



Ark Castledown Primary Academy

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Newsletter

Term 1

9 September 2022

Queen Elizabeth II 1926—2022



Ark Castledown are deeply saddened to be joining the rest of the nation in mourning the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. On behalf of our school community, we extend our deepest condolences to the Royal Family at this very sad time.



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to our Castledown families and a warm welcome to all the new families that have joined our school community this term.

Its all happening at Ark Castledown!

As we look forward to another great year at Ark Castledown, we would like to share with you the successes and way the school has developed over the last year.

Firstly, we had an incredibly successful Ofsted visit last November where the school was graded as Good with Outstanding leadership and management. Inspectors were very complimentary of the school stating that:

- Pupils and staff have very positive relationships.
- There are high expectations for every pupil and that all children get off to an excellent start.
- Classrooms are calm and settled.
- Pupils receive an exceptional quality of education in reading and maths.
- Leadership and governance at this school are exceptional.

Read the full report [here](#)

Secondly, the end of year outcomes across the school were excellent. In the Early Years, Year 1 phonics and Keys Stage One assessments children achieved well above national and local averages.

At Year 6 73% of our pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. This was also significantly above the national average of 59% and sees us as one the top performing schools in the locality.

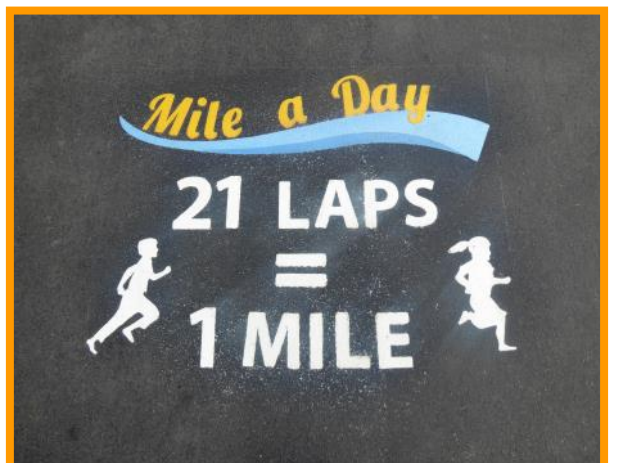
See a detailed breakdown of our results [here](#)

And finally, over the summer we have had significant work completed to the school building, playground and field areas. This ensures that our school environment is the best it can be to support the learning and development of our pupils.

Mark Rankin, Principal



It's been a busy time at school over the summer. The building has been revamped and we hope you like the new colour scheme inspired by the Old Town's historic fishing huts. The new playground markings have caused a lot of excitement and the children will be shown how to play all the games during their PE lessons.



Digital Day Stay & Play

Come and join your child for their Digital Day Stay & Play next week.

In the hall at 2.30pm	Monday 12th	Year 3	Fun digital activities!
	Tuesday 13th	Year 6	
	Wednesday 14th	Year 5	
	Thursday 15th	Year 4	

Please make sure laptops are brought to school fully charged.

PE Days



Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 2
Thursday	Year 6
Friday	Year 1 & 4

ATTENDANCE
WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS2:
Owens
Year 6
98.66%

Next week we will return to including
EYFS/KS1 winners



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Open Events: Admissions for Reception 2023

Is your child
starting
Reception in
September
2023?



We understand that choosing the right school for your child is an important and personal decision. The best place to start is by planning a visit where you'll meet teachers and pupils, take a tour and have the opportunity to get a real feel of what is being offered.

We welcome you and your child to visit us on our upcoming open events to see the fantastic opportunities available at Ark Castledown Primary Academy.

Meet the Principal and take a tour of the school on:

- **Tuesday 8 November at 9.30am or 11.00am**
- **Wednesday 9 November at 9.30am or 11.00am**
- **Thursday 10 November at 1.30pm**



To book a tour you can call us on **01424 444046**
or email us at office@arkcastledown.org

We look forward to sharing our school with you!

Further information regarding school admissions can be found
on the local authority website [here](#).



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This Week's Award Winners



Class	Pupil	Award	Class	Pupil	Award	Class	Pupil	Award
Puddleduck	-----		Seacole	Frankie H	Confidence	Hawking	Bertie	Responsibility
	Idris	Achievement		Maks	Achievement		Guzel	Achievement
	-----	Reading		Zilan	Reading		Elsie	Reading
Nutkin	Otilee	Confidence	Nightingale	Maizie	Grit	Attenborough	Amber	Kindness
	Grayson	Achievement		Shani	Achievement		Eryn	Achievement
	-----	Reading		Jessica	Reading		Madison	Reading
Fisher	Harvey	Confidence	Kahlo	Layla-Rose	Kindness	Goodall	Andrew	Kindness
	Jesse	Achievement		Muka	Achievement		Lacie-May	Achievement
	-----	Reading		Charlie	Reading		Beau	Reading
Valentina	Conner	Kindness	Earhart	Libby	Kindness	Owens	Tallulah	Responsibility
	Rico	Achievement		Joseph	Achievement		Tianna	Achievement
	Isabella	Reading		Toby	Reading		Sophia	Reading
Armstrong	Lenny	Confidence	Archimedes	Luca	Eloquence	Turing	Riley	Confidence
	Riley	Achievement		Dylan	Achievement		Leanne	Achievement
	Ava	Reading		Israa	Reading		Adam	Reading



Diary Dates 2021-22

Monday 12–15 September	Digital Day Stay & Play (see details above for year group days)	
Tuesday 18 October	Mobile Planetarium for year 5 & year 6	
Tuesday 8 November Wednesday 9 November Thursday 10 November	Open Day tours for Reception admissions 2023	
Thursday 20 October	Last day of term 1	
Friday 21 October	Inset Day	



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