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Dear parents and friends of the academy,

I am pleased to introduce you to the first newsletter of this academic year. We have had a positive and busy term and the newsletter will give you just a taste of some of the events and activities that have taken place across the academy.

At the beginning of the term I wrote to you to introduce our new Culture Pyramid. The pyramid identifies our purpose, beliefs and values, which has helped in ensuring the whole of our community knows what it means to be a part of the Ark Globe 'family'. You may notice that some of your children are wearing badges to show they have demonstrated a specific attribute. The overall effect has been really positive and both students and staff use it to reflect on every aspect of school life.

Our students have certainly been demonstrating their professionalism whilst sitting their mock exams or assessments. The students have worked extremely hard and their focus and dedication was excellent. Well done to all students for taking these so seriously.

We were very excited to feature in a BBC documentary that aired on Sunday 13 November. The pupils and staff involved were a credit to the school and we have received so much positive feedback on our continued work to prepare our students for university.

I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to those staff who are leaving us at the end of term for their service to the academy. In particular Mr Willbourn who has worked at the school for 27 years. Mr Willbourn has seen the school and community change over the years and he will be missed by all at Ark Globe.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and wish you all a restful, enjoyable and safe festive season and a happy new year.

Mr Matt Jones
Principal



KEY DATES

- 3 and 4 January
INSET days
- 10 January
KSI SATS Workshop –
primary: 8:45am
- 12 January
Student performance
appraisal parent meetings
- 19 January
Year 7 Photos
- 24 January
Phonics – Independent
Blending workshop –
primary: 8:45am
- 8 February
Poetry slam
- 13–17 February – Half term

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

POETRY SLAM



Five students from Ark Globe Academy have won a national youth poetry slam competition, beating over 700 entrants from across the UK to be crowned SLAMBassadors 2016 Winners. Congratulations to Joshua, Sharon, Zareen, Halil and Tasnima.

Their poetry focused on social justice topics including the police powers of stop and search, masculinity for young men today and Islamophobia, and the students are excited to spread their message to other young people around the country.

The winning students will take part in an intensive, two-day masterclass with the spoken word artist Joelle Taylor and their work was showcased during a live performance at The 100 Club in October, alongside Joelle and Lemn Sissay.

The biggest prize however is the continual mentoring provided to the young artists by The Poetry Society, who work hard to introduce the emerging poets to the professional arena and open up the world of performance and publishing to them.

“The opportunity to have a whole year of mentoring from Joelle Taylor and The Poetry Society is really exciting, as I can improve as a writer and maybe even make a career out of poetry,” said Halil after the event. “Nobody expects young people from South East London to be poets — and now we’re proving that it’s possible to do it for a living.”

SLAMBassadors is the national youth slam for 12–18 year olds. Since 2001 it has been unearthing new talent, igniting live events, and developing the future of UK spoken word. The slam is open every year to any young person in the country, and aims to uncover the next generation of performance poets and spoken word artists. To enter the slam, our five students filmed a series of poems that they had written for the competition, which can be viewed on the Globe Poets YouTube page.

Previous winners include Anthony Anaxagorou, Megan Beech, Kayo Chingonyi, Aisling Fahey, Tommy Sissons, Vanessa Kisuule and NAGA MC.

“Poetry has changed the way I’m perceived at school, and my motivation to be here. I used to get in trouble all the time, but now I am respected by other students and staff because I can articulate my ideas by finding my voice through poetry.” JOSHUA

THIS TERM IN PICTURES



Budding entrepreneurs in Year 9 McKinley created a new company in a 'Dragon's Den' workshop.



Students visited **King's College London**.



Our Year 11 catering class experienced a day in the life of a top chef when they visited **M by Montcalm** in Shoreditch.



The sky's the limit as our Year 8 girls enjoyed different balances in their gymnastics lesson.



Our Year 8 boys had a great time competing at the first **Southwark schools sports hall athletics competition**.



Anthony was nominated for our **Hall of Achievement**. Ms McMonagle described him as "enthusiastic and eager to learn more about the world".



We have a new **mural and artificial lawn**. Thank you to Wasserman Foundation for their hard work painting and preparing the ground.



Students took part in a brilliant workshop at the **Science Gallery**.





This half term saw the start of the Lambeth and Southwark School Football League. The Primary team is very strong this year with players from Years 4, 5 and 6. So far they have played two matches.

The first game was the first competitive match together as a team and after a nervous start, the boys began to get used to the poor conditions and began playing some fantastic football. Unfortunately they lost 4–3 but even the opposition's coach agreed that Globe should have won.

The second match finally arrived and the players were greeted with warm sunshine. Straight from the off, the boys pressured the opposition into making mistakes and punished them straight away. As the game went on, Globe looked stronger and the team were playing with great confidence and togetherness. This resulted in us walking away with a well deserved 6–1 win.

Throughout this half term the players have shown great professionalism and a Growth Mindset to always keep improving and become the complete team.

A massive thank you to all of the parents and carers who come and support our school team in all conditions. Also huge thanks to Mr Martin who tirelessly gives up his Saturday mornings to ensure the players are ready!

PRIMARY GO4IT

This term has seen the re-introduction of our Go4It initiative for pupils in Year 1–6. This encourages our pupils to try activities for the first time and learn new skills. It is held every Friday from 2–3:15pm and we welcome support from any parents.

This term activities range from Stomp to City Trekkers to Book Buddies and Public Speaking. The children have now just completed Week 4 and are loving their activities!

Year 1 and 2:

Animal Crafts, Golden Globes, Super Sewing, Dramatic Drama, Ancient Athletics, Loopy for Lego.

Year 3 and 4:

Creating Crafts, Perplexing Puzzles, Comicraze, Stomp, Movie Maker and Public Speaking.

Year 5 and 6:

Book Buddies, Dazzling Debators, Wicked Writers, Netbusters, Games Galore, City Trekkers.

In Wicked Writers, the pupils are busy writing their story mountains!

The Stomp Go4It group have been working hard on their musicianship. They have been creating their own instruments using recycled rubbish, creating their own rhythms and turning this into their own sheet music. They are loving the opportunity to be loud and creative!



ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME IN CANADA



Year 12 students, Charlie and Antonio were awarded the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Canada in the summer term on an all-expenses-paid bursary from the Stuart Horne Trust.

The bursary enables young people from the UK to participate in three-week-long adventure experiences in the Canadian wilderness with Outward Bound Canada.

Charlie and Antonio went through a rigorous application and interview process to secure their places. In the summer holiday they both set off on their adventures. Charlie travelled to the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia on the East coast of Canada.

Antonio went to Comox Valley and Clayoquot Sound, Vancouver Island on the West coast of Canada.

Antonio hiked, surfed and camped during the trip and made new friends from different parts of England. He learnt valuable skills such as how to stay alive in the wilderness and make fires.

“The trip was great and amazing,” said Antonio on his return. “I learnt new leadership skills that I can use in the Sixth Form and my new teamwork skills will help me to work more effectively.”

GLOBE APPEARS IN BBC TWO DOCUMENTARY



Globe featured in a BBC Two documentary that aired on Sunday 13 November examining the differences in life chances between black and white children in 21st century Britain.

As part of the documentary ‘Will Britain Ever Have A Black Prime Minister?’, our Principal, Matt Jones, was interviewed by actor, David Harewood, MBE. During the discussion Mr Jones talked about the importance of aspiration and having positive role models in our community that inspire our young people.

During his interview he explored the behaviours students require to secure a job in a top profession.

The documentary is still available on the BBC website and is definitely worth a watch.

SIXTH FORM NETWORKING EVENT



Networking is key for our students in order to support them with life at and after university.

On 24 November we hosted our annual networking event where we invited professionals to come and network with students and staff. We had almost 100 professionals sign up for the event and the Pentagon was full of lively professional conversations.

The professionals who attended were very impressed with our students, many of them commenting and tweeting on how professional, confident, articulate, interesting and friendly they all were.

All of our students have secured some fantastic contacts, some have gained some great work experiences (potentially a world affairs internship with the BBC!)



Great start to #Globenetworking2016. Building good networks so we can be great leaders. Well done Antonio and Sharon opening the event!





Meet our new Junior Leadership Team members! You can recognise them around school as they have now been presented with their very special gold JLT ties which they are all wearing with pride! Well done to all of those who were elected, we are sure you will do a fantastic job this year!

JLT members have been meeting every week and one of their first jobs was to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and a spokesperson for the group. Since then, the pupils have been making worry boxes for the classrooms and discussing future fundraising events such as the Winter Party, Children In Need and other exciting events throughout the year.

Please keep an eye out for further information from the JLT!

SIXTH FORM NEWS

SIXTH FORM CAREERS TALK

As part of our enrichment activities for our Sixth Form, and to increase their knowledge of the large range of careers available after they leave school, we invite people from different careers to come and speak to them.

This term we were very lucky to have Sheroy Zaq, who works in Law in the Immigration and Asylum sector, come in and talk about his job, his day to day responsibilities, and how he got to his position. Students then had the opportunity to ask questions and uncover more about this career pathway.

YEAR 13 UNIVERSITY FAIR TRIP

Year 13 travelled to a University Fair at the Emirates Stadium in September in order to increase their knowledge of the various university degrees available to them.

This was a great opportunity for students to find out about the different courses at English universities and also speak to the universities' representatives to find out more.

A lot of courses and universities that students had never heard of before were discovered and lots of prospectuses were taken by the students to help with their planning and applications.

DIGITAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Thirty of our Year 10 and 11 students had the exciting opportunity to work with senior media professionals from organisations including Adidas and Johnson & Johnson, as part of Google's Squared Guru digital leadership programme.

They worked together to complete a brief, looking at how to develop the student's careers knowledge. After a productive morning, Globe's Head Girl, Memunat collated lots of the ideas that were generated and will be using them to organise events soon!

Jane from Impact International said:

"It was a tremendous day for our participants. They were surprised by the capability and ambition of all of the students and how motivated they were to be involved in the project. The students took every opportunity available to speak to the Squared Guru group and learn from them about what to do to be successful in the workplace. They came up with some great ideas and we hope that they've been able to put some of those into place to redesign how careers workshops are happening in the school."

FROM YEAR 13 TO UNIVERSITY LIFE



95% of our Year 13 students went on to university or a higher level apprenticeship, with 65% going to their first or second choice university.

Earlier this year we celebrated our first ever cohort of Year 13s leaving the academy with a Graduation Ceremony before they left Globe and continued their Higher Education.

We are extremely proud that 95% of our Year 13 students went on to university or a higher level apprenticeship, with 65% going to their first or second choice university.

The students and their families were invited to this joyous event where they received certificates and a 'survival pack' to ease the transition to Higher Education with key essentials: a frying pan, cutlery, toilet paper, and noodles. Personalised t-shirts with the Globe logo were also presented to the students to remind them of their time here.

It was a really memorable send-off to this special Year 13 cohort!

It had been great to hear from our students already about their new university lives. Luqman wrote to us to give some tips to our current Sixth Form students:

“Lectures can get some getting used to and definitely get a consistent schedule of deadlines and what assignments/work to prioritise.

Do join societies, literally one of the best ways to meet people who have similar interests. Don't be shy to say hi.

Learn to look after yourself, cook, clean, organise, cook, and clean. (Yes twice, because clean is good and no one is going to cook breakfast for you in the morning anymore). Eat cheap, don't buy meal deals or go out to eat. Buy cheap foods e.g. pasta, porridge oats, cereal, couscous etc. I can live off around £20 a week.

Do not feel pressured to go out just because everyone else is. If you have work, do it. But also don't let the work overwhelm you, after a few hours of work, treat yourself to a night out or just relax.

The days go fast, depending on the course, there will always be something to do. If you don't you're doing something wrong.

£9,000 a year isn't spent just for learning... do something you've never done before.

And never be ashamed to be who you are that is probably the most important one. To find true friends, you need to show your true nature.”

Tobi who is studying biology at Nottingham wrote to us to say:

“Uni is kind of what you expect it to be. The first week or so is amazing but so bizarre because it's really weird learning to live alone and also with other people that you don't know.

It's really weird because the uni is pretty diverse but it still feels so different from London as it's obviously majority white. A friend of mine told me her professor said that 4.5% of students are black which was surprising to me as it seems really low.

One of the biggest surprises for me on a science degree are the practicals. I've already had 10 hours of practicals and even had my first marked test and practical.

A secret joy of mine is that I have befriended a group of girls who often cook for me and I can't even begin to explain how grateful I am for this.

Books are also really big and difficult to read but it's got to be done.”

BEST WISHES TO MR WILLBOURN

RETIRING AFTER 27 YEARS



**Tomorrow's
Technology Today!**



**Geoffrey Chaucer
hits high in exams
with school record**

Mr Jones says:

“Many of you will know that Martin Willbourn is leaving us at Ark Globe Academy after 27 years of great service. It is with mixed emotions that he leaves us to enjoy his well-earned retirement and to spend more time with his family.

When I was appointed Principal at Ark Globe in 2012 Martin played a significant role in helping me gain an insight about our community. His experience and wisdom helped me as new Principal at a time when we were implanting a significant amount of change. Martin will be sadly missed by the our staff, children and wider community; many of whom he would have taught throughout his long length of service.

I'm sure I can speak for all of us in thanking Martin for such an outstanding level of commitment to our children and families at Ark Globe and our predecessor school Geoffrey Chaucer. We wish him a happy retirement and hope he spends much of his new found 'freedom' indulging in his favourite past-times of following Tottenham Hotspur football club and producing wonderful pieces of art.

On a personal level, I feel privileged to have worked alongside such a dedicated professional who has had an immensely positive impact on so many young people's lives.

Best wishes and love from all of us here in the Ark Globe community.”

**Jose Lara, Former student
now apprentice at
Ark Globe says:**

“Mr Willbourn interviewed me for my place at Ark Globe in 2013. He instantly made me feel welcome and want to be a part of the Globe family.

I will miss having Mr Willbourn there, he has always been someone you can talk to and trust, no matter what the situation. I will miss his wisdom and cheerful presence around the academy.”

Ms Malcolm Douglas says:

“I have worked with Martin for a number of years (too many for me to actually say). He has always been a fabulous colleague who has been supportive and caring. In recent times I remember him preparing a new Year 7 cohort for their residential trip to Grangewater.

After explaining in some detail about not bringing mobile phones, one boy asked “Sir...is it OK if we bring a tablet?” To which Martin replied...“all your medication must be clearly labelled and indicated on the forms filled in by your parents or guardians.” I couldn't help but giggle when the boy looked confused and said to the person next to him “I don't use my ipad for medication.”

Martin has worked very hard through a lot of change and at times turmoil. He has tackled this with professionalism and sensitivity and I know he will be dearly missed. I would like to wish him the best of luck and a happy retirement.”



GLOBE POETS' TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC



Joshua, Year 11, writes:

The journey ultimately began on Thursday 9 February 2016, the day of the school Poetry Slam. In total, 16 poets competed and only seven people could win a place on the team to represent Globe Poets (our poetry collective at Globe) at Brave New Voices (BNV) (a world renowned international youth poetry slam in Washington DC) in 5 months' time. Luckily, I was one of the seven selected and I'm going to take you on a first-hand experience of what the journey was like.

In the build up to the trip, the rehearsal schedule was hectic, rapidly increasing in intensity as we got closer to the date. It felt like the trip was a long way away but before we knew it, it was the day before the trip and the nerves were high.

We arrived in Washington DC about six hours later, both jet-lagged and drained so we checked in at our hotel and took some well-earned rest.

The BNV festival started the following day meaning our rest was short-lived.

You'd be glad to know that, despite our hectic schedule of back to back rehearsals and performances, we did manage to get a lot of sightseeing done, visiting famous places like The White House, Lincoln Memorial, National Mall and the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial to name a few.

We also took part in a community day which was aimed at bringing people together. Things such as traditional fabrics and food were on sale. The local

police department were also at the event offering face paints for kids and any other advice people may have needed.

Zareen, Naomi and Sharon were the first to represent the collective in the competition with their group piece 'Just Relax It' — a poem about the relatable pressures Afro-Caribbean females often face regarding natural hair — resonating with the audience, amassing huge applause.

A few days later, Tasnima, Halil, Zareen and I performed another group piece called 'We Remember Him', a poem close to our hearts for many reasons. The poem was about the death of a well-known 16-year old boy, Mohammed Dura Ray who was once part of our school community. It was also about the need to discuss ways in which the growing problem of youth violence could be reduced and even soon stopped.

I must say Miss Rigby alongside Mr Koromoa did a great job in taking care of a youthful bunch of seven teens on our transatlantic trip. Arguably most importantly making sure that none of our stomachs were ever left feeling abandoned.

Agreeably, our most memorable meal, and last before we returned, would probably have been at the community-inspired restaurant 'Busboys and Poets' which is described as "...a place to take a deliberate pause and feed your mind, body and soul...a space for art, culture and politics to intentionally collide". Surely a place you'd agree would be a suitable place for a contemporary spoken word collective such as 'Globe Poets'. The restaurant included a small book store filled with many broadening and beneficial books as well as many moving bits of memorabilia.

Although we reached the quarter finals we failed to reach the semis, but we realised that it wasn't the competitive element that was most important but rather about working together as a team, an invaluable life experience we all gained.

As a group, we'd like to thank Miss Rigby, our spoken word teacher for dedicating her efforts and time into developing us into young poets



and Mr Koromoa for his help and guidance and also for never failing to keep the whole team entertained during our trip. We'd also like to massively thank Aneesha, a member of our collective who volunteered to give up her place to perform in order to help strengthen the performances of her fellow poets. Finally I'd like to thank Mr Jones and the school in general for making this trip possible.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

There will be a price increase for our school lunch with effect from Thursday 5 January 2017.

The new price for a school lunch will be £2.20. If your child pays for their school lunch, please ensure that they have sufficient money on their ParentPay account or you will be required to provide them with a packed lunch.

PREFECT INTERVIEWS

We had over sixty Year 10 Prefect applications this year. The best forty were invited to attend an interview on the 10 November. The Ark Globe Academy's Senior Leadership Team were joined by professionals from Lendlease, Lloyds Bank and other organisations to provide them with a challenging experience and help identify the best candidates from a strong pool.

After some initial nerves, the candidates performed very well and made it incredibly difficult to choose 30 students to take to the next stage at Outdoors in the City assessment day. Good luck to all the students and thank you to all who applied.

DEADLY DISTRACTIONS

To raise student awareness about road safety, theatre company Riot Act returned to the academy in September. For the past two years Riot Act have put on a fantastic performance for our Year 7 students, turning an important message into an interactive and entertaining piece of theatre that challenges students to consider their choices and vulnerability whilst crossing the roads in London. The students also looked at how peer pressure and peer influences can alter their judgement, allowing Year 7's to reflect on their self-control and ultimately, their safety.

THE GREAT DEBATE

The academy held its first 'Great Debate' this term, where students argued on behalf of the US presidential candidates.

Both teams presented well-researched speeches and tackled challenging questions from the audience of both staff and pupils.

Despite the clear favouritism of the audience towards Team Clinton from the outset, Team Trump rose to the occasion, delivering brutal condemnations of Clinton's honesty and record. Monel's speech was particularly impressive, as he held his own, even as the audience booed his impassioned defence of Trump.

Nevertheless, Team Clinton hit back at Trump's attitude towards women, Mexicans, Muslims and various minority groups, striking hard-hitting blows and winning even greater support from the majority of the audience.

In the end, it appeared that, although Team Trump did a fantastic job, Team Clinton remained the audience favourite. This was mirrored in our own mock election, with Clinton securing 74% of the school vote — a very different picture from the outcome of the US election.

POPS IN TO SAY 'THANK YOU'



Ark Globe Academy Primary raised a whopping £528.29 for Children in Need recently, a charity that supports children across the UK.

The children and teachers bought raffle tickets in a bid to win a Pudsey teddy and came to school dressed in spots!

To finish the day off Pudsey bear visited our pupils and the day was enjoyed by everyone! Once again, a massive thank you to those children who made a donation to this great charity!

SUMMER FAIR SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair in July. Colourful stalls filled the playground and students displayed their music, dance and craft skills. It was a fantastic celebration of our school and local community.

An Ark school

A TASTY TRIP FOR RECEPTION

In October Reception pupils went on a trip to Pizza Express where they learnt how to make their own pizza starting from scratch! The children stretched the dough, spread on tomato sauce, and sprinkled cheese and oregano on top. Their mini-topic has been 'My favourite things' so the group talked about their favourite toppings to put on top of a pizza. Once the pizzas had come out of the oven, the pupils brought them back to school and ate them for lunch. Yum!

KEEP UP TO DATE

Do you follow us on Twitter and Facebook? We regularly post our latest news on both these sites so please do visit and like the pages to keep up with all the happenings at Ark Globe Academy.

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