



Ark John Keats Academy



Newsletter

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Year 3 @ The Ragged Museum

Year 3 travelled back in time to Victorian London and the Ragged School – a genuine Victorian School set up by Dr Barnardo to provide free education for the poorest children in East London. They handled household objects inside a poor Victorian kitchen, marvelling at the smell of the soap, the fact that children would have slept on the floor, and that there wouldn't have been toilets inside the house. They also experienced a lesson taught by the terrifying Miss Perkins who patrolled the rows of desks, cane in hand. They were taught the importance of good posture and elocution, and recited the immortal line 'speech is silver; silence is gold'. They practised arithmetic and handwriting on slates and those who became too fidgety had to wear finger stocks or a back straightener. We hope they left feeling, even more than ever, how lucky they are to be students at

AJK!



YEAR 2 & YEAR 4 @ THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 2 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians during their reading sessions. Browne class went last week and Rowling class went this week. Both classes had a very successful trip to the British Museum. They found out about the Rosetta Stone, a 5,000-year-old sand-dried mummy, wall paintings from Nebamun's tomb and sculptures of the pharaoh Ramesses II. During their lunch time, they were so lucky to have an orchestra perform in front of them! Well done scholars for your polite manners and superb effort. Carroll Class are sure to enjoy their visit next Tuesday.

On Friday the 22nd November the Year 4 scholars went to the British museum and learned about Roman—Britain. The scholars learned about the differences and similarities that came about during Roman—Britain reign. Scholars learned that most of Roman Britain was a wild place, with forests and mountains where few people lived. People mainly lived in small villages of wooden houses with thatched roofs, much as they had before the Romans arrived. However, some wealthy Romans lived in villas and palaces.



Olympian, Gianni Frankis visits AJK!

On Friday the 29th November Gianni Frankis (GB hurdler who won a silver medal in the 110m hurdles) visited AJK and held some sports workshops. All scholars participated in the activities and the 'aim of the game' was to get our scholars inspired getting involved in sports and working with an Olympian! Thanks for organising this for all of us Mr Verrall!



This Weeks' Class Attendance

Early Years:

- 1st: Gray – 95.68%
- 2nd: Murphy – 92.30%
- 3rd: Sharratt – 87.50%
- 4th: Kerr – 85.77%
- 5th: Carle – 82%



Year 1 & Year 2:

- 1st: Carroll – 95.41%
- 2nd: Rowling – 94.58%
- 3rd: Browne – 93.75%
- 4th: Donaldson – 91.66%
- 5th: Rosen – 91.37%
- 6th: Duddle – 87.93%

Year 3 & Year 4:

- 1st: Pankhurst – 96.25%
- 2nd: Morpurgo – 95.83%
- 3rd: Franklin – 94.58%
- 4th: Kipling – 92.91%
- 5th: Germain – 92.50%
- 6th: Fibonacci – 89.16%



Year 5 & Year 6:

- 1st: Okikilu, Angelou & Darwin – 95%
- 2nd: Armstrong – 93.75%

Extra playtime for Gray, Carroll, Pankhursts, Okikiolu, Angelou and Darwin class! Well done!

'Throw your towels in' please...

Ms Mendoza has kindly offered her time this Christmas holiday to help and support the Crisis team, making sure people have places to stay and warm food to eat. The Crisis team have asked if people can donate old towels to them. The towels do not need to be new, just clean. We want to ask anyone who wishes to donate some old but clean towels to please bring them into school so we can pass them on to the Crisis team. Please hand your towels into the front office before we break up on the 18th December.

Thanks so much in advance!



Important dates:

Swimming:

- **Year 1—Rosen Swimming** - Wednesday 11th December at 09:30
- **Year 3—Germain Swimming** - Wednesday 11th December at 11:00

Library Visits:

- **Rosen Class**—Monday 9th December at 14:00
- **Gray Class**—Friday 13th December at 14:00

Friday Celebration Assemblies:

- **Year 5 & Year 6**—Friday 13th December at 08:45 **CANCELLED**
Year 2 at British Museum:

- **Carroll Class**—Tuesday 10th December

Year 5 at St Albans Verulamium Museum:

- Friday 13th December

Christmas Performances 2019:

- **Nursery:** Tuesday 10th December 09:00-09:45 & 14:45- 15:30 in the Primary Hall
- **Reception:** Monday 9th December 09:15-10:30 & 14:15-15:30 in the Primary Hall
- **Year 6:** Monday 9th December 09:00-10:00 in the Secondary Hall

Pupil/Sibling Photos

- All pupil photo orders must be handed in to the office by 8:30am on Monday 9th December. This is the deadline and any orders after this date will not be accepted by the school.

Christmas Jumper Day:

- Thursday 12th December all scholars to wear a Christmas jumper or something red or green in celebration of raising money for 'Save the Children' - please send your child in with a donation—thank you in advance !



Last day of term:

- Wednesday 18th December at 14:00

AJK's Times Tables Rockstars

This week, our Rockstars of the Week are:



- Franklin (Y3) - Christian
- Germain (Y3) - Sirac
- Kipling (Y3) - Eren
- Fibonacci (Y4) - Ezo
- Morpurgo (Y4) - Nora
- Pankhurst (Y4) - Wania
- Angelou (Y5) - Leo K
- Okikiolu (Y5) - Aarya
- Armstrong (Y6) - Orion
- Darwin (Y6) - Maria

Well done, scholars: keep it up!

AJK Scholars of the Week

Definition of a scholar: a person who is highly educated or has an aptitude for study

Pupils chosen to be the scholar of the week are selected because they consistently demonstrate our KEATS values:

Kindness Effort Aspiration Tenacity Success

This week's scholars of the week are:

Year 1:

Mia-Louise, Selver & Harun in Donadlson Class **Mathew & Maliyah F** in Rosen Class
Amelia & Kairos in Duddle Class

Year 2:

Mylah, Dylan, Jacob in Carroll Class **Archie & Theo** in Rowling Class **Scarlett & Olivia** in Browne Class

Well done all of you for being AJK scholars of the week. We are so proud of you!