



Ark Franklin Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents

An exciting sight is before me as I write, the turf is being laid on the garden and it looks amazing. After Easter the children in years 1 and 2 will be able to access the garden during their breaks, while all classes will spend regular time in our open air classroom during the summer term: we have many fun learning activities planned. If you are a keen gardener, or know one who would like to spend time enhancing our children's learning experiences in the great outdoors, then please get in touch.

**DON'T FORGET: Foot to Foot Fun Run on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am to 1.00pm**

Keep training hard for our fun run in Queen's Park; I hope as many families as possible will support this exciting event. Tickets are available from the school office and on Eventbrite from next week and are a bargain £1.

Next week, is the final week of the Spring term, on the last day, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will be learning about Buddhism for RE day and children are invited to wear their own clothes and make a £1 contribution to books for their class. Meanwhile, throughout the day, each class will be planting a tree in the grounds, donated by the Woodland Trust. After school enrichment clubs will not run on this day, but After School Club will.

**Fork to Fork tickets are selling fast...**

A diary reminder, the school will be closed for staff training on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> June next term and the Nursery will be closed on the 5<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> June for the elections.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you from 8.30am on Monday.

Warmest regards  
Janine Ryan  
Headteacher



**Attendance Update: 95.3% this week**  
We have been static for several weeks now: come on, get into school every day and on time!

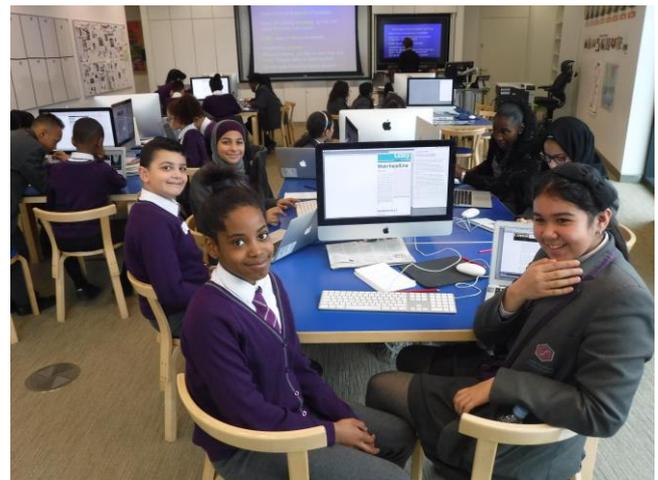
**Year 4 Roald Dahl Exhibition**



Pupils immersed themselves in the world of Roald Dahl last Friday at the Southbank Centre and enjoyed the interactive exhibition tremendously! (Year 3 are there today).



**Year 5 & 6 pupils are now aspiring journalists following their visit to the Guardian Education Centre!**



**Headteacher's thought for the week**  
Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors.



Pupils spent the day as reporters at the Guardian Education Centre on Wednesday and Thursday this week, enjoying inspiring talks from the Head of Education, Margaret Holborn, and making their very own front page articles based on the morning's news cycle!

## Stay and Play on Wednesdays!

The Stay and Play session will run next Wednesday afternoon at the front of the Nursery from 1.15-2.45pm. Parents of pre-Reception aged children who are waiting to collect other children are invited to come along with a £1 contribution that will go towards resources and treats for the children.

If you have any further questions please email: [veerapatel@hotmail.com](mailto:veerapatel@hotmail.com)

## All Enrichment clubs will run up until next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March...

If you are interested in attending one of our clubs next term do please complete the attached sign-up sheet and **return these to the main office by next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. We will be informing you of allocated club places after the Easter break.

## We still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



These can be placed in a box located in the school office. Thank you.

**Please ensure that dinner money and nursery fee payments are up to date!**

## Key Dates

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring term
Easter holiday: Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March until Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April inclusive	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Franklin Forks Fun Run – Queen's Park
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery closed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week (Year 6)
Half term: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May until Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June inclusive	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff training day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer term ends

A parent has brought to my attention that we have a community food bank and kitchen here in Brent: <http://www.sufra-nwlondon.org.uk/>