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Ark Franklin Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Today, following two weeks of campaigning, our Reception to year 6 children went to the polls, exercising their democratic right by casting their votes during our very own Ark Franklin school council elections! Thank you to the Brent council election team for ensuring we followed protocol: setting up our polling station complete with voting booth, manning the ballot box and counting the votes cast.

On Monday we will announce the results and the new school council for 2015-16 will be invited to accompany me to meet the Mayor at Brent Civic Centre on Wednesday 30th September.

We recognise that many of you drive your children to school, but double parking and blocking local residential streets is illegal, so please be mindful of our neighbours' rights of way and our children's safety when driving near the school.

Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you from 8.30am on Monday.

Warmest regards

Janine Ryan



Headteacher's thought for the week

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is **94.2%**, we are still a way off of achieving our target of 96%!

Children with 100% attendance for this half term will be entered into a prize draw!

Dogs

We love dogs, but they must be carried if on school premises and cannot be left tied to fences or gates unattended when children are passing in and out at the beginning and end of the day.

Year 6 applications for a place at secondary school

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful.

Please remember that all applications for secondary schools must be submitted by Saturday 31st October 2015. Brent admissions are recommending that **parents should aim to apply by Friday the 23rd October**, which is the last day of this half term.

If you require any help in completing the online application form please contact Lourdes De Lucia in the school office to arrange an appointment as she is more than happy to help.

Appointments during school time

A number of parents have been collecting children early for appointments. In order that valuable learning time is not lost, please endeavour to arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible.

It is important that if you do have to collect your child early from school that you let the teacher know in

advance. Our teacher's email addresses can be found on the school website at

<http://arkfranklinprimary.org/about-us/staff>

We cannot authorise absences for additional siblings to leave early too. Arrangements will have to be made by parents for someone else to collect the siblings at the end of the day.

After School Enrichment Clubs

It was wonderful to see so many children attending After School Enrichments Clubs this week. We will be sending out updates, informing parents of new clubs that are starting the spaces available in due course. We hope to ensure that every child has an opportunity to participate in an enrichment club if they wish to do so.

Key information and clubs with available places:

All clubs in KS1 are full and with waiting lists. We have spaces in the following clubs;

Girls Football and Hockey on Tuesdays for KS2

Rock College on Thursdays for pupils in Years 5&6

Glee Club on Fridays for pupils in KS2

New clubs starting after half term

We are hoping to start Capoeira after the half term. If your child is interested, please ensure that you put their name down on the waiting list at the main reception.

Payments

Please ensure that if your child is attending a club that payment is made by next Monday 28th September if you have not already done so. Our preferred method of payment is WISEPAY.

Key dates

15 th October	Parent's Evening (16:00-19:00) & Fork to Fork Volunteer meeting
26 th October - 30 th October	Half term
31 st October	Deadline for application for a secondary school place
2 nd & 3 rd November	Staff training days
4 th November	Pupils return
10 th December	Winter Fayre

School Council Elections

