



## Many Minds, One Mission.



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Dear Parents,

Another lovely week at Franklin, with the sun starting to show itself and the green shoots of spring flowers poking through. We will soon start to see children once again planting, growing and harvesting their own flowers, fruits and vegetables – a fine Franklin tradition that I have every intention of continuing.

I am also so happy to see so many children now proudly wearing their Bronze badges for achieving 150 dojo points. It is a real badge of honour and hard-earned by the children. Perhaps before long we will see the 300-point silver award and will anyone get the much-coveted, 500-dojo Gold badge? Giving these out in assembly is such a pleasure and is yet another reason to be very proud of the children at Franklin.

Another reason to be proud is that the Ark network are sharing weekly leaderboards for Athletics. Last week, we were second in the network for amount of points earned and this week we are...wait for it...first! This shows how many children are working really hard. However, we can see that a great many children do not use athletics often, so please have a push in your house on this if you haven't already done so.

A few reminders on school policies and practices:

- Earrings must be small, stud earrings. Longer earrings are not safe and not allowed in school
- Birthday cakes – due to the large number of allergies, we do not give birthday cakes out to children. We would be very happy to give a gift to the class, such as a game or books, or healthy snacks with no allergens, such as fruits.
- All absences must be reported to the school office in person, by telephone or

by email, [info@arkfranklinprimary.org](mailto:info@arkfranklinprimary.org)  
An email to the teacher is not required.

Rabbits – after much discussion with the School Council, we have come to the decision that our rabbits would be better off sent to a good home, where they can be looked after much better over weekends and holidays. If anyone is interested in adopting our two rabbits, please contact Ms Harris at [R.Harris@arkfranklinprimary.org](mailto:R.Harris@arkfranklinprimary.org).

Finally, a reminder from me that the Parent Survey is now live and can be accessed at this link:

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/ymgvr3>

Have a lovely weekend,

Pete Watkins  
Headteacher

### Term Dates 23/24 – Correction

Please note a slight change to the term dates published last week. Term will begin for children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This is a clerical error on our part and I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### ARK FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE

Please note that this initiative will continue for the foreseeable future so don't forget to bring in your food bank donations on Mondays. To sign up to receive donations, click this link: -

[www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts](http://www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts)



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## Attendance



Class	Percentage
Nursery Middlesex 2022	89.15
Rec Athens 2022	97.62
Rec Kingston 2022	95.57
Rec NTU 2022	94.15
1 Brighton 2022	91.33
1 Liverpool 2022	98.58
1 RAD 2022	92.65
2 Goldsmith 2022	92.42
2 Bath 2022	93.81
2 Winchester 2022	91
3 Nottingham 2022	98.94
3 LCM 2022	96.84
3 Sussex 2022	92.2
4 Durham 2022	97.73
4 Queen Mary 2022	94.21
4 Newcastle 2022	96.57
5 MIT 2022	95.59
5 Canterbury 2022	97.04
5 Cambridge 2022	89.66
6 Limerick 2022	91.37
6 GSA 2022	92.57
6 Sheffield 2022	97.17
Whole School	94.18

Upcoming dates	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Queen Mary Adventure Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	LCM Adventure Day
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Sussex Class Adventure Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	School closed – Network Training
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed – training
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evenings
There will be no enrichment Clubs	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Final day of term
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of summer term

## This week at Franklin

*Well done to our amazing girls football team who did us proud this week at their tournament with QPR. The girls showed fantastic teamwork and our school values as they battled their way to a third-place in their group. I know that more success is on the way for this team.*



### 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](http://www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts)

### PARENTS EVENING

A reminder that parents evening will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week, please contact your class teacher or the office if you have not booked your appointment.





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*More football, this time from the lunchtime trials led by Ms Bruce and Ms Barletta*



*Lots happening in the Nursery, as always. They have been reading with year 6, investigating bugs and building towers!*







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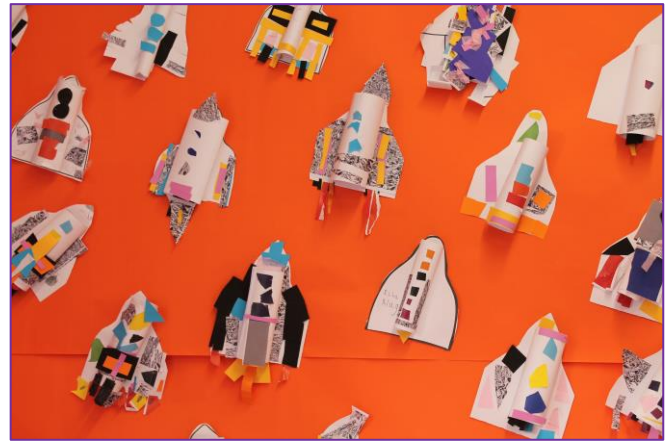
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*Design Technology in year 4 – they are developing techniques for their pop-up books on volcanoes and tsunamis.*



*Reception have been making rockets!*



Finally, please find attached with this newsletter some information from Brent Libraries. There are a great many activities to get involved in and it is very important to support our libraries, so please do take a look at what is on offer.



**Term Dates 23/24**

*Correction – Term begins for children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September*

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>INSET Days</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October Network training days: 20 <sup>th</sup> <u>September</u> , 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>INSET Days</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January, Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Network training day 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
<b>INSET Days</b>	Network training day 5 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July – September tbc