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**Friday 3rd of February 2017 is World Number Day
Announcing the Swift Puzzle Competition**



To celebrate World Number Day, Ark Swift will be holding a 'Puzzle Competition' open to all children in Years 1 to 6

The task is to create a game or puzzle which require skills and strategies to solve.

We are delighted to inform you that Alex Bellos, a journalist for the Guardian and author of books about maths and football including 'Can You Solve My Problems?' will be coming into school to share his story and explain how his passion for maths puzzles led him to becoming an author. Alex Bellos will be judging the competition.

Guidance for children:

Think about the games and puzzles you enjoyed on Wednesday with the Happy Puzzle Company. You worked in teams and solved tricky problems together.

If you wish to enter the competition, your puzzle or game should involve clear instructions for players, and you should also think about how many people can play at one time. For example: Snakes and Ladders is a game that can be played by 2-4 people; Fractions snap is a card game that can be played by 2 players...

You can work in groups and get help from adults at home, or even in school. You have until Thursday 2nd February to submit your puzzles- we will then announce the winners on the 3rd February when Alex Bellos is with us. Good luck!

**Please take care during these cold weather conditions.
The playground is salted regularly but do take care.**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
JASON MARANTZ**

Dear Parents and Carers

Maths was all around us this week when the Happy Puzzle Company paid a visit to our school. Our children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were given an incredible opportunity to engage in a variety of challenging puzzles and riddles. I am delighted to use this week's newsletter to launch our first ever Swift Puzzle Competition.

This is a challenge that children can undertake outside of school. I can't wait to see all of the creative games and puzzles we are going to collect. Parents are encouraged to support their children. Children, you can even work in small groups. Puzzles are due in on 2 February.

Have a good weekend

Mr Marantz

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: **Bangor and Trinity (100%)**

2nd place: **St Andrews**

3rd place: **Southbank**

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

91.3%

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.3%** and our target for this year is **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this.

We want your children to make great progress this year and we can only do this if you send your children to school, **every day** and **on time**.



**WE ARE GETTING
CLOSER TO OUR GOAL**

We are on a mission to get 300 'likes' on our Facebook page by the end of the month and so far we have 101.

Visit the Ark Swift Primary Academy
Facebook Page

@ArkSwiftPrimary

Check out our latest news.

23rd January, 3pm

Trinity class assembly

30th January, 3pm

Bangor Class Assembly

31st January, 9am

West London Zone Coffee Morning

2nd February

Deadline for submitting puzzles and games

3rd February

World Number Day – Puzzle Competition Judging

6th February, 3pm

Oxford Class Assembly

13th – 17th February

Half Term

27th and 28th February

Classroom Visits



Parents of children participating in class assemblies are invited to come and watch.