



It seems very strange to think that we only have four weeks left in school until the Christmas holidays! It has been a different Autumn term for us, and unfortunately many of the usual activities have not been able to go ahead or have had to be altered to ensure that we follow the current restrictions. However, we are looking forward to the end of term and hoping to be able to schedule some seasonal activities for the children to enjoy at the end of this tough year. We also can't wait for Years 1 and 4 to return on Monday, giving us a full school again.

### **Digital strategy**

As part of our digital strategy for the Academy, we were so happy to be able to announce to Year 6 pupils this week that they will all be provided with a laptop, which will enable them to work in school and also assist them with successful learning at home. We hope that we will also be able to provide Year 5 pupils with laptops before Christmas. This is an exciting step forward in us being able to provide the best possible education to our pupils and we cannot wait to see the positive effect these will have.



### **Ark Schools music assemblies**

One of the benefits of being part of the Ark Schools network is that we are able to come together in 38 schools across the country for events. The rise in online meetings and assemblies etc. over the past few months has made these opportunities to connect even easier and we are delighted to say that this week, for the first time, we joined a fantastic music assembly with other Ark academies in London, Hastings and Portsmouth. We can't wait to have more classes joining next week!



### **Reception applications for 2021 entry**

It has been so lovely to speak to new families in our virtual information sessions so far and talk about everything that makes our school so wonderful. If you know anyone whose child will be starting Reception next year, please encourage them to visit our website for more information about these sessions, which will be held on:

- Thursday 26th November 2020 at 10:00am
- Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 9:30am, with Arabic translation
- Monday 7th December 2020 at 9:30am, with Urdu translation
- Thursday 7th January 2020 at 4pm
- Friday 8th January at 2pm
- Tuesday 12th January at 11am
- Wednesday 13th January at 4pm

### **Ofsted Outstanding Ark St Alban's Academy Sixth Form open evening**

Our local Ark secondary School, Ark St Alban's Academy on Conybere Street, will be hosting a virtual Sixth Form open evening at 4pm on Monday 23rd November (next week). If you have friends or family with children in Year 11 that currently attend other schools, but who may be interested in joining Ark St Alban's Academy for Sixth Form next September, please do encourage them to join. Those planning to join the virtual open evening need to register online beforehand in order to receive an invitation. Please visit St Alban's website for more information.



### **Tindal says yes to road safety and no to bullying**

Today our pupils have been focussing on two very important topics in our PSHE focus day. We want our pupils to know how to be safe on the roads and to have an appreciation of the risks that they might face when out and about in their community. Classes were challenged with designing posters and leaflets for display around the school and in the next newsletter! After discussing bullying and using role play and circle time to talk about how this might affect us all, year groups were asked to design a cushion cover with an anti-bullying message, which will be given to another class for their book corner. Pupils responded in a very creative way, and we can't wait to show you some of their work!

# Our week in pictures

For news and updates, make sure you regularly visit the Academy website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages and be sure to share the amazing work your children are doing at home too!



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Year 3 treated us to a fantastic Diwali assembly, telling us all about the festival of lights which is celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs.



On World Science Day, classes were challenged with designing a way to keep an egg safe when thrown from the first floor! Year 2 worked together to make this brilliant parachute which helped the egg safely float down to earth. Ask your child what exciting discoveries they made!



Year 5 enjoyed their Zoom talk this morning from Sarah Boazman, a Planetary Scientist from the Natural History Museum in London. They were fascinated by the idea of ripples on Mars and the South Pole of the Moon!



Thank you to everyone who celebrated what makes us unique and joined in our Odd Sock Day today, organised by the Anti Bullying Alliance. These fantastic monsters kept Mr Harrison's toes toasty warm!

## Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil, Mrs Vigers or Miss Saboor. For your information, our Safeguarding Governor is Daniel Richards and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.