

All Saints' News



ARK ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

October 2013



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first ARK All Saints Academy's half termly newsletter. It is a pleasure to see all of our scholars settling in, making friends and getting stuck in to their lessons.

We are really enjoying getting to know the scholars and finding out about their talents.

We are still hoping to move into the new building over half term; we will have progress updates on the website.

Please remember to sign your child's passport and to check in their folders for letters. The more you ask to see them – the more important they are!

We will be asking for nominees for parent governor shortly. We will also be starting enrichment clubs next week.

The academy site is open to scholars until 4.30pm each day. Those staying for homework or academic intervention have permission from their parents – but others just don't want to stop playing table tennis! We are happy for them to remain on site, but we request that you keep in contact with them and ask that they communicate with you if they wish to remain on site till 4.30pm.

With best wishes for the coming year,

Lucy Frame
Principal

Sports Hall

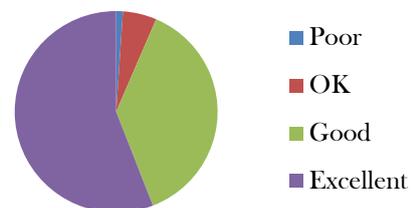
In the second week of term our brand new sports hall opened. We have now had several PE sessions and Shout Outs in there. The sports hall is our first taste of what our new building will be like, and we can't wait!



Scholar Survey

We conducted an anonymous survey with all of the scholars on September 24th, after 3 weeks of school. The results of all the questions were great, but we just wanted to highlight that 94% of scholars rated us Good or Excellent overall.

How would you rate ARK All Saints Academy overall?



Shout Outs

Every Friday we have a whole school Shout Out in the sports hall. This is an opportunity for members of staff to congratulate and reward the scholars who have been exceptional that week in their work, their sense of community, or in any other way. We have so far awarded over 30 scholars with a Shout Out in front of their peers. Congratulations to all of them! And keep an eye out in your child's folder for their certificate.

Wicked!

On Wednesday 18th September, 30 scholars from ARK All Saints Academy travelled into London's West End to enjoy a stunning performance of the award winning musical, 'Wicked'. This was All Saints' first school trip, and the scholars were outstanding ambassadors for the values of our academy: they were confident, responsible, and impeccably behaved. What did the scholars have to say about it? 'It was WICKED!!'



Founders Day

The Founders Day service will be on **November 14th** at Southwark Cathedral. We will be departing from the school by coach at approximately 1pm and returning by 3.45pm. If you would like to attend the service, please contact Matthew Cooksey as soon as possible, as limited spaces are available for parents.

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Equipment!

We are aiming to provide ALL scholars with the skills necessary to succeed at university or pursue a career of their choice. In order to support these aspirations, we have high expectations regarding equipment and uniform. So, as we agreed at interview, we do insist that all scholars remember **all** of their equipment every day. If you are not sure what they need to bring, please check our website under **Uniform** where a complete list of uniform and classroom equipment can be found.

Any scholar who is missing any of this will be sent home to retrieve it. Please also remember to label everything, particularly water bottles and pencil cases.

Other News

The next Working Together Wednesday for parents is on the 16th of October, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's English and Literacy teachers and find out what they will be working on next term.

Open Days are coming up in October, so please let your family and friends know if they are looking for a secondary school for September 2014!



Enrichment

All parents should shortly be receiving a letter about enrichment clubs. All clubs finish at 4.30pm.

This term's clubs include Drawing Club, Faith on Friday, a School Newspaper, Choir and many more. Please see Ms Loveday with any questions, and we look forward to seeing your child taking advantage of these opportunities.



On Oct 1st, all scholars attended a theatre workshop performed by the Blue Elephant Theatre Group. The title was, 'You can't eat chicken all the time!' and was about a young student struggling with feelings of stress and anxiety. Our scholars were able to comment on how the main character could deal with his feelings, then invited on stage to act out their suggestions.

'The performance was unbelievable! They could really understand how we can feel and they came to tell us that it's alright to tell someone that you trust about your feelings.'

- Ramabai scholar