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Welcome

The academy has been as busy as ever with so many different events going on. We have been running a road safety competition and had some fantastic entries. An assembly was held on Thursday where the winners were announced. Well done to all the children. It is amazing how creative our children are.

We have run an FGM workshop for parents this week and had a really good turnout of parents that found it very informative. We will be running reading workshops for parents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 next week, so please try and attend if you can as the workshops will help you to help your child with their reading at home. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Twort – Acting Head of School

Road Safety Week

On the 6th – 10th February it was Road Safety Week.

Well done to all of the pupils who entered the Road Safety Week competition.

There was a high standard of entries and this has been an excellent way for pupils to demonstrate their artistic skills.

Please ensure that you have signed the pledge to keep your children safe.

On Thursday 9th February children had Road Safety Assemblies delivered to them by Ms J. Coombs who is the Senior Transportation Officer for Birmingham City Council.

Art for Ark Competition



The artworks of 24 Ark Chamberlain pupils have been short listed to represent the school in the “Art for Ark” competition, which if successful will be part of an auction and exhibition to raise money for Ark programmes.

All short listed art works will be judged at the end of the month by a specialist judging panel and successful pupils will be invited to a special afternoon tea prior to the auction in order to see their work hung in a gallery. All profits made from the sale of their artwork will go back to the school’s art department.

Keeping Safe Online

Top tips for parents!

- Talk to your child about what 'personal information' is - such as email address, full name, phone number, address and school name - and why it's important.
- Explain simple ways to protect their privacy. E.g. avoid usernames like birthdates or locations that give away too much information.
- Discuss images and photos, and what might be appropriate. Help your child understand how photographs can give people a sense of your personality, and that sharing the wrong kind of image can give the wrong impression.
- Explain that it isn't easy to identify someone online. People aren't always

who they say they are, so don't share personal information. If it's someone who genuinely knows your child, they shouldn't need to ask for personal information online.

- Tell your child that if they're in any doubt they should talk to you first.

Year 5 Shakespeare Workshop



Recently, the children in year five have been learning about Shakespeare. Mrs Schofield organised a fantastic workshop based around one of the most famous writers in the world.

On the 26th January 2017, two professional actors came into the academy to work with our children and helped them perform one of Shakespeare's most famous stories, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The actors called for volunteers to help them perform this story and the children got a greater insight into the plot. The volunteers were provided with costumes and a soundtrack for each of their characters.

The children in year five had a brilliant time and they got a chance to show off their acting skills, all the teachers were very impressed and entertained. One of the most memorable performances was from Khalid in V Cambridge. He really got into the role and we were all laughing with him.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school every day. The school uniform list is available inside children's planners and on the school website. Black leggings, long boots and trainers are NOT acceptable. In the cold weather if children wish to wear boots to school they must bring their school shoes to change into when they enter the building.

Please also ensure that all children have a waterproof coat for school - hoodies are not acceptable.

Blue Peter Winners

Congratulations to Saniya and Laaiba in Year 5 who have both won Blue Peter Badges. They delivered an assembly to pupils and explained how they too could get a badge.



Physical Education

Pupils this term in PE have developed their understanding of rolls, travels, turns and balances. Children are now competent in not only performing these routines, but can now also coach them to others. They will finish the term by performing their routine to the group. Mr Marks is extremely excited to see some high level performances!

Please can you ensure that if your child has been selected for an after school club that they attend every week. This is an excellent opportunity for them to develop their sport specific skills, alongside improving their health.

Please note that ALL jewellery must be removed for PE

Dates for Your Diary

- 13th – 17th February 2017 - Year 3 and 4 reading workshops
- 20th – 24th February 2017 – Half Term Week
- 6th - 10th March 2017 – Assessment Week
- 17th March 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 20th – 27th March 2017 – Travelling Book Fair
- 5th April 2017 – Musical Production
- 10th – 21st April 2017 – Easter Holidays