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Ark Franklin Newsletter

9th October 2015

Dear Parents

As I write the sun is shining and the nursery children are outside playing their instruments; hopefully the sunshine will continue through the weekend so we can all enjoy the outdoors.

As you can see from our gallery the school council have been out and about again, this week they were welcomed aboard the RRS Discovery by the Captain and his crew; we have forged links with this world circumventing research ship via our parent governor, Rowan Douglas, and hope to adopt her in the near future.

Parents' evening for Reception to Year 6 is next Thursday the 15th October, from 4.00 until 7.00pm; access will be through the KS1 gate on Harvist Road and refreshments will be served in the dining room. Please ensure you have signed up for a slot with your child's class teacher. If you have difficulties doing so in person at the end of the day, then please email the teacher to arrange a convenient time.

During parents' evening, at 5.30pm in the dining room, Tommi Miers from Wahaca and Laura Hinton Harper from Caravan will be talking to any parents who would like to volunteer to help with the organisation of our Fork to Fork Food Festival 2016. This amazing community event will take place on the 11th June. Please come along and hear how you can support us to make it even more successful than it was this year.

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

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Interim Headteacher



Headteacher's thought for the week

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is **94.1%** we still have much work to do in order to achieve our target of 96%!

Children with 100% attendance for this half term will be entered into a prize draw!

Reminder: First day of absence

Parents if you child is unwell and absent from school you must call 0208 969 3846 and inform us on the first day of absence.

Year 6 applications for secondary school: the closing date is 31st October

A quick reminder that the above application forms must be submitted **by the 31st October 2015**. Brent admissions are recommending that **parents should aim to apply by Friday the 23rd October**.

Nursery and Reception open mornings

We will be holding open mornings on the following dates, if you wish to attend please call the school or email info@arkfranklinprimary.org

Nursery open mornings:

25 th November 2015	9.30 – 10.30am
13 th January 2016	

Reception open mornings:

10 th November 2015	9.30 – 10.30am
1 st December 2015	
7 th January 2016	

Key dates

15 th October	Parent's Evening (16:00-19:00) & Fork to Fork Volunteer meeting 5.30pm
26 th October -3 rd November	Half Term (Including staff training days)
4 th November	Pupils return from Half Term
10 th December	Winter Fayre

Some more photos from the Royal Research Ship Discovery...



The children were taken to see the underwater robots and were fascinated by the 'suckers' that collect unusual fish for marine examination.



Rebecca and Jose presented Captain Antonio with a framed picture of some of Ark Franklin's students standing outside the RRS Discovery in 2014. The captain then presented the school council with an honorary crest of the ship.