



Ark Byron Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to reach for
the sky!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 27th January

Open afternoon from 2.30pm. Come and join in the exploration activities with your child.

Wednesday 10th February

End of the Spring 1 half term (Thursday 11th and Friday 12th are staff training days).

Monday 22nd February

Spring 2 starts.

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March

International Women's Day: challenge activities will be out for Mums and grandmothers etc to tackle with their children.

Week starting 18th March

Science week

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we had our first "certificate" Celebration assembly. During the day children can move up and down the traffic lights in class and can go up onto the bronze, silver then gold star as they do even more good learning/behave particularly well. At the end of the day children collect points for being on the stars and once they reach 50 they are awarded a bronze certificate. Congratulations to all the children who received a certificate today, it is a real achievement. Those children will now move on to work for their silver certificate. We expect all children to receive at least one of those certificates by the end of the year and aim to let you know if they will be getting their Bronze or Silver certificate in the next assembly.

We will continue to give certificates for children displaying the Ark Byron values during the week.

If your child has missed being in front of the school for their certificate (because we have not had assembly) we will try to ensure they receive it at the next Celebration assembly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Kaplan and the Ark Byron team



STARS OF THE WEEK



	COURAGE	EXPLORATION	ENDEAVOUR	EXCELLENCE
Swallows	Artemis	Kamiyah	Lucas	Zoey
Swifts	Khalil	Layla-Rose	Douglas	Tristan



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Swallows	93.2%	98.5%
Swifts	91.9%	100%

DEADLINE FOR PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS NEXT FRIDAY!

Last week we let you know about the need for a Parent Governor for Ark Byron's Local Governing Body. All Byron parents and carers can put themselves forward. If there is more than one candidate then we will hold an election (in which all parents and carers are eligible to vote).

You do not need any specific skills or experience to start with. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education; what they do need is a commitment to the school and in the welfare of the pupils as well as the time and willingness to get involved.

If you would like to stand as a Parent Governor, you should complete the online form at <http://arkonline.tfaforms.net/2> by 4pm Friday 22nd January. If you would like any support completing this online form or would like to use a computer in school please contact Miss Callnon or Mrs Kaplan.

Please see the letter sent out last week or ask Mrs Kaplan.

"PARK SCHOOL"

This term it is the turn of a group of children from Swallows class to attend park School on Thursday afternoons. This is a chance to explore learning outside in the park and is proven to be helpful for developing language and personal and social skills as well as being great fun. If your child is in the group they will have a letter about it today. We will need parent volunteers so please let Ms Stanicene or Miss Hunt know if you are available from 1.30-3.30pm on Thursday!

Notices

- **If your child has borrowed school underwear please return it to us.** We currently have run out of spare clothes which is a problem! We had a good stock of clothes at the start of the year and should not need to renew this each term. If you can donate any underwear, socks or trousers that would be really helpful (but we do realize your children are probably needing them for now!).
- We are sure you have seen the banner up advertising the site for Byron. This week Mrs Kaplan and Miss Steele attended a meeting to talk about the fixed furniture with in the new building. It makes it feel very real at last!
- The local police visited this week to help ensure parking is responsible. They will be doing spot checks on this on a regular basis from now on.

Ark Byron is committed to safeguarding children.

Some of the wonderful learning taking place in Swifts class one afternoon this week.

Children were creating planets with paper plates, collage materials and paints, making an astronaut picture of themselves using their photo and silver paper, building lego rockets, and playing with puppets in the “moon sand.”

