



Dear Parents

We end the week with the sun shining, which always brings a smile to my face.

I regularly get asked questions about secondary transfer and my advice is, visit all the schools you are considering, then check their admissions criteria (key if they are selective in any way), and advise us in good time of any key criteria your child may need to meet to be admitted. For example, are there common entrance assessments, 11+ assessments etc...

From September we plan to offer an after school club in prepping for common entrance and/or 11+, depending on demand; we will also introduce a GCSE Spanish and a Latin club, led by Andrew Bell.

**On another note, educational visits are a core part of Franklin's curriculum offer, these include an annual visit to a place of worship of one of the five main religions, the idea being that all children will have visited a church, a mosque, a Hindu and a Buddhist temple, and a synagogue by the time they leave us. These visits are not 'religious' in nature, they are designed to give our children a knowledge and understanding of the beliefs of others, a mutual respect, and they are not optional.**

As it is Ramadan, we would ask the parent of any child who is choosing to fast to at least ensure they are drinking water, especially as the weather is warming up. If your child is in year six, we would ask if they could not fast on Monday to Thursday next week while they are sitting their SATS examinations.

Good luck to year six next week for your SATs, don't forget, breakfast in the dining room from 8.00am each day.

**Our Foot to Foot Family Fun Run and Picnic is coming up on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30-12.00 in Queens Park.**



Everyone is welcome, there will be separate races for nursery and reception children, Y1-3, Y4-6 and finally the adults, followed by a family

picnic. The fun run is being organised by our amazing PTA to raise funds for the art studio we would like to build to support the arts at Franklin. We estimate that we will need £75 000 to build the studio, we aim to try and raise half of this and source the rest from school funds; so far we have £5000 raised from the Spring Awakening and a further £400 has been given by individuals via our Justgiving page, set up for this purpose.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/arkfranklin-artstudio>

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Warmest regards  
Janine Ryan  
Headteacher

**Headteacher's thought for the week:**  
To be without some of the things you want is an indispensable part of happiness.