



Ark Dickens Primary Academy

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

First and foremost this week, I would like to thank all of my brilliant colleagues at Ark Dickens. As Covid continues to serve us some bumps in the road, I have been in awe of their kindness, resilience and hard work in the face of challenges. Every member of staff at Dickens, no matter their role, goes above and beyond for the pupils here; I am extremely grateful to them.

We have had a very busy week at Ark Dickens this week. The regional director for Ark London and Portsmouth, Kate Magliocco, came to visit. She was impressed with the overall behaviour and attitudes in class that she saw. We have also had reading volunteers from the Portsmouth University in – they will be reading with children across the school on a weekly basis.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mrs Berry

Head of School

What's happening in Reception?

Reception children have been really enjoying Spring 1. We have been learning about the Three Little Pigs, performing the story with our friends. In maths, we have been super busy, learning to add and subtract within ten and now we are learning to half and numbers up to 10. We had such fun celebrating the Chinese New Year, making lanterns and performing a dragon dance.



What are Year 1 up to this week?

This week in Y1 we have been learning about our mental health and wellbeing. We have practised breathing techniques, mindfulness and positive thinking.

We are writing independently, showing all the skills we have learned for writing a successful diary recount.

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



What are Year 5 up to this week?

Our Spring 1 unit in Science is: Changing materials. This week, we focused on the process of dissolving. We became the solute (salt) and solvent (water) to show how a solution is formed. Following this, we investigated different materials, predicting and testing if they would dissolve in water.



What's coming up?

- Half term - 21st - 25th Feb
- Inset Day 28th Feb

Reminders:

Return back from half term on Tuesday 1st March

Gates close promptly at 8.40am

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Announcements



Attendance

Paddington Am	88.4%	Aslan	96.9%
Paddington PM	90.4%	Wilbur	96.3%
Mowgli	96.1%	Grainger	90%
Pinocchio	80.4%	Horton	93.6%
Robin	96.9%	Marley	92.3%
Matilda	94%	Asterix	92.1%
Merlin	92.8%	Banquo	88.6%
Poppins	91%	Gandalf	92.6%



Stars of the Week

Hanifa C - Matilda

Kira R - Robin

Reggie O - Merlin

Amelia F - Poppins

Rudya A/Tishk O - Aslan

Rafaella S-M/ Raven H - Wilbur

Maisie W/Nazli Y - Horton

Buddy P/ Aurora H - Grainger

Aanisah B/Lily N - Asterix

Noor S/Pearl G - Marley

Archie R /Bambo A - Banquo

Rehand A/ Yosra S - Gandalf

Make sure you look out for SAM the dog.

#SCHOOLATTENDANCEMATTERS

House Points

