers were able to come along and support the meeting.

Jan reported that the previous year had been a good one for the PSA despite the weather for the Summer Fayre which resulted in it being moved indoors.

Good profits were made at nearly all of the events, Summer Fayre - £2,100 (good for indoors), Fireworks - £146 (good considering this is not usually a profitable event) Christmas - £1080.00, Easter - £745.00. Pamper Evening - £150, Quiz Night - £257.00 This makes a total of £4478.00

Jan went onto say that there are now only 9 members of the PSA (after a few people had stepped down). This consists of 2 staff, 5 parents and 2 retired staff/volunteers. This is OK for now but more members are needed in the coming year if the PSA is to continue to run events to make a profit. New members to the committee would therefore be extremely welcome

**Treasurers Report:** Tabitha Loynes (Treasurer) reported that for the period May 2016 – May 2017 the PSA had given various amounts of money to the school a total of £1914.90. This was made up of a donation towards the welly racks for Reception of £200 plus Pupil Merit Badges £855.00 and 8 new litter bins for the playgrounds £859.90. The PSA has also pledged the school money towards the upgrading of the school projector. Funds currently stand at £7488.59.

**Nomination for Committee Members:** Nominations were given for the following positions on the new Committee for 2016/2017 as follows:

Jan Wallace – Chairperson  
Tabitha Loynes – Treasurer  
Wendy Hrabí – Secretary

Other Committee members:	Sandra Capps	Mally May	Chris Giles
	Jane Starr	Emma Stevens	
	Georgina O'Leary	Michael Hinton	

All nominations were seconded and after a show of hands the above people were elected in the stated positions for the coming year.

Thanks go to Angela Doyle, Tracey Gamwell and Claire Keen, who all stepped down during the year, for their help and support during their time on the committee.

**PSA Support for year 2016/2017:** It was discussed and agreed that the PSA will continue to support the school and help raise money to pay for resources to support the children with their learning. It was also discussed and agreed that we will continue to try to recruit new members to the PSA. This includes information to be handed out to existing and new parents.

Meeting closed at 3.05pm