



Ark Franklin Newsletter

5th February 2016

Dear Parents

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday and Thursday next week from 3.30 to 6.30pm; please take the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to get an update on how they are doing and how you can support them at home. Parking will be available on the KS2 playground once all children have exited at 3.30pm; access to the school will be via the dining room from the KS1 playground on the Harvist Road side of our site. **Just a reminder**, there will be no after school clubs on Wednesday or Thursday and no after school care on the Thursday.

As a school we will have a focus on e-safety and anti-bullying next week and are inviting children to wear blue to school on Thursday to show their support for these campaigns.

Don't forget to practise your running over the half term break in preparation for our Franklin Forks Fun Run in Queen's Park on Sunday 24th April.

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

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Headteacher



Headteacher's thought for the week

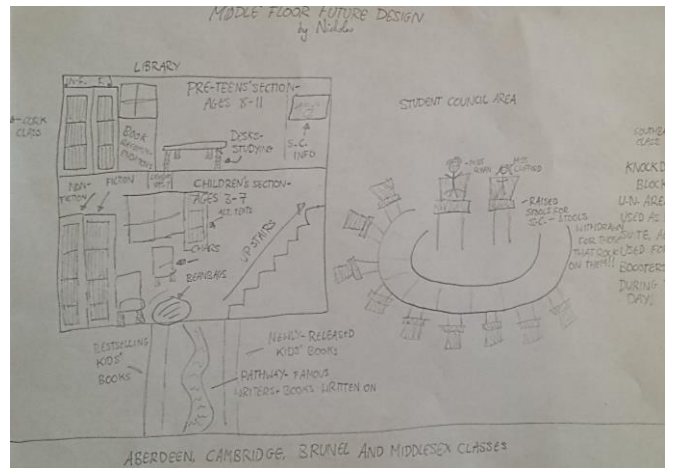
Kites rise highest against the wind – not with it.

Attendance Update: 95.3% this week

Parents, if your child is not going to be in school, please call the office and leave a clear message stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. You need to update us daily when your child is absent from school.

School Council

Councillors were busy this week presenting and reviewing some innovative designs they have produced for our school library!



Citizenship Assembly

On Tuesday, Tanya from the Team London Young Ambassadors programme visited Years 5 and 6 to talk to us about how young people can make a difference in their local communities and beyond. Lively discussions ensued during the Action for Change workshop, pupils identified issues they had identified in their local community, considering how they could use their natural skills and abilities to raise awareness. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed designing something to wear at night to keep us safe when walking home in the dark and are very keen to do what they can to help raise awareness going forward!

Stories about children who have already taken action included Craig Kielburger who saw an article about a child slave when he was just 12 and went on to do great things!

For more information please click on the following links:

<http://www.we.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Craig_Kielburger



Reception Parent Workshop

Thank you to our lovely parents who participated in a baking workshop with our Reception children last week. The children had a fantastic time making and decorating biscuits!



Year 1 children have been enjoying Chinese calligraphy and making kites in Art class this week to celebrate Chinese New Year!



Club places are still available!

Places are still available for the following clubs:

Prompt payments for clubs confirm allocation of the place(s) requested.

Parents **MUST** collect their children on time.

Club	Year Groups	Weeknight
Capoeira	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mondays
Drama	Years 4, 5 & 6	Mondays
Film	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Thursdays
Music	Years 5 & 6	Fridays

Please ensure that dinner money and nursery fee payments are up to date!

Parent Association News

Just over a month to go before we host our first PA Quiz night on Thursday 3rd March. Tickets are limited so book early at arkfranklin.eventbrite.co.uk. Free refreshments are included in the ticket price.

Should you need to contact the PA committee, please use the follow email address:
p.franklin@arkfranklinprimary.org

Key Dates

Wednesday 10 th Feb	Parent's Evening
Thursday 11 th Feb	Parent's Evening & last day of this half term
Half term holiday: Friday 12 th Feb until Friday 19 th Feb inclusive	
Monday 22 nd Feb	Children return to school
Thursday 3 rd March	Parent Association Event: Quiz Night!
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of Spring term
Easter holiday: Friday 25 th March until Monday 11 th April inclusive	
Tuesday 12 th April	Children return to school
Sunday 24 th April	Franklin Forks Fun Run – Queen's Park
Monday 9 th May- Friday 13 th May	SATs Week (Year 6)