



Message from the Principal

Another busy week at Ark Swift draws to a close. I am delighted to share with you our improving attendance statistics which reflect dedication and commitment from you all. **Can I ask all parents that have not yet completed the additional grants form to return this to the office ASAP**, we want to purchase and issue the reward vouchers soon. It was good to see a small number of parents at the Ed City meeting on Monday. To confirm, now the works are underway, **PE lessons are taking place at 'Play Football' across the road**. I am pleased that a small group of parents came to a meeting on Tuesday morning and are leading on organising a Christmas Fair (Friday 6th December) – more details overleaf.

Daniel Upfield, Principal

Attendance

Attendance statistics for **Friday 1st – Thursday 8th November**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	90.4%
Year R Bath	95.6%
Year 1 Bristol	96.3%
Year 2 Manchester	92%
Year 3 Exeter 	100% - perfect!
Year 4 Sheffield	96%
Year 5 Warwick	94.3%
Year 5 Worcester	97.7%
Year 6 Durham	94.8%
Year 6 Loughborough	96.8%

Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **96.01%**

This is the first time Swift has broken the 96% barrier. Attendance has been rising for the past few weeks. Well done for your hard work and support as we strive to promote and achieve great attendance. Keep it up!

Target = 96% and above



Next week @ Ark Swift

Next week, Swift is taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**. The theme for 2019 is:

Small change. Big difference

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

- Change starts here
- Change starts now
- Change starts with us



This year the goal is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited for this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!**

Children will be taking part in a range of age-appropriate activities throughout the week. You might like to visit <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week> to find out more about Anti-Bullying Week.

Monday 11th November

Year 1 trip to Museum of Childhood



REMEMBRANCE DAY

At our KS2 assembly, we will be talking to the children about **Remembrance Day**. A group of Year 6 children will recite some WW1 poetry

Tuesday 12th November

Odd Socks Day (as part of Anti-Bullying Week)



Why 'Odd Socks' you may ask? It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

9.00 Sing and Sign workshop for Nursery and Reception parents in the Lower Hall

Thursday 14th November

Kick Start Choir event at Cecil Sharp House (invited KS2 Pupils)

Friday 15th November

Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need



Children can wear an item of clothing with SPOTS if they have it

It would be lovely if children could **donate** for wearing Odd Socks on Tuesday and non-uniform on Friday. You only need to donate once, and we will **share any donations equally between the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Children in Need**

Christmas Fair

When: Friday 6th December

Time: 3.30-5.00pm



As part of our ongoing work to engage the whole school community, we'd like to hold a Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December (revised date from that which was originally sent out on the diary for this term).

If you'd like to sign-up to help on the day, please give your name to Jane or Jackie in the school office. We'll need people from 1.30pm to set-up as well as help during the fair itself.

Please think about any donations you might be able to give:

- Food and drink
- Toys and books
- Cakes and biscuits

We don't require donations in school yet, but will let you know nearer the time when to bring these in.

Also, if you work for a company or know of a local business that might be able to donate, please let us know. Again, this can be done via the school office.

All proceeds from the fair will go towards improving computer facilities.



Tag Rugby Success for Ark Swift

Report by Darcie Webb, Year 6



On Wednesday 6th November, eight Year 6's represented Ark Swift at the Hammersmith and Fulham Tag Rugby Tournament. Unfortunately, we lost our first match against All Saints A. We tried hard and took lots of tackles. After that, we played a second game against Wendall Park and we drew. Then we had to wait three matches until we played again. The third round was an excellent success and we won 2-0 against Normand Croft. The last round we won as well, 2-1 against All Saints B. Luckily, we made it to the quarter finals but sadly lost against St Stephen's 2-1. We had lots of fun and the team played magnificently.

Well done! This was the first time Ark Swift have entered this tournament and the team showed resilience, great sportsmanship and real potential (Ed)

Ed City

At the parent meeting on Monday, I shared some images of the new Ed City development. As you will see, the site is going to look very different – lots of exciting changes ahead.

I will do another parent meeting once I have further updates to share.



The view looking up Commonwealth Avenue. The new school will be the building on the right

The new school superimposed on Australia Road



The view from Dorando Close