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## Welcome

Once again the academy has been busy over the last two weeks with lots of events taking place. Our Year 3 pupils went on a trip to the city centre where they visited the Library and Museum. We have had NSPCC workshops taking place in classrooms to ensure that our children are safe and our Chair of Governors has launched a competition for our Years 3 & 4 this week. The children are excited to take part in this.

Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their Leavers' assembly which I know will be amazing as well as sad as it will be their last at Ark Chamberlain. Our new Year 3 pupils have been visiting from St. Benedict's to familiarise themselves with the academy. The Bike Week was very successful. Nearly 100 children brought their bikes into school and had coaching as well as their bikes checked to ensure that they were safe to use.

There are many other events planned over the next few weeks so please make sure that you come along and join us whenever you can. Please join us for our Sports Days and also our Summer Fayre which is always a popular event and is due to take place on 13th July. Put the date in your diary so that you do not miss out.

**Mrs Twort – Head of School**

## Safeguarding

Cyberbullying is an increasingly common form of bullying behaviour which happens on social networks, games and mobile phones.

If you want to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help. Please call:-

(0808) 800 5002

## Academy Uniform

Academy uniform is no longer purchased through the school as of the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Parents/Carers will need to visit The School Uniform Specialists online. Their website address is [www.theschooluniformspecialists.com](http://www.theschooluniformspecialists.com).

We have some samples of school blazers available in the academy for parents/carers to try on their children before they order them.

## NSPCC Workshops

Before half term we had assemblies from NSPCC for all our children. Their message was 'Speak out, Stay safe'. Year 6 had workshops on the importance of talking to someone they trust if they are worried or upset about something. Year 5 had their workshops on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Childline number 0800 1111

## Walk to School Week



The children enjoyed walking around the playground in the morning when it wasn't raining.

The children and staff had fun wearing their favourite shoes and managed to raise £144.25 for our Summer Fayre which is on 13th July.

## Kingswood Trip

Not long now! We are excited as much as the children. Hopefully we will have the sunshine. Staff will have a meeting with all the children going on the trip on the 19th June 2017, and give out a list of what they are allowed to bring.

## Year 6 Bollywood Workshop

This term Year 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from a Bollywood dance teacher. Each class got to dress up and learn a dance routine with intricate hand gestures and footwork.

Regular dancing is great for maintaining strong bones, improving posture and muscle strength, in addition to increasing balance and co-ordination. One of the best things about dancing is that whilst having fun, you're still getting all the health benefits of a good workout.

Judging by the smiles and dance moves everyone in Year 6 had a great time.

## Art of the Portrait



During the Spring term Year 5 children have explored the topic 'Portraiture', and as part of this topic children took part in a workshop run by artists Ian Andrews and Sarah Fortes Mayer from the MAC Gallery – Birmingham.

Working on large sheets of paper and using charcoal and a rubber children created chiaroscuro drawings of elderly people. As part of the project children were invited to interview an elderly relative about a significant moment in their life.

All the children really enjoyed the workshop and were pleased with their finished chiaroscuro drawings. The portraits will form part of the Year 5 art exhibition 'Art of the Portrait' in the Summer term, which will feature all the artwork the children have created and their interviews with family relatives.

## Year 5 Dudley Canal Trust Trip

On the 14th & 15th of May, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Dudley Canal Trust. They took part in workshops and visited the museum as well as seeing a spectacular lightshow deep in the underground caves. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## Academy Lunch Menu

Please visit the website for the latest menu:

<http://arkchamberlain.org/life-school/healthy-school>

Week commencing 19th June 2017: Week 1

## Year 3 Visit to The Library of Birmingham and Birmingham Museum



On Tuesday 6th June, Year 3 took the train to the city centre to visit the Birmingham Museum and Birmingham Library. Pupils explored ancient Egyptian artefacts and even mummified an Egyptian pharaoh.

At the Library, pupils collected their own library cards and read some of their favourite stories on the story steps! Despite the wind and rain, pupils had a fantastic day exploring what the city centre has to offer!

## Bali Rai Author Visit



Bali Rai will be coming to visit Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

He will be conducting two assemblies with lower and upper school. He will also be interviewed on Ark Radio and by the Library Monitors.

Books will be on sale in the afternoon. Each book will cost £4.67. This should be an exciting day and definitely one that should not be missed!

## Dates for Your Diary

- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 – Bali Rai Author Visit
- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - Summer Fayre
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Last day of term