



Agrawal Building Opens

By the time you read this newsletter our new Agrawal Building will have been officially opened by no less than Roma Agrawal herself. We feel incredibly honoured that she has taken the time out of her busy life as a structural engineer and role model for young people, to come and meet with us. Roma has agreed to lead assemblies for all our pupils, take part in a podcast and then officially open our new building before leaving early in the afternoon. We are taking lots of photos and a video of the opening so look out for these shortly via our website and social media.



Bikefest – save the date

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We have been told about a wonderful event that is taking place on 18th September 2016 in Victoria Square. Its going to be a great day out for all the family and will encourage everyone to get on their bikes.

You can find out more details of this event at www.birminghambikefest.com

Parent Survey Results

A huge thank you to the many parents who took the time to complete our recent parental survey. This information is really helpful to us and informs our future plans for the academy. Whilst the responses were overwhelmingly positive, we did notice that there were some common concerns. We have therefore decided to address these in the next few newsletters to tell you either what we are doing to respond to the concern or the reasons why we do something.

Some parents have asked why we teach Latin rather than Spanish, particularly when the secondary school that they wish to send their child to teaches Spanish. The reason for this is that we send our children out to many different secondary schools and all teach different languages. Secondary schools, when asked, tell us that it doesn't matter what we teach in primary school because they will disregard this and start again in Y7 anyway. However, Latin provides really good roots for understanding any European modern language and will therefore be helpful preparation for secondary school. In addition, research shows that it is the best language to teach at primary level to support budding readers. This is because it helps to teach sentence structure and vocabulary.

Parent Governors

We are very pleased to announce that we are now in a position to begin the recruitment process for parent and staff governors for the academy. Please find with this newsletter a separate statement outlining the role and application process. We warmly welcome all applications and are very happy to discuss this with anyone interested prior to a formal application. You will also be able to apply online via our website if you prefer.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 5pm.

Meet the staff

Mrs Ayling joined the academy in January 2016 and is currently a year V class teacher. From September Mrs Ayling will become our specialist music teacher and will be delivering music lessons to every class, as well as running the academy choirs and other music-related events.

Mrs Ayling is multi-talented and is able to play a number of musical instruments including the drums, piano, guitar and bass.

In her spare time Mrs Ayling is practicing her boxing skills. This is a sport that she took up a couple of years ago following a charity event that introduced her to the sport.



Mrs Ayling says that she enjoys working at Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy because she finds all the pupils to be so lovely and enthusiastic.

Safeguarding – “Everybody’s business”

We are very busy putting together our new, improved PHSCE curriculum for next academic year. This will include adoption of the ‘No Outsiders’ scheme of learning that will help to teach our pupils to respect everyone, regardless of our differences.

Dates for your diary

Mon 20th June – Agrawal Building Opening

Wed 22nd June – Y5 Carnival Project starts

Fri 24th June – Y6 to Aston University

Mon 27th June – Academy closed for staff training

Thur 30th June – Transition day, all pupils into their new classes or to new secondary school

Mon 4th July – Book Fair arrives

Tues 5th July – SATs results arrive in the academy

Mon/Tue/Wed 4-6th July – The academy will be closed to pupils for Eid. Staff have kindly agreed to be flexible about the actual date for this as they have all arranged personal study. We will let parents know as soon as Eid is declared via text, social media and website. The day following the closure will be ‘**International Day**’ when pupils/staff are asked to come dressed in a costume that is representative of their heritage and will be sampling foods and life from around the world.

Mon 11th July – Reports out to parents

Wed 13th July – Summer Fayre incorporating Y5 Carnival Project Performances

Thur 14th July – Y6 to Drayton Manor

Fri 15th July – End of Year Celebration Event

Mon 18th July – Choir performance at Symphony Hall

Tues 19th July – Y6 production

Wed 20th July – Academy breaks up at 13:30

SPORTS DAYS – These will be held by year group and there will also be a competition between the five academy houses. Dates/timings are subject to Eid and weather. Parents are welcome.

Y3 – Tues 5th July from 09:00 until 10:30

Y4 – Mon 4th July from 13:30 until 15:00

Y5 – Mon 11th July from 13:30 until 15:00

Y6 – Tues 12th July from 09:00 until 10:50