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Dear parents, carers and friends of the academy,

It is my pleasure once again as Principal of Ark Globe Academy to introduce our autumn term newsletter. It has been a busy start to the academic year culminating with a very positive Ofsted inspection at the end of October. The full Ofsted report provides some excellent feedback; a summary of which you will see contained in this newsletter.

We have again witnessed another increase in the percentage of pupils achieving 5 A\*-C GCSEs including English and Mathematics (55%) – up 10 percentage points on 2012 and for the first time ranks Ark Globe Academy above the national average of all schools. In our primary school 100% of pupils passed the Year 1 phonics test and 96% of pupils achieved Level 4 at Key Stage 2 in mathematics and reading. In addition, Ofsted judged Early Years and Primary provision as "Outstanding".

In this newsletter you will see we have had many high profile events and enrichment activities that have added huge value to the educational experience of our young people. At the time of writing this we still have our winter concerts to look forward

to and if last year is anything to go by they will be amazing.

I would like to thank students, parents and all adults at Globe for their efforts in ensuring our academy continues to improve rapidly and that it continues to be a place where students feel safe and achieve.

I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to a few members of staff who have served the academy well and are leaving us at the end of this term. In particular, Mr Ojja, Associate Principal and Ms Miggins-Johnson who have both made significant contributions to the recent improvements at the academy. Ms Miggins-Johnson is an outstanding maths teacher who has ensured her students achieve the very best GCSE grades. Mr Ojja joined us almost two years ago and during his time with us added a great deal of leadership expertise and knowledge. He leaves us now to become Principal of his own academy in north London where I know he will be extremely successful.

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful festive season and a happy New Year.

**Mr Matt Jones**  
Principal

### KEY DATES

Friday 19 December 2014  
Autumn term ends at 1pm  
6 January 2015  
Spring term begins



After their first term at Ark Globe Academy we spoke to two of our Year 7 students, Giovanna Brito Dias and Hameed Salam to see how they were getting on.

**Hi Hameed. Thank you for talking to me this morning about your first term. Tell me how you felt starting secondary school at Globe?**

I felt nervous about meeting new friends and finding my teachers but it was exciting. I've made lots of new friends by talking to people. It's fun and I have lots of friends. We had a Year 6 taster day, during the Summer before starting here, and it helped by giving us a little bit of a taster of what they would be teaching us.

**What is your favourite subject at Globe?**

Science. It's interesting and intriguing. The experiments are the fun part.

**What would you like to do when you are older?**

I would like to be a lawyer so I can solve cases like my mum. To achieve this I have to study hard and always listen to my teachers.

**How would you describe Globe?**

Impressive. Especially the football team!

**Hi Giovanna. You have been here for a term now. What would you say is the main difference between being at Globe and your primary school?**  
There are more subjects here and I learn more.

**I hear you have just taken part in the 'Lion King' at school. Tell me a little about that.**

I was in the choir. The songs were fun and catchy and the teachers helped us to get the right notes and sing well.

**What is your favourite subject at Globe?**

Science. I used to want to be an engineer but now I want to be a doctor. In science they are going to teach us about organisms and I want to learn about the process of the human body.

**How would you describe Globe?**

Welcoming, loving and helpful.

## BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE

Unfortunately our librarian Charlotte Barton is leaving us after three years' service. She has had a significant impact on the amount our students read over the last three years. Her passion and commitment to developing students' enthusiasm

for reading is infectious and I know many of your children will be very sad to see her leave. Charlotte leaves Ark Globe Academy with all of our very best wishes for the future.



Ofsted inspected Ark Globe Academy on 23 and 24 October 2014 over two full days and concluded “This is a good school.” In addition to this, Ofsted rated our Early Years provision, Behaviour and Safety of pupils and Leadership and Management as ‘Outstanding’.

In summary the report says:

- “Attainment in GCSE examinations is rising rapidly and is now above the national average. Students make good progress in English, mathematics and science.”
- “Students achieve well in a range of subjects in the secondary academy and they make outstanding progress in the primary school.”
- “Achievement in the primary school is outstanding. Pupils’ attainment has been consistently above average for the past three years and their progress is well above average. Pupils make particularly strong progress in mathematics, which is a specialist focus for the academy, and they clearly enjoy the varied and demanding tasks they are set. Teaching in the primary school and the early years is outstanding. Staff use their specialist knowledge of teaching literacy and numeracy very well to make sure pupils develop confidence in these subjects.”
- “High-quality teaching using a wide range of stimulating activities ensures that children in the early years make an excellent start to their learning.”
- “The sixth form is good. The students make good progress in their study programmes because they are well taught.”

**Overall effectiveness: Good**

**Leadership and management: Outstanding**

**Behaviour and safety of pupils: Outstanding**

**Early years provision: Outstanding**

**Quality of teaching: Good**

**Achievement of pupils: Good**

**Sixth Form provision: Good**

Matt Jones, Principal, said: “This is a very pleasing report and an accurate reflection of progress made over the last two years. I am particularly proud that we achieved an ‘Outstanding’ rating for our Early Years provision and for Leadership and Management, this is testament to the hard work and commitment of all the adults who work at Ark Globe. However, I am most pleased about the Outstanding judgement for student behaviour, this shows that our children are proud of their academy and feel extremely safe and secure. I would like to thank all members of our community, for the help and encouragement I have personally received since being appointed Principal at Globe Academy.”

You can read the full report at:

[www.arkglobeacademy.org/ofsted-and-performance-data](http://www.arkglobeacademy.org/ofsted-and-performance-data)

# 'GLOBE REMEMBERS': ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONY



Ark Globe Academy students and staff participated in a very special Remembrance ceremony to mark the centenary of the First World War.

The 'Globe Remembers' Commemoration began by the ringing of the school bell at 11am for two minutes' silence. The end of the silence was marked by Renee from Year 8 beautifully playing 'The Last Post'.

This was followed by a poignant speech by our Principal on the 'Pity of War'. He said: "Today is our moment to reflect on the sacrifice that people have made around the world and throughout history."

The poem 'In Flanders Fields' was then read out by Head Girl, Zareen Roy-Macauley and Head Boy, Adeseye Ogunneye. Students then laid wreaths to represent each of the countries that participated in the First World War. The ceremony was concluded by our student representatives releasing red balloons into the sky to commemorate people who died from each of the countries that participated in the First World War.

In the lead up to the commemoration our students participated in many remembrance activities including a poppy art exhibition and looking into the role of science in the First World War.



## GLOBEMILLIONAIRES KEEP ON READING

Congratulations to our students who have achieved the 'Globemillionaire' title having read over a million words.



**One million:** Ade Onibokun, Shakira Giscombe, Answer Ogbonyia.

**Two million:** Abdul-Rahman Jamal, Rose Vargas.

**Three million:** Lauren Lopez.

**Five million:** Nigel Boakye.

# THIS TERM IN PICTURES



Our primary children having a slumber party in the library to support **Children in Need**.



Fantastic artwork in our **Remembrance Day art exhibition**.



Musicians, the Zodiac Trio and the WorldService Project, entertained our students and took part in a question and answer session.



Staff and students carried out **'Random acts of kindness'** during Anti-bullying week.



Year 8 students at their first **Fusion Orchestra rehearsal**.



The **Young Vic** held an 'Electra' workshop at school before our students went to see the sold-out performance.



**Fresh and healthy food.** Our catering team are thrilled with this harvest.



Our **nursery** children learning about their hands and lovely, squidgy paint!



Well done to the Year 7 boys Football team who got through to the 5-a-side finals at Millwall FC.



Timothy Jones, principal horn at the **London Symphony Orchestra** visits school in preparation for our music masterclasses!

# STUDENTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This year's annual Black History Month at Globe was the best yet! The celebration included students from all year groups in a variety of performances. With songs, dance, poetry, informative presentations and an original drama piece, the students represented the wide variety of Black British Legends who have made an impact on British society today.

In addition to all the remarkable home-grown talent at Globe we also showcased an amazing singer – ShezAr. ShezAr is part of a musical family from Hackney and her famous brother is the singer/songwriter Labyrinth. ShezAr performed three songs with her superb band and brought the house to their feet! She was truly an inspirational performer and the children and staff loved her.

Our annual Black History Month would not be the same without Black History Specialist and motivational speaker Andrew Muhammad coming to 'edutain' students. With his unique blend of effervescent energy and insightful knowledge Brother Andrew taught everyone in the room something new about the importance of the contribution of people of African heritage in England throughout the ages.

All in all the BHM assembly 2014 was simply spectacular and all students left feeling not only entertained, but inspired and motivated to be the next set of legends. Regardless of where we come from at Globe, students know where they are going and that is to university and to be leaders and legends in their community.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the students who participated, our guests and the staff of the performance faculty for a wonderful and memorable event.

## ELBRUS VS. MCKINLEY SPORTS

At the start of November we launched 'Elbrus vs McKinley', a year-long sports' tournament between our two small schools in Years 7-9.

Students and staff will compete against each other in five different sports across the year, with the winning team earning points for their small school. At the end of the year we will announce the winners of the first Ark Globe Academy Elbrus vs McKinley Cup!

This term the students and staff will be playing basketball followed by football, table tennis, trampolining and dodgeball next year.

## HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

This term we launched our Globe 'Hall of Achievement' to recognise children and staff who are going the extra mile to achieve their goals, or demonstrating excellent leadership within the school and wider community. Each term, teachers and staff across the academy can nominate who they feel should be recognised in the 'Hall of Achievement' which is located in our secondary school reception.

Congratulations to our first 'inductees':  
Students – Kevin Lam, Aurelia Szum, Zareen Roy-Macauley, Gulzar Uddin, Luqman Burhanudin, Trae Charles and Mr Koramoa, Subject Leader ICT.



## STUDENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Primary mentoring led by our secondary students began in November. It has been a great success giving our secondary students the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with the younger pupils and giving our primary pupils support with their learning.

## SPOKEN WORD POETRY COLLECTIVE

A number of our secondary students took part in the 'Shot From the Lip' poetry slam at the Southbank Centre in October. Young poets from across the country came together to share their thoughts and feelings about political issues that affect young people in society today. Zareen Roy-Macauley performed her poem 'Just Relax', and was crowned one of the slam winners. She will represent London in a national youth poetry slam in 2015.

In the final week of December, all Year 7-9 students will be taking part in Spoken Word Poetry Week run in lessons by the English Department, along with mentoring by student poetry leaders. Globe students will be writing their own version of the Queen's Speech – dubbed 'The Teen's Speech' to have their voice heard on the issues that matter to them.

## SIXTH FORM OPENS ITS DOORS



Our Sixth Form welcomed its first students this September and was officially opened by Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Reform.

Our Sixth Form offers outstanding teaching and learning, an innovative enrichment curriculum including innovative partnerships with organisations such as Fulham FC, and personalised support and guidance that fully prepares students for the best universities. Globe expects its students to make a difference to their community and lead the way to a fairer society.

As well as offering a range of traditional A Level courses it also offers an innovative Professional Pathways qualification aimed at closing the gap between school and the world of work.

Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Reform, said:

"I am hugely impressed by the students who I talked with today. They are amazing ambassadors for their school and their community. They have made a very good decision to go to an Ark school, as Ark is one of the leading academy networks in the country. I feel confident that they will have a bright future as they seek to aspire to university or pursue their career of choice."

Matt Jones, Principal, said:

"Our brand new Sixth Form will be dedicated to giving our young people the skills they need to prepare for university, succeed as leaders in their chosen profession, be successful entrepreneurs and to truly make a difference to their community."

For further information or to apply for a place please visit:

[www.arkglobeacademy.org/sixth-form/welcome](http://www.arkglobeacademy.org/sixth-form/welcome)



## FOYLES BOOK SHOPPING TRIP

A group of our students who speak a language in addition to English visited Foyles bookshop in central London to choose books in their language for the academy library. Students spent time browsing the books in the specialist foreign language section of the bookshop before making their selection. Each student was allocated a budget so they had to make careful decisions about what they chose to buy.

After a quick break for hot chocolate in the bookshop cafe, the students explored the entire Foyles shop. This vast bookshop has over 200,000 different titles on four miles of shelves!

The academy library now has some great new books in languages including Portuguese, Spanish, Mandarin and Serbian.

## FREE BOOK FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

All Year 7 students have chosen a book that will be given to them, for free, as a gift from the school. This is part of the national scheme, 'Bookbuzz'. Each Year 7 English class visited the academy library to explore the twelve fantastic books on offer and decide which one they wanted to order.

All twelve books are great reads so the decision was a difficult one for many. Luckily, the books are available to borrow from the academy library so students can read all twelve!

The books will be delivered to students in their Learning Families before the Christmas break.

## STAFF AND STUDENTS READ TOGETHER

During the approach to Anti-bullying Week 2014, a different teacher, student or Sixth Former read from the award-winning book 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio in the library every lunchtime. The book follows the experiences of a boy as he deals with

bullying, finds out what friendship really means, and gains the confidence to be his true self. 'Wonder' is a wonderful story that is enjoyed by readers of all ages.

## ARK GLOBE ACADEMY BOOKSHOP

We now have our own online bookshop. Anyone can buy books from the shop, confident that they have been tried and tested by our students. It is the perfect solution for parents/carers who would like to buy books for their children but don't know which to choose from the vast array available. The selection of books available from the bookshop will be updated every half-term to include the latest in quality children's literature. Parents/carers can also ask for a personalised book recommendation for their child via the website. Access the bookshop via our website or go to:

[www.myindependentbookshop.co.uk/globeacademy](http://www.myindependentbookshop.co.uk/globeacademy)

## ACCELERATED READER CLUB

Our students have been reading great books and taking quizzes at the brand new Accelerated Reader Club. Students meet every Monday lunchtime in the library to discuss the books they have been reading, choose new ones and spend time reading. Over 100 quizzes have been taken this term by members of the club! Accelerated Reader Club is a fantastic place for students to improve their literacy, share their love of reading and find out about the best new books. The club is open to Years 7-11 and there is no need to book.



## ROALD DAHL DAY

Staff and pupils in our primary school celebrated Roald Dahl Day by dressing up as their favourite characters. During the day they also enjoyed a special 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' assembly, took part in quizzes and shared the delights of Dahl's books with one another.



# LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

## YOUTH CONFERENCE

In October Buchi, Memenat, Jade, Chelsea, Simon and Sarah, our Year 9 student council members, attended a youth conference at the London Fire Brigade Head Quarters.

This was a fantastic opportunity for them to meet the firemen who protect us on a daily basis, paralympians who have fought for their dreams regardless of barriers and students from other schools.

Globe won an awareness quiz, asked informative questions and shared creative ideas to help improve their awareness of fire and road safety.

“This conference has helped me to comprehend and acknowledge the importance of fire safety. It was fun, extremely informative and useful,” said Memenat.

“This conference has helped me to understand the importance of the London Fire Brigade. It has shown me the key steps that you should take in order to prevent common fires in the home. I would love to share my experiences with all at Globe Academy so that our community and their homes are always a safe place to be,” said Buchi.

The students will be leading fire safety presentations in the near future and will also be working with the London Fire Brigade to continually promote fire safety and road safety within our community.



## YEAR 7 PERFORM THE LION KING

On 20 November, after six weeks of countless rehearsals and run-throughs, our wonderful Year 7 students presented their performance of ‘The Lion King’. The audience was made up of some of our Year 7 students and a large number of students from our local primary schools including; Ark Globe Primary and John Ruskin School. The students were very professional in their approach and gave the performance of their lives to a very excited and enthusiastic audience.

This was a first for our Year 7 students and hopefully will be something that becomes a tradition amongst our younger students.



**THE CAST:** **Mufasa:** Genesis Matos Garcia, **Simba:** Jeffrey Dean, **Nala:** Damaris Vasco De La Calle, **Sarabi:** Daniella Taiwo, **Zazu:** Andrew Salgado-Silva, **Scar:** Rohan Williams, **Hyenas:** Sabria McDonald (**Shenzi**), Qamar Hassan (**Banzai**), Hayley Sekyi (**Ed**, also played **Tiki**), **Rafiki:** Skye H'Rela, **Timon:** Michee Kudimana, **Pumba:** Lemuel Skyers Mounigan.

## WWE ANTI-BULLYING RALLY



On 5 November we hosted an anti-bullying rally to launch the Department for Education's new anti-bullying campaign in association with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

WWE performers Paige, Big E and Kofi Kingston attended the event alongside Edward Timpson MP, Minister for Children and Families. They were joined by 150 of our primary school children.

Their message was – “don't be a bully, be a star!”

WWE and The Creative Coalition founded Be a STAR (Star stands for Show Tolerance And Respect) in April 2011. The mission of Be a STAR is to ensure a positive and equitable social environment for everyone regardless of age, race, religion or sexual orientation through grassroots efforts that begin with education and awareness.

In an ongoing effort to spread the word about tolerance and respect, WWE performers visit schools or community centres on a regular basis to speak with students about bullying issues including sharing their own personal stories.

Sam Colburn, Headteacher of Ark Globe Primary School, said: “It's incredibly important that pupils can learn in a supportive, caring and safe school. Our philosophy is maintaining a calm environment, so that teachers can teach and students can learn. It's always valuable for pupils to learn from positive role models – so welcoming the

performers from WWE helps pupils to understand that through hard work and positive behaviour you can achieve your dreams – and possibly even worldwide fame.”

**A video of the rally can be found at:**  
[community.wwe.com/diversity/gallery/watch-wwe-hosts-be-star-rally-london](http://community.wwe.com/diversity/gallery/watch-wwe-hosts-be-star-rally-london)

**More photographs can be found at:**  
[community.wwe.com/diversity/gallery/wwe-hosts-be-star-rally-london-photos](http://community.wwe.com/diversity/gallery/wwe-hosts-be-star-rally-london-photos)

### FULHAM FOOTBALL CLUB ELITE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Ark Globe Academy and Fulham Football Club have launched an elite player development centre based at the academy. The centre holds training sessions for male players from primary age to young teenagers from across Southwark and aims to nurture and develop players with outstanding potential to be future Fulham Football Club First Team regulars. In addition, the partnership includes regular specialist coaching for our students and educational visits to the football club. Read more at: [www.arkglobeacademy.org/node/15466](http://www.arkglobeacademy.org/node/15466)



## SAVING ENERGY TOGETHER

In the early morning of 25 October the clocks went back one hour in order to make better use of sunlight. This practice began in 1916 in the middle of World War I, oddly enough, copying the Germans who had implemented this mechanism of energy saving a few weeks earlier.

Saving energy is still a hot topic today and Globe are committed to saving energy. Everyone can help minimise the environmental impact of wasted energy. In our secondary building alone we have 2,252 fluorescent light bulbs installed. This means that each hour we consume approximately 68,500 watts of energy. An activity as small as turning off the lights when the last person leaves a room can help us save several thousand pounds and help save the planet as well! The saying usually goes: "Give me a hand" but in this case using only one finger can make all the difference. Switch it off as you leave please.

*Article by Josue Perez del Palomar,  
Ark Globe Academy Premises Team,  
Masters in Environmental Management*

## GLOBE GOES TO PARLIAMENT

On 18 November, 28 students from Year 7 to Sixth Form were given the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. They started with a fascinating tour that included watching a debate in the House of Commons and learning some interesting facts about the building – did you know that the Houses of Parliament were built in the 1800s after a fire destroyed the medieval buildings that had stood there before?

After taking in the beautiful architecture students were treated to a debating workshop where they learnt the intriguing, and sometimes confusing rules that all MPs have to follow, such as addressing each other as 'my honourable friend' and never under any circumstances calling someone a liar!

Students also had the chance to grill two of our MP Simon Hughes' aides about life and work at Westminster and of course how they too could one day represent their borough.



*Luqman Burhanudin, Nadim Islam and Amy Barton exploring archival material at John Harvard library*

## SIXTH FORMERS DEVELOP INDEPENDENT RESEARCH SKILLS

Our Sixth Form students have been working hard to develop their independent research skills in order to access top grades at A Level and prepare themselves for university. The Sixth Formers have learned how to effectively find and use quality websites, academic books, and online databases for research. Many students have discovered fascinating sources of information to support their studies, inform them about future careers or to broaden their wider knowledge. They have also had a tour of John Harvard library and learned about the study support services on offer. Each Sixth Form student is now a member of Southwark Libraries so can borrow and reserve books, access online resources, and use quiet study space.

Research support sessions are held every Friday, period 3, in the Sixth Form Study Centre on a drop-in basis.

## IN THE TIGER'S CAGE

Our Year 9 students recently attended a 'Skill! London' workshop at Oriol Securities, St. Paul's. The students had to come up with a business idea and pitch it to potential investors in the 'Tiger's Cage' (similar to TV's 'Dragon's Den').

Our three groups devised: *re-grade* – A social app that helps you to revise and improve your grades, *Memomi* – An app that remembers your daily schedule and helps you keep on track, and finally, *Fill my Fridge* – an app that helps you order food from retailers and deliver it straight to your door.



## VIRGIN STRIVE CHALLENGE REVISITS THE ACADEMY

Following their visit in July the Virgin Strive Challenge team returned to Globe in October.

The team, including Sam Branson (son of Sir Richard Branson) originally came to talk about how goal setting can make a big difference and returned this term to see how far our students had come in the goals that they had set last time around.

“What was so inspiring was to see how the pupils rallied around their classmates to give advice and support. They all wanted to pitch in and help others that needed it. They were also very passionate about thriving in life, and it was incredibly humbling to witness.” *Sam Branson.*

You can read more about the Strive Challenge by visiting:  
[www.bigchangecharitabletrust.org/strive-sam-branson](http://www.bigchangecharitabletrust.org/strive-sam-branson)  
[www.strivechallenge.com/the-core-team-visits-the-ark-globe-academy](http://www.strivechallenge.com/the-core-team-visits-the-ark-globe-academy)

## ‘FREE WRITERS CLUB’ PERFORMANCE

The Free Writers Club a project run by ‘Rewrite’ ([www.rewrite.org.uk](http://www.rewrite.org.uk)) composed a play over the summer. ‘Rewrite’ brings together young people from different backgrounds to fight prejudice and injustice, through the power of drama and creative writing. Christian Arenas in Year 10 participated to this project very actively and contributed heavily to the final piece that was created. The play was performed by professional actors at the Southwark Playhouse in October.



## EXPLORING MUSIC WITH SOUNDCASTLE

Last term our Year 9 GCSE students took part in a composition and performance project funded by the EU in conjunction with the Soundcastle project. The students worked with professional composers and musicians to create and record their own work which reflected on the world in which they live today and the sense of identity they wish to express rather than one that is imposed upon them.

Following three months of weekly rehearsals, explorations and discoveries, the group created a 15 minute long original composition which they performed at their school with fantastic results.

You can view the final performance at:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKCdxIJqZgM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKCdxIJqZgM)

“ (The Soundcastle project)...gave the students involved an invaluable experience of exploring the arts, of improvising and creating music together. Some students played instruments that they had never had the opportunity to play before. I believe that it gave the students a really great foundation in composition on which to build on for their GCSE coursework. The opportunity to explore music and composition like this is not usually something that pupils would get to do and spend time on in lessons.”  
*Ruth Masterson, Music Teacher*

# An Ark school