



## ● ● ● ● Social development at Ark Byron

At Ark Byron we believe it is essential to develop our pupils to be good citizens. Social development is about the development of the skills and personal qualities necessary for living and working together. We aim for pupils to develop the skills to function effectively as a citizen in a multi-racial, multicultural society. It involves growth in knowledge and understanding of British society in all its aspects.

### **How Ark Byron promotes social development:**

Key:

School routines		Curriculum		Assemblies		Enrichment	
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- Academy core values are promoted and celebrated with certificates each week.
- The School Council builds a knowledge of democracy and debate as part of British values.
- Behaviour policy—class codes of behaviour are set up with the children’s input and understanding of what is fair.
- The weekly Afternoon Tea with the Head of School rewards good manners and kindness.
- The involvement of all families in the school and the celebration of our multicultural community is promoted through workshops, events and formal parent consultations.
- The PSHE curriculum promotes development of awareness of valuing others.
- All children at Ark Byron learn a language.
- Enabling Enterprise’s challenge days and project lessons develop team skills.
- Teaching and learning policy promotes pupils working in groups, talking partners (and free flow play with peers during Topic time for Reception children).
- Circle times ensure all voices are heard.
- Reception has a specific topic about Celebrations in the Autumn Term to develop knowledge of different faiths.
- Parents support events e.g. Chinese New Year, Eid
- Assemblies: parents and families are invited to attend the weekly Celebration Assemblies.
- Assembly themes teach children social values (e.g. Filling a bucket—to be kind to others)
- British values—learning about the Election

- Classes on rotation share their learning in Assemblies
- Visitors visit for assemblies inform and inspire (e.g. local MP Rupa Huq January 2017, Kiko Matthews a solo transatlantic rower)
- All classes have a trip out of the Academy each half term linked to their learning (2016-17 the trips included: Kew Gardens, Angel Theatre, Lyric Theatre, Museum of Childhood, Science Museum, RAF Museum, Cutty Sark, National Gallery, London Zoo, Cultivate Plant Nursery)
- Read 2 Dogs Project (Pets as Therapy)
- We welcome visitors to the school (2016-17 included WASPS junior coach, tennis workshops, basketball coach, pets for animals theme).
- ABPA events— Winter Fair, Sporty Saturday.
- Whole academy curriculum events—Arts week, science week, Citizenship week (anti-bullying), Fitness week build the sense of community.
- Dress-up days e.g. St George's Day, to promote awareness of British values and build the community.