



Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! It is 2020 – a new year, a new decade and an exciting time at Ark Swift.

I would like to welcome Miss Mardenborough to the school. Miss Mardenborough will be teaching in Year 6 in the lead-up to SATs as well as covering teachers across the school to allow us to work on developing our curriculum.

Online Safety

Here are some helpful websites to support you at home:

Net Aware is the NSPCC's bite-size guide to online safety with lots of advice and top tips.
www.net-aware.org.uk

Internet matters gives practical advice on how to keep children safe in their digital world.
www.internetmatters.org

Ofsted Parent View Survey

Please take a few minutes to give your feedback on the academy to Ofsted by going to:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

With very best wishes for the term ahead,

Daniel Upfield
Principal

Playground Mural

On the 14th and 15th of January 2020, I ran workshops with Year 5 and 6 pupils. My name is Tezz Kamoen - I am a visual artist and I have been asked to design a mural for the boarding around the playground. I won't do this alone of course - I need all of your ideas! We will all work together to create an amazing mural.

The plan is to create our own unique new street in White City, our story; on the boarding of your school. The designs and ideas that we came up with during the workshop will be the foundation of our mural, which will be painted on the boarding collaboratively a bit later in the year.


You are encouraged to all think about your journeys from home to school (or elsewhere of course) with your children. We have the freedom to build our own street from scratch, so we need endless imagination! How can our new street make White City even better? What do we need? What do we want? What would you like to see? Consider the things you see - but again - more importantly things we want to see that are not there yet!

Any ideas can be submitted to Mr Upfield via the school office.

<https://www.tezzkamoen.com/>

Attendance

Attendance statistics for Attendance statistics for **Tuesday 7th – Thursday 16th January 2020**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	91.9%
Year R Bath 	98.6% - fantastic turnaround this term. Keep it up!
Year 1 Bristol	90.6%
Year 2 Manchester	94.4%
Year 3 Exeter	97%
Year 4 Sheffield	95%
Year 5 Warwick	94.9%
Year 5 Worcester	98%
Year 6 Durham	92.6%
Year 6 Loughborough	95.2%

Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.3%**

We're -0.7% below our target of 96%. Now it's the spring term, let's aim high and see if we can increase this figure week by week

Congratulations to Dexter (Year R) and Talya (Year 3) who won our autumn term attendance prize draw. Scooters will be presented to Dexter and Talya in achievement assembly soon. Every term, all children with attendance of 96% and above are entered into the draw.

Year 4 Visit to the Tate

Last Friday, Year 4 Sheffield visited the Tate to see their photo that was taken as part of Artist and filmmaker Steve McQueen's Year 3 Exhibition. For this project, the Turner Prize-winning artist has arranged photographs of 1,504 primaries in London, including several Ark schools (Ark Swift included), in order to put together an epic class portrait of the entire city. Explored through the vehicle of the traditional school class photograph, this vast new artwork is one of the most ambitious portraits of children ever undertaken in the UK. It offers us a glimpse of the capital's future, a hopeful portrait of a generation to come.

Year 4 Sheffield were kindly supported by a team from Bloomberg as they explored the gallery.

The exhibition runs until 3rd May 2020. For more details please visit: <https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>



Spring Term Key Dates

Tuesday 21 st January	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Saturday 25 th January	Inspiring Excellence Choir Rehearsal
Monday 27 th January	Spring Term clubs start
Thursday 30 th January	Year R trip to London Zoo
Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week (Find your Brave)
	Year 6 parents' evening
Tuesday 4 th February	Nursery dental screening
	Year 6 parents' evening
Wednesday 5 th February	9.00 Year 3 Exeter Class Assembly
Thursday 6 th February	Year 1 trip to London Transport Museum
Monday 10 th February	'Random Acts of Kindness' Week
	Year 6 Leadership Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Choir at Sing into Spring event at Cecil Sharp House
Wednesday 12 th February	9.00 Year 5 Warwick Class Assembly
Thursday 13th February	15.30 Close for Half-Term
Friday 14 th February	Staff INSET Day
Monday 24th February	Start of Spring Term 2nd half
Thursday 27 th February	Planetarium visit to Ark Swift
Thursday 12 th March	Tri-Borough Music Hub's Infant Voices Festival @ Kensington Great Hall
Saturday 14 th March	Inspiring Excellence Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 18 th March	9.00 Year 1 Bristol Class Assembly
Wednesday 1 st April	9.00 Year 5 Worcester Class Assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	Swift's Got Talent!
Friday 3rd April	13.30 Close for Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 21st April	Start of Summer Term 1st half

This is not an exhaustive list of dates and weekly events will be published on subsequent newsletters

We expect to have term dates for 2020-21 available to share with parents by the beginning of February

Sport @ Swift

Report and picture below from Zara, Eliana and Mr Blair

Earlier this week a group of year 6 children represented Swift at the annual Sports hall Athletics Competition @ Sacred Heart High School. After many amazing races and field events Ark Swift placed 4th - our best ever achievement!! Congrats to all the athletes that came on the day.

