



Welcome

It has been a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. For anti-bullying week we had workshops taking place for the children to ensure they understand why we have zero tolerance for any form of bullying whether it is verbal, physical or cyber bullying. On Friday 18th November we had a visit from Kash the Flash who is a world kick boxing champion. Kash also spoke to the children about why bullying was unacceptable in any form.

Some of our children visited the Houses of Parliament on the 16th November. They enjoyed meeting with an MP and a tour around Westminster. Our Chess Club took part in a competition at King Edwards and although they did not win, they had great fun participating. Children from the academy choir also took part in a singing project.

During all these activities, comments were made on the excellent behaviour of our children. We are so very proud of them and how they represent our academy.

I would encourage you to visit our website www.arkchamberlain.org and listen to our radio show. The children work very hard producing this show and it is well worth a listen. You can find it under 'life at school' – Ark radio.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 parents' SATs workshop. It was a pleasure to meet with you all to share what we can all do to help our children to achieve their potential in their SATs next year.

Thank you for your continued support of the academy.

Mrs Twort – Acting Head of School

Nick Arnold Visit

Nick Arnold visited Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy on Thursday 3rd November, during National Children's Book Week. He is known for the most amazing books: Blood, bones and body

bits, Chemicals chaos, Bulging brains and many more... Whilst visiting Ark Chamberlain, he performed very funny experiments and the children got to ask lots of questions.

The children that asked the best question got an exclusive Nick Arnold badge. Amilah from (V Cambridge) said, 'I couldn't believe I won a Nick Arnold badge! I feel so lucky.' In his assembly, Nick Arnold was hilarious! He spilt a bottle of water on Samira's head (V Oxford) and spilt a bucket of water on Abdullahi's head (VI Leeds) don't worry it wasn't the whole bucket! He also played 'What's in the Nasty Bag?' with Mrs. Sadler (who teaches V Leeds) who had to put her hand inside the bag and found a creepy cockroach! Luckily it wasn't real and it was a cockroach that lives in joke shops. In the second round, Mrs. Sadler was saved by Henna (VI Warwick) when she guessed a scorpion was in the bag. Luckily, it was very small in a container and was not moving! She was very brave to take it out. Nick Arnold showed us 'How to make balloons sing' (Mayeda V Leeds) had an unforgettable 10th birthday with all of the children singing 'Happy Birthday' to her.

After the assembly, Nick Arnold met some Chamberlain pupils and signed their 'Horrible Science' books. It really was a fantastic day.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week has been a great success! We had assemblies to show the importance of being kind and not being hurtful to others.

Children were taught about the importance of telling someone if it happens to you or what to do if you see someone else being hurt.

We also had lots of other activities: art and circle time workshops and baking cakes to raise money for Children in Need that coincided with anti-bullying week. We even had children bringing cakes they baked at home and working on anti-bullying presentations and displays!

Children who showed real support this week were chosen to go on the go karts on Friday. To round off the week we had Kash the Flash four times kick boxing champion to talk in the assembly about anti bullying, importance of respecting everyone, listening and trying your best at school as well as the importance of fitness!



We have worry boxes in all the classes for children to write down their concerns, trained Peer Mediators to deal with small disagreements in the playground and Mr Jamal and Mrs Hayre who are available to talk through any concerns or worries from the playground/ classroom or at home.

Autumn Project: Art

KS2 have worked on two art projects during the first half of the autumn term, producing artworks which explore autumnal colours and textures.

Years 4 and 6 looked at the work of the French artist Henri Matisse (B: 1869 to 1954).

Years 3 and 5 focused on creating compositions of leaf shapes inspired by the randomness of an autumn pavement. Children were encouraged to see things others might miss by looking carefully at the colours and shapes of leaves on the pavement as they journeyed to and from school. Children then created configurations inspired by the shape and texture of autumn leaves to produce colourful, overlapping, abstract designs using soft, coloured

pencils.

For this project years 3 and 5 children studied the rhythm, movement and structure found in the artworks of William Morris who was an English textile designer (B: 1834 to 1896) and British land artist Andy Goldsworthy (B: 1956).

Children analyse, engage with and question their own and others work, identifying how beliefs, values and meanings are expressed and shared. Children are encouraged to express themselves through their art, which is supported by strong research into the wider world around them.

The children's autumn work is celebrated throughout the school and is displayed in many areas.



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Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern then please report these to Miss M Bowles our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Mrs. K Hussain our Deputy DSL.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8th December – Parents Evening

Friday 9th December – Teacher Training Day

Friday 16th December – End of term.
Pupils finish at 1pm

Tuesday 3rd January - Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 4th January – Academy open for pupils as normal