



## Aspire. Expect. Achieve. Together.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at school with SATs for our Year 6 pupils, and GCSEs starting for our Year 11s. We are really proud of our Year 6 how well they conducted themselves during their SATs week. We are equally proud of Year 11 how they have started their GCSEs this week and attended their revision sessions...keep up the revision at home!

### Year 6 bowling trip

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a well-deserved bowling trip after their SATs!



### Music shout out!

This week, 9.3 learnt Without You by Alessio in one lesson. They are very proud of their work and every single part was played by them with no music teacher helping. A fantastic achievement! Well done to:  
Kaicie-Mae on bass guitar  
Courtney on drums

Jenice on lead piano  
Javan on electric guitar  
Sophie, Xanna, Nevaeh, Coady, Wiktorina & Alicia on vocals  
All of the class are on backing keyboards.

### Magic Breakfast

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fuel for learning

We are proud to be supported by Magic Breakfast who provide all of our pupils with the offer of a healthy and nutritious breakfast every morning. Research shows that children and young people who eat breakfast show improved attendance, behaviour, and academic performance. Breakfast is available to all primary school pupils in the classroom, and to secondary school pupils during line up.

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop

Thank you to our Year 1 parents who came along to this week's Phonics Screening Workshop.



### Envision Community-Apprentice Programme

Envision is a UK charity that exists to empower young people to develop the essential skills and confidence they need to succeed in later life.

The Community-Apprentice programme is a structured, evidence based, 12-week cross-school active citizen competition. Working in partnership with schools, we unite young people with trained Envision staff and local business mentors to tackle social issues

affecting their community. By supporting them to make change happen, we empower young people to develop skills beyond the classroom so they can shape their own futures.

At this time Team AK Youth have been raising awareness for Youth homelessness and St Basils our students in year 10 have already raised £70 for this cause.

We are very excited and wishing them luck for their final presentation next week at Aston University. I am sure we will have some wonderful pictures to share in the next newsletter.

### Persuasive Writing

Class 9.4 completed some wonderful work this week on writing persuasive speeches as to why we should have more school trips. Here is just one brilliant example!

Secondly, you **MUST** consider doing this for the greater good because these educational trips have a **COLLOSAL** difference in all sorts of topics. This makes children more confident and learn more world-wide cultures.

Do you not want us to be happier?  
Do you not want us to have benefits for our grades? **ACKNOWLEDGE US FOR THE GREATER GOOD.**

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And this writing was so inspiring, that yes we do want all our pupils to have trips....each Head of Year has been given a budget to organise an end of year reward trip for each year group. Details coming soon.

### Year 5 trip to Young Voices

Earlier this month over 5000 pupils came together at Resorts World Arena to form a huge choir – and our Year 5 pupils were thrilled to take part.



### Walk to School Assembly

This week our primary pupils enjoyed a 'walk to school assembly' as part of our Healthy Lifestyles Curriculum. This launches our Walk to School initiative.



### Year 9 Poetry

Thank you to Kelisha in Year 9 who shared her thoughtful and inspiring poetry with us this week. Here is her poem:

#### 'Black is Beautiful'

*When I look at my skin I see pure beauty,  
Although I may see a crack or a scratch.  
Beauty is what I see,  
What I see is all that matters to me.  
Through all these years we've been dragged along,  
Slavery is one that's made us **STRONG!**  
When some people look at us they see us as immigrants, right,  
But we have worked here for most of our lives.  
Now tell me why aren't we beautiful,  
Is it because our hair is not long or our skin too dark?  
What I see matters to me and what I see is **BEAUTY!***

### Wasps Netball Trip- May 2022

Miss Lloyd, Mr Smith and Miss Nicholls took a group of pupils to Wasps Netball on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Everyone had a fantastic day with really some special opportunities. Pupils were involved in the Guard of Honour welcoming players to the court, Tayshawna was able to take the match ball on court to start the game, and 4 students took part in the half time competition which they won tickets to the next match.

Attendees were: Conner, Ali, Michelle, Denise, Grace, Karysha, Taylor, Maizie, Layla, Khmyah, Sausan, Julia, Nikoly, Sian, Heaven, Hope, Tayshawna, Maddison, Abby, Mischa, Qmara, Ella, Ruby, Gaby and Lisa.

### All Through Jubilee Competition

We are running a whole school Platinum Jubilee competition. See details below. Hand in your entries to your class teacher/ form tutor by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



 Ark Kings Academy

## JUBILEE COMPETITION

*We're launching a Portrait of the Queen competition to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

*It can be:*

- Any medium
- The queen at any stage in her reign

Please submit your entries by lunchtime Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to your form tutor/class teacher.

\* Prizes available for each key stage.

### Commonwealth Games- 2022



Congratulations to Michelle T in Year 10 who has been selected as a Baton bearer at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this Summer! The baton is currently on a tour of the Commonwealth and Michelle will be involved when the baton arrives in Birmingham from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. Good luck Michelle!

### Key Dates

Next week we will release all our key dates for the rest of the academic year in our Primary and Secondary newsletters.

Dates to make a note of now:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022- All pupils break up for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022- All pupils return for Summer 2

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022- INSET day- school closed

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022- ARK NETWORK INSET day- school closed

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022- pupils break up- End of Year.

Thank you for all your support. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C. Brasenell  
Executive Principal