This week Year 2 really enjoyed the ‘Fire, Fire exhibition’ at the Museum of London where they learnt about the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Through the interactive exhibition, they learnt about how the fire started, how long it lasted for and how London rebuilt after the Great Fire. They also got to act out and recreate putting out the fire as firemen from 1666.

Did you know that this year is the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire?

Attendance News

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: Year 4 St Andrews
2nd place: Year 6 Bristol
3rd place: Nursery

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

94.9%

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.8% 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.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 7 Oct – Secondary School Transfer Open Morning for parents of children in Year 6 at 8:50

Friday 14 Oct – Meet the Principal from 2:30 to 3:30 featuring pupils highlighting some of the changes at Swift

Monday 24 Oct – Half Term Begins

Wednesday 19th October – Reception open am at 10am

Tuesday 1 Nov – First day back after term

Monday 14 November – Staff Training Day

Wednesday 21 Dec – Last Day of Term
Ms Burton
Learning mentor for behaviour

Miss Burton’s role has changed slightly. Please read her thoughts below:

“I am very excited about this year, as I will be able to support the children and the teachers within the class and will be running structured groups and 1:1 sessions to ensure our children at Ark Swift strive to achieve their best”.

Each week the newsletter will introduce a member of staff so you can get to know his or her role a bit better.

Dojo Champ Rewards

Children are earning Dojo points in class for great work and positive behaviour for learning. These are added up on a Friday to see who has earned a reward on the Dojo Champs Chart. Last week, 47 children attended the party. This week there were a record 71 names, which will be in the newsletter next week.

Here are the 47 fifty Dojo point winners from last week.


Message from the Principal:

New music programme launches at Ark Swift

This week saw the introduction of our wonderful new music programme. This includes Years 3 and 4 learning the Djembe drum and Years 5 and 6 learning the ukulele.

In addition to this, the lunchtime choir started with 99 members! We have apparently broken an Ark Music record across both Ark Primary and Secondary schools for the largest number of singers in one school. Well done Ark Swift!

I also remind you that you received a copy of our behaviour leaflet this week which explains clearly the different awards and sanctions we use. Thank you all for your support with our new behaviour system. We want the behaviour at Ark Swift to get even better.

Please also take care to return your information forms. This will help us ensure we have the appropriate contact details.

Thanks you for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Marantz