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Dear Parents,

A cold and frosty week at Franklin but that hasn't stopped adventure days from going ahead. It is so important to get outdoors for so many reasons, as well as extending learning beyond the classroom. I am hopeful that all children will have two adventure days this year, rather than just one, because the value of these days cannot be underestimated.

Strike action will be uppermost in your minds, I am sure. Financial circumstances are challenging and I respect the right of the staff to act in this way. The school will work with the Ark network, the staff and the unions to manage the disruption as best as we can. The first strike day coincides with a training day here at school and we will be in further contact over the coming weeks as we make plans for the strike days in February and March.

To clarify on term dates: children should return to school on Tuesday 18th April. I wrote last week that term started on Monday 17th but that will be a staff training day. The correct date is below and the term dates for the year can be found at [this](#) link. Term dates for 23/24 are currently with the Ark Network for approval and will be shared with you all by Monday 30th January – I know that many of you are awaiting them to book travel.

Also, many of you will have heard that we welcomed the successful England rugby player, Sadia Kebeya, to school last week. She gave a wonderful assembly to the children and was an excellent role model and inspiration to everyone who listened to her.

Peter Watkins

Coffee Cups and Old Batteries Needed

Thank-you to all of you who have donated these. We received many batteries but not many coffee cups. If you are picking up a coffee at any point, please keep the cup, rinse it out and send them into school, Ms Bruce is very grateful.

ARK FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE

The "Gift Your Neighbour" food initiative will continue throughout the winter, thank-you for all of your donations so far. If you, or someone you know, is struggling, please do sign up at this link: - www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts

WARM SPACES

If you, or someone you know, are in need of warm spaces in these times of expensive heating, useful links can be found at this very helpful community website:

<http://warmkensal.org/>



Attendance



Class	Percentage
Nursery Middlesex 2022	91
Rec Athens 2022	100
Rec Kingston 2022	96.55
Rec NTU 2022	96.55
1 Brighton 2022	91.16
1 Liverpool 2022	95.19
1 RAD 2022	96.93
2 Goldsmith 2022	99.26
2 Bath 2022	97.78
2 Winchester 2022	92.96
3 Nottingham 2022	96.71
3 LCM 2022	97.94
3 Sussex 2022	98.85
4 Durham 2022	97.33
4 Queen Mary 2022	98.77
4 Newcastle 2022	95.56
5 MIT 2022	97.32
5 Canterbury 2022	95.19
5 Cambridge 2022	94.27
6 Limerick 2022	94.44
6 GSA 2022	95.11
6 Sheffield 2022	98.52
Whole School	96.11



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This week At Franklin

Melting chocolate and building houses for the 3 little pigs in Nursery.



Upcoming dates

Wednesday 1 st February	School Closed – network training day
Monday 23 rd Jan	Queen Mary Adventure Day
Monday 30 th Jan	LCM Adventure Day
Tuesday 31 st Jan	Sussex Class Adventure Day
Wednesday 1 st February	School closed – Network Training E
Friday 17 th Feb	Last day of half term
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th Feb	Half term holiday
Monday 20 th February	School closed – training
Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th February	Parents Evenings
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half term holiday
Friday 31 st March	Final day of term
Tuesday 18 th April	First day of summer term

Ark Franklin Triathlon 2023

If you want to rise to the challenge of taking part in a triathlon to raise funds for the school, do email arktriathlon@gmail.com to find out more, or check out the [Kensal Tri](#) website. There are a variety of distances to cater for all levels, so please take the plunge (no pun intended), go the extra mile (pun intended) and give it a go. To sign up, click on this link: <https://forms.gle/yi3EmUjoEmApf7Fk9>



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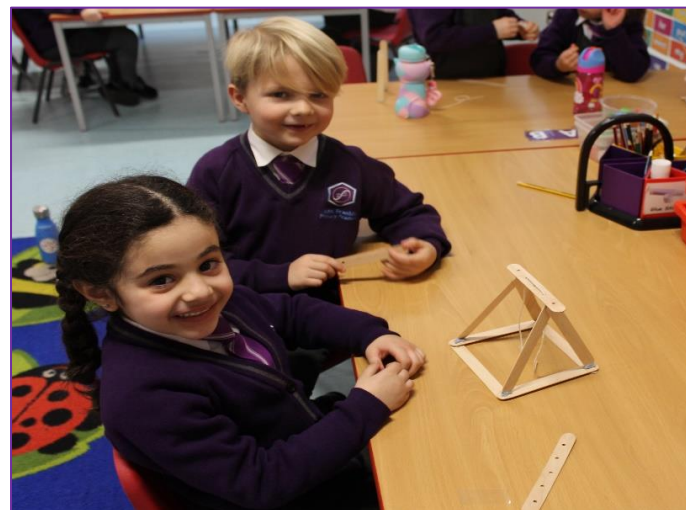
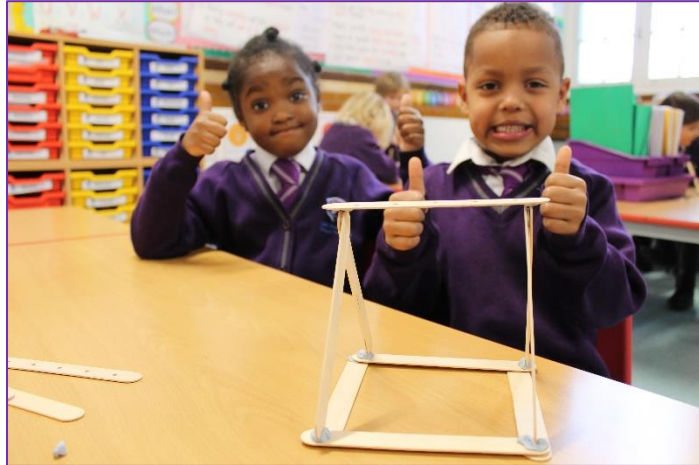


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Design Technology projects.

Year 1 are building a framework to make a swing.



Year 6 are learning about health and safety with saws and vices.



Year 4 have been tackling some tricky fractions work





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Adventure Day in Durham Class

