



# Many Minds, One Mission.



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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back** to the Spring Term and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The new term starts in earnest and we hit the ground running with learning straightaway – the children have seemed really happy to come back to school and we are delighted to see them all again. Also, a big thank-you from me for co-operating with the new start and end times. From my perspective it has gone smoothly and has enabled us to re-plan timetables in order to add more learning time for children. I know that for some of you it was disruptive so thank-you for your support.

Please note that children should not play on the **climbing frames** at the end of the day. As well as having accidents, there is no not enough time at the end of the day if we are to safely dismiss everyone in the new, 10-minute window.

In the time created by the new timetable, we have launched the **“Zones of Regulation”** with the children this term. This is a really valuable way of helping children understand their emotions and be able to self-regulate. It is the start of a longer-term programme here in school and we would love to speak to you in more detail about it so that you can support at home. Ms Houstoun has written to you separately to share an online workshop that she will be running on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10am, the link is [here](#).

I have a request to make regarding **fundraising**. Like everyone else, the school faces challenging times ahead financially, with rising heating and food costs in particular. I am aware that many of you may well work in larger corporate workplaces that may have “Corporate Social Responsibility” (CSR) programmes or have contacts that may be able to support us with sponsorship for specific funding needs. If you or someone you know is able to help, please contact me at the gate or by email.

I know that many others will be facing **financial hardship** this winter so please do speak to the school if you have issues with food, trips or uniform. I have once again included the community food initiative in this newsletter, please sign up if you feel it would be useful to you and pass this information to anyone who may not have seen it.

Have a great weekend.

**Peter Watkins**

Upcoming dates	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am	Reception Open Morning
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 9am	Zones of Regulation parent workshop (online)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	School Closed – network training day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evenings
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed – training
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> march	Final day of term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of summer term

*Adventure days this term will be for years 3 and 4, dates are being finalised and will be updated next week.*



## Attendance



Class	Percentage
Nursery Middlesex	88.61
Rec Athens 2022	94.04
Rec Kingston 2022	99.31
Rec NTU 2022	94.52
1 Brighton 2022	90.51
1 Liverpool 2022	90.13
1 RAD 2022	88.51
2 Goldsmith 2022	93.42
2 Bath 2022	90.79
2 Winchester 2022	85.06
3 Nottingham 2022	92.70
3 LCM 2022	91.91
3 Sussex 2022	84.62
4 Durham 2022	93.65
4 Queen Mary 2022	95.59
4 Newcastle 2022	86.61
5 MIT 2022	93.88
5 Canterbury 2022	90.07
5 Cambridge 2022	88.44
6 Limerick 2022	98.57
6 GSA 2022	94.44
6 Sheffield 2022	94.74
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>91.82</b>



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## ARK FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE

In partnership with local organisation, 'Gift Your Neighbour', we will be running an 'Ark Franklin Community Food Aid' initiative throughout December.

We will collect donations through the school which will be delivered to homes of local families who would appreciate some help through this 'cost of living' crisis and the potentially difficult festive period. Donations of food can be brought to the school every Monday morning. We will send further details of when this will begin and where to bring donations.

Donations would ideally be non-perishable items such as pasta, rice, soups, tea/coffee, tinned tomatoes, tuna but being a school very committed to healthy eating we are also keen to get perishable - but very healthy - fruit and vegetables to local families!

Our school partner, Winkworth Kensal Rise & Queen's Park, have very kindly agreed to help collect and sort the gift donations.

'Gift Your Neighbour' already supports families on a 'no questions asked' basis. Anyone can receive weekly food gifts via this link - [www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts](http://www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts)

Information on other, Brent-wide food support options is available [here](#).

## Clubs this term

Attached to this newsletter please find the list of clubs running this term. You will be able to register your child for clubs on the following days next week:

Tuesday – KS1

Wednesday – KS2

Thursday – Reception

If your child attended cookery or art club last term, please allow other children to sign up this term, as these clubs can only accommodate a small number of children. Also please only sign your child up for 2 clubs maximum, excluding choir, as to allow more children to attend a club. Thank you!

## Applications for Nursery and Reception

Please note that the closing date for all applications for Nursery and Reception places for next academic year 2023- 2024 must be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## TRIATHLON EVENT – RAISE FUNDS AND KEEP FIT!

### Ark Franklin Triathlon 2023

For the past two years, we've taken teams of Ark parents and teachers to the Blenheim Palace Triathlon as part of the Kensal Tri "For the good of the hood" community fundraising initiative - and in the process we've got fitter, made friends, raised lots of money for the school and had huge amounts of fun.

We'll be taking another team this year and we'd love YOU to be a part of it. If you're curious but thinking "triathlon is not for me" or "I don't have the right kit", "I can't swim", "I'm not fit enough" or "I can't afford it" then think again. We can help to remove all the barriers! There are different distances to choose from, or you could form a relay team and choose whether to swim, cycle or run if you don't want to do all three. Plus there are many local training opportunities (mostly free) to help you on your way. The event is in June so you'll have plenty of time to prepare. Register interest on the form below, or drop us a line on [arktriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:arktriathlon@gmail.com) to find out more. And check out the [Kensal Tri](#) website to learn more about the training opportunities and other local schools and charities taking part.






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### This week At Franklin

Some good reasoning in maths from Blake in year 4.

Reasoning and problem solving		
1	2	3
<b>True or False?</b>  $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shape is shaded.	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never?</b> Alex says, If I split a shape into 4 parts, I have split it into quarters. Explain your answer.	<b>Which representations of <math>\frac{2}{5}</math> are incorrect?</b>     Explain how you know.
<p>1. It is false because there are 4 parts so it should be <math>\frac{1}{4}</math></p> <p>2. Sometimes because portions always need to be equal</p> <p>3. The dog array because it says <math>\frac{3}{5}</math> and the bar because there they are not equal.</p> <p>Super work 😊</p> <p>Excellent One Do!</p>		

Year 5 Studied Stephen Wilshire in art last term, here are some excellent final pieces.




Bea



Iris S

Year 3 Sussex have written Kennings – can you guess what this one is about?

Treat - eater
Trick - doer
Cute - sleeper
Loud - barker
Floor - snigger
Food - beggar
What am I?



DID YOUR BODY  
FACE, INTONA  
UME ADD VA  
POEM



Dylan



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## Barnardo's and Brent Out of Hours Family Support Helpline

Our helpline and webchat service will provide families in Brent with access to a Barnardo's family support worker during evenings and weekends. The service is part of Brent's Family Wellbeing Centres.

Our experienced and friendly team will offer information, advice and support and can help you with:

- Yours and your child's family support and wellbeing needs during evenings and weekends.
- Registering with a Family Wellbeing Centre.
- Accessing other services in Brent, including support with the Cost-of-Living Crisis.

### Who can access this service?

Our service is **free to access for any family living in Brent.**

Translators are also available on request.

Please note that this is not a crisis service – if you or someone you are with is in immediate danger call 999.

### How can I access the service?



The service will be available by scanning the QR code.

Or by telephone on **0800 158 2358.**

You can also schedule a video call by contacting:  
[brentfamilysupport@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:brentfamilysupport@barnardos.org.uk)

### Opening Hours

**Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6pm – 10pm**