



Ark Franklin Newsletter

18th November 2016

Dear Parents

We have been on many exciting learning excursions this week at Franklin. Year three visited the Unicorn Theatre on Wednesday, year four went to the London Zoo and year six took a trip to the Hindu temple.

This week Miss Ryan and I took our attendance winners to Fortnum and Masons for ice-cream and to Waterstones to buy a book of their choice. We got to see the beautiful Christmas decorations at Piccadilly. Below you can see our winners in front of thousands of letters to Santa – one of the wonderful window displays at Fortnum and Masons.



Every Friday, between now and the Winter Fayre, we are having non-uniform days. In return for the privilege of wearing their own clothes children have been bringing in a contribution for our deluxe hampers that will form our raffle prizes. Next Friday, to wear their own clothes to school, we are asking children to bring in bottles of produce, for example, cordials, olive oils, balsamic vinegars, juices, wines and spirits etc... If you run out of time to purchase a contribution children may also bring in a £1 donation, allowing us to purchase items for the hampers.

Don't forget about our Winter Fayre on the 15th December, Santa and his reindeer will be visiting us again; tickets will be available from next Friday 25th November.

On Thursday all of our year five and six pupils took part in a brain building activity; this was a session on neuron pathways run by Dr Liz Tunbridge from Oxford University.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards
Caroline Owens
Deputy Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher's thought for the week

The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it.



Our year three pupils loved their time at the Unicorn Theatre, where they stepped into the lives of some of the most famous villainous characters in the fabulous production of *Baddies: The Musical*. This show is about fairy tale villains as you've never seen them before...

PTA News

Re-election time has come round for the PTA committee. Any parent interested in serving on the new committee for 2017 should email p.franklin@arkfranklinprimary.org

Parent help still needed for the Winter Fayre on the 15th December. Please contact p.franklin@arkfranklinprimary.org or speak to Sally Heale, Jayne Newman, Petica Watson or Claire Knight, if you can assist on the day.

Key Dates

Friday 9 th December	Staff training day
Thursday 15 th December 3.00pm-6.30pm	Winter Fayre – no after school clubs or care today
Friday 16 th December 2.00pm	Y5/6 winter concert at St John's
Monday 19 th December	Christmas performances Reception 9.30am Nursery 10.30am Y1/2 2.00 & 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch Christmas performance Y3/4 2.15pm
Wednesday 21 st December	Term ends at 2.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th January	Staff training days
Thursday 5 th January	Children return

Stay and Play will return on Wednesday 23rd November in the nursery front room

Sessions run from 9.15 until 11.00am. If you have any further questions please email Veera Patel, the wonderful parent volunteer who organises these sessions. veerapatel@hotmail.com

Lost Property

Please label your child's clothing clearly with a permanent marker or name tapes, then we can return their lost items to them in a timely manner.

The year 5 and 6 neuron mapping sessions that took place at Franklin on Thursday...

