



Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

Newsletter

Term

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Christmas at Little Ridge

Our Little Ridge Christmas post boxes will be open from Monday. Children may, if they wish, send friends Christmas cards to each other. Please remember to put the **recipient's name and class** on the front of the envelope before posting to ensure correct delivery!

Next week: (other calendar dates at end of newsletter)

Mon 9 th Dec	 MUFTI DAY In return for a gift for the PSA Christmas tombola and raffle stalls	
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Wed 11 th Dec	 Christmas Lunch – wear a Christmassy jumper instead of your normal school jumper/cardigan regardless of having packed or school lunches!	Menu Bookings for lunches have now closed.
Fri 13 th Dec	PSA Christmas Bazaar	Doors open 3.15 pm

Christmas competition

ARK Little Ridge PSA are holding their Christmas Bazaar on Friday 13th December at 3.15 pm.

For this year's Christmas competition, the children will be bringing home a paper cup to decorate with a Christmas theme, in any way they like. This can be anything from tree decoration to an ornament - the internet has loads of ideas to help.



All entries should be handed to Mrs Hrabí by **Thursday 12th December with a 50p fee**. There will be prizes for all age groups and all entries will be displayed at the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you for your continuing support, ARK Little Ridge PSA!

Olympic Athlete to visit our school

We have arranged, through Sport for Champions UK who support up and coming athletes, for Olympic long-jumper Ezekiel Ewulo to visit our school on Wednesday 22nd January. He will be giving a 30 minute talk to children around the importance of exercise, healthy diet etc as well as telling them about his life in athletics.

He will also meet the children and lead each class in an 8 minute 'circuits-type' exercise session for which children can be sponsored to raise money to be shared between the school and the [Sport For Champions programme](#). This promises to be a very exciting day which we will be introducing to children early next week when we will also give out sponsor forms and further details of the day for parents so please look out for them.



Sport

Indoor Athletics



12 Year 6 pupils headed to St Leonards academy for an indoor athletics tournament yesterday. Year 6 boys started the tournament off with an enthralling win in the obstacle race. This was followed by some very impressive results from the Year 6 girls in the field events. Great results across the board in all the relay races resulted in Little Ridge finishing 2nd out of 8 schools and qualifying for the finals to be held at Summerfields in January. Mr Noble said there was a fantastic effort from everybody involved, well done!



Table Tennis

Alessio Pola, Charlie Jones, Monty Wheeler and James Barry represented Little Ridge at the Hastings Table Tennis team tournament on Tuesday. With wins against West St Leonards and Little Common, our boys finished joint 3rd and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Well done!



Learning about 'Toys from the Past'

As part of their topic on Toys, our Y1 classes visited the Bexhill Museum recently. To support their learning, children took part in a workshop and were able to view and learn about toys from the past.

For more information and photos, take a look at our [Facebook Page!](#)

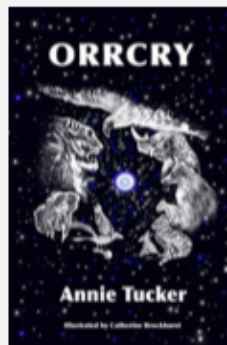
Learning about Law and Order



Children in Reception had a very special visit from PC Charlton this week to support their topic, 'people who help us.' Children had an opportunity to ask lots of questions and discussed how the police can help us. They also learnt about calling '999' in an emergency and were asked to learn their own address in case they ever need help. They looked at some of the equipment police officers use. Each child was given a police hand puppet as a gift.



Year 6 have been visited by a local Magistrate and PC Charlton as part of their 'crime and punishment' topic. They learned about the role of the police and magistrate courts and how these have evolved over time. A huge thank you to Sally-Ann Hart and PC Charlton for sparing your time to visit us.



Local author, Annie Tucker, and Little Ridge Parent and illustrator Catherine Brockhurst, will be coming in to school to work with our Y4 and Y5 classes on Wednesday 22nd January. Their book 'Orrcry' is available to purchase at a discounted price of £5 to any child at Ark Little Ridge. Payments must be made via ParentPay-other items – Orrcry by Thursday 19th December. Books will be delivered when Catherine and Annie visit our school on 22nd January.



We have registered with the Sun's 'Books for Schools' campaign. Click on the logo for more information. If you have any tokens to donate, please send them in to school! Click on the logo to find out more.



Staff reward good behaviour in the dinner hall with a place on the 'Golden Table' each Monday. Children who have displayed good manners and good eating are allowed to sit on a specially decorated table in the dinner hall. Take a look at this week's guests!

Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	98.3
		Y3 Brunel	98.3
YR Surrey	98	Y4 Cardiff	97.4
YR Canterbury	99.3	Y4 Chichester	98
Y1 Goldsmiths	100	Y5 Aston	99.2
Y1Sussex	99.3	Y5 Leeds	96.6
Y2 Bath	99.3	Y6 Oxford	96.3
Y2 Exeter	98.6	Y6 Cambridge	95
		Chester (SLC)	96



This week's Achievers

Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	Roksanna Thaseen	Generosity	Surrey	Jessica Franks	Generosity
	Austin Brown	Achievement		Allea-Rae Mallion	Achievement
	Georgia-Louise Payne	Reader of the week		Matilda Yates	Reader of the week
Goldsmiths	Sonny Goodridge	Generosity	Sussex	Eryn Sharrod	Generosity
	Stanley Capon	Achievement		Harland Castleman	Achievement
	Eleanor Gladwish	Reader of the week		Lexi-Mae Curtess	Reader of the week
Bath	Malala Alikel	Generosity	Exeter	Annabella Braham	Generosity
	Darcy Burgess	Achievement		Jeremiah Murray	Achievement
	Taylor Pain	Reader of the week		Lexie Smith-Hay	Reader of the week
Brunel	Rory Hayes	Generosity	Kingston	Louie Hollands	Generosity
	Christie Griffen	Achievement		Tejas Machavarapu	Achievement
	Isabella Brigante Colona Angelini	Reader of the week		Harry Catt	Reader of the week
Cardiff	Elsa McSweeney	Generosity	Chichester	Devon Castleman	Generosity
	Poppy Allman	Achievement		Luke Gray	Achievement
	Arish Rahman	Reader of the week		Kirstin Parsons	Reader of the week
Aston	Riley Pogue	Generosity	Leeds	George Westlake	Generosity
	Sophie Lau	Achievement		Alisha Flaherty	Enthusiasm
	Naila Shani	Reader of the week		Josh Roberts	Reader of the week
Cambridge	Gracie Trevena	Rigour	Oxford	Danielle Serrano	Generosity
	Ruby Oakes	Achievement		Monty Wheeler	Achievement
	Max Blaker	Reader of the week		Matilda Vitler	Reader of the week



KS1 winners: Y2 Bath

KS2 winners: Y3 Brunel

CONGRATULATIONS!



Diary dates

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Mon 16 th Dec	Y6 performing Carols at Conquest Hospital	1.30 pm
	Y3/4 Carols on playground end of school day	Starting at 2.40pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Y5/6 Carols on playground end of school day	Starting at 2:40pm
Wed 18 th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas performance to Y2 parents	2pm upper hall
Thurs 19 th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas performance to Y1 parents	2pm upper hall
No Rocking Ridgers on last day of term, Friday 20th December.		
Christmas Holiday Starts Monday 23 rd December. Monday 6 th January 2020 is an INSET day Children return to school Tuesday 7 th January 2020		
Tues 14 th Jan	Y6 PGL 2020 information meeting	3.15 in Y6 classrooms information
Thurs 16 th Jan	Change to menu for January census day	Menu 16th Jan 2020
Wed 22 nd Jan	Author and Illustrator of Orrery visiting Y4 and Y5 classes	To purchase a copy of the book go to ParentPay-other items-Orrery by 19 th December.
	Olympic long-jumper Ezekiel Ewulo visiting	
Fri 20 th March	MUFTI for Easter Fayre/Egg Hunt	Information to follow
Sat 28 th March	PSA Easter Fair/Egg Hunt	Information to follow
Wed 17 th – Fri 19 th June 2020	Y6 PGL 2020	Information
Sat 27 th June	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow



Does your child prefer packed lunches? Here are some [Healthy Lunchbox Ideas!](#)