



Next Week @ Ark Swift

It's **Random Acts of Kindness Week!** At Ark Swift, we are working hard to give our children the social and emotional skills to lead successful lives. Our school culture is shaped through simple kind gestures – This in turn can spread: *School Community > Local Community > London > UK > The World...*





OUR MISSION

To educate and inspire people to choose kindness



OUR VISION

A world where people choose kindness first

Monday 10th February

Year 6 Leadership Day

Tuesday 11th February

9.00 Shaw Trust Coffee Morning in the Lower Hall
The West London Alliance Work and Health Programme can help you find a good job, enrich your life and create a bright future. If you're not currently working and are interested in finding out more, do come along



School Choir @ Sing Into Spring - Cecil Sharp House (*returning to school by 16.20*)

Wednesday 12th February

9.00 Year 5 Warwick Class Assembly – Warwick Class parents please join us

Thursday 13th February

Pyjamas for Koalas Day!

Australia is facing the most dangerous and catastrophic bushfires they have ever seen. On Thursday, children can wear either their pyjamas (or non-uniform if they prefer) and bring a donation for the World Wildlife Fund. We only need to raise £25 as a school for Ark Swift to become 'koala protectors'. In the coming months, we'll receive an update on how your vital donation aided the response, recovery and restoration of koalas and their habitats.



It is vital that our young people understand the global nature and climate crisis and what role they can play in helping

15.30 Close for Half-Term (there **WILL be clubs today)**

Monday 24th February

Start of Spring Term 2nd Half

Attendance

Attendance statistics for Attendance statistics for **Friday 31st January to Friday 7th February**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	95.9%
Year R Bath	93.9%
Year 1 Bristol	86.7%
Year 2 Manchester	93%
Year 3 Exeter	94.5%
Year 4 Sheffield	93.9%
Year 5 Warwick	94.4%
Year 5 Worcester	96.4%
Year 6 Durham 	99.1%
Year 6 Loughborough	94.5%

Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.2%**

We're -0.8% 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



The focus for this year's mental health awareness week (run by the mental health charity Place2Be) has been '**Find Your Brave**'

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing your worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. **Finding Your Brave** can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Video clips we shared in school this week that you might like to watch and discuss with your child at home:

This is Me, The Greatest Showman rehearsal – clip of Keala Settle
 The Greatest Showman star reveals her vulnerability and **Finds Her Brave** during rehearsal for the song *This is Me* (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLFEvHWD_NE)

Joseph Wang: The Power of Bravery
 Ten-year old talks about **Finding His Brave** after moving to the UK from China
 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LZTeQ5ngCE&t=209s>)

The Wolf's Colourful Coat – book written and read by Avril McDonald (For EYFS and KS1)
 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2593x-H3xQ>)

Our Values

As we begin a new decade, we have been rethinking our values: what is important to us now in our school community and what will be important for our children throughout life.

Our values are important to us. We are all responsible for promoting them and recognising where others 'live the Swift values'.

Through the Swift Values we aim to:

- Improve behaviour, conduct and self-confidence by developing strong values within the pupils at the school.
- Develop pupils understanding of what values are and why they are important in life.
- Encourage children to 'live the values' in all aspects of their lives both in school and out.
- Promote values to pupils in every aspect of school life.
- Promote values in the way in which adults interact with each other and with pupils
- Display our school values and encourage all visitors to take account of them in their time in the school.
- Encourage parents to support our values at home.
- Enable children to focus upon the positive aspects of themselves that they can value, thereby reminding them of their individual worth, their worth in the school and wider communities and the worth of those communities themselves.
- To raise standards by promoting a school ethos that is underpinned by core values which support the development of the whole child as a reflective learner within a calm, caring, happy and purposeful atmosphere
- To link our school values with the British Values.

The staff team and the Pupil Council have decided on six values:

Achievement
Courage
Empathy
Integrity
Kindness
Perseverance



Before we finalise these, we'd love to know what parents think. Do you think these six values are spot on? Is there anything missing that you'd like to see included? Please tell us what you think by:

- Email (info@arkswiftprimary.org) – use the subject 'Values'
- Speak to a member of the leadership or pastoral team at the school gate
- Speak to your child's class teacher
- Discuss with your child and ask them to feedback to us



The values of our **behaviour code** will remain the same as we devised these last year and they are still relevant in creating a safe, self-disciplined environment:

Ready, Respectful, Safe

In order to enable effective teaching and learning to take place, good behaviour in all aspects of Academy life is essential.



When we return from half-term, the demolition works will begin on the other side of the hoarding. We will work closely with the contractors to ensure that noise and disruption are kept to a minimum.

Works have been completed to turn the rear car park into additional play space for the children. This will be operational from next half-term and will enable our children to continue to play football and other games during break and lunch.

Investment in Computing

We have recently invested in new computing facilities for the children by increasing the number of laptops we have in school. This means that in computing lessons, all children will have access to their own device. We will be launching a new and exciting computing curriculum (to include coding) next half-term. More details of this will be shared soon.

Term Dates 2020-21

Term dates for 2020-21 have now been published. A copy of these can be found overleaf and they are also on our website.

Vouchers

We still have a lot of unclaimed vouchers at the school office. If you completed your additional funding form and have yet to collect your vouchers, please do so as soon as possible.

Sport @ Swift

On Friday Jan 31st Jan the Swift football team for boys and girls played against Wormholt in two dramatic and exciting matches. Unfortunately, we lost both games 1-0 (girls) and 2-0 (boys) but it was apparent that we are good improvements and all the players are becoming much more confident in showcasing their skills.

Ark Swift Inter-House Athletics Competition coming up soon. Please watch this space!



Term dates 2020-21

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- School days
- School holidays
- Bank holidays
- Ark inset days
- School inset days

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