

PARENT NEWSLETTER



A BRILLIANT 3RD PLACE AT THE NATIONAL FINALS!



Following our girls' fantastic victory at the Andalusian regional competition, **our U11 girls' cricket team (made up of our brilliant Year 5 and Year 6 students) travelled to Benidorm to represent our school at the National Finals!**

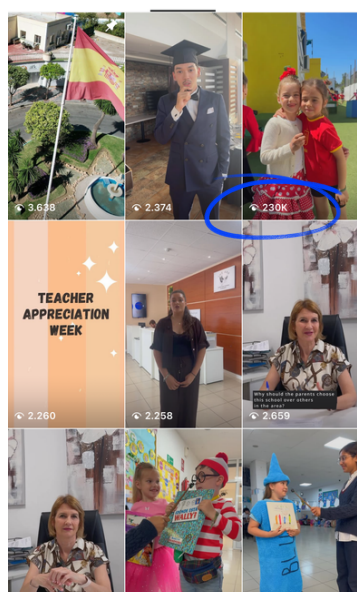
Competing against some of the very best school teams from different regions all across Spain, our girls showed incredible determination and skill, finishing in a magnificent **3rd place nationwide**. This is a massive achievement for **The Ark Christian School**, and we could not be prouder of them.

Our PE teacher, **Mr Gore**, who coached and accompanied the team, shared his gratitude: "I would like to say a huge thank you to **all the girls for all their hard work on the pitch**. I also want to give a special mention and thank you to **Miss Ilse, Miss Megeary, and especially Miss Lily**, who travelled with us to Benidorm to support the team."

An achievement like this is always a team effort, both on and off the field. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents for their wonderful support, to **Alfonso Sanchez** for providing our fantastic kits, and to Making it Pro for sponsoring our team socks.

Well done, girls — you have made the whole Ark family incredibly proud!

CELEBRATING OUR INTERNATIONAL FAMILY



At The Ark Christian School, we are incredibly proud of our diverse community, where different cultures come together to create a truly unique environment for our students.

Recently, we shared a lovely video on our **Instagram and Facebook** pages of our students speaking in their native languages. We were wonderfully surprised to see how much it resonated with the wider world, quickly reaching **over 230,000 views and 11,000 likes!** It is truly heartwarming to see so many people appreciate the beautiful cultural diversity we experience here every day.

Our social media pages are a wonderful way for parents, students, and teachers to stay connected and share in daily school life. If you would like to follow our journey and see more of these lovely moments, **please feel free to join our online community.**



Church dates for your diary



Every Sunday at 11.00 am
The Ark Church weekly service

Bible Story

Jesus at the Wedding – A Story of Joy, Obedience, and Abundance (John 2)

Jesus began His public ministry with a beautiful miracle. He, with His wonderful loving mother Mary and His disciples, was invited to a wedding in Cana in Galilee. A wedding feast was a major celebration, and hospitality was incredibly important to the family (John 2:1-2).

During the celebration, a serious problem arose: the family completely ran out of wine, causing huge embarrassment. Mary noticed this, brought it straight to Jesus, and told Him, "They have no more wine." Even though Jesus replied, "My hour has not yet come," Mary trusted Him completely. She turned to the servants and said, **"Do whatever he tells you"** (John 2:3-5). Nearby stood six stone water jars used for washing.

Jesus ordered the servants to fill them to the brim, and they obeyed. He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." **When they tasted it, the water had turned into the finest quality wine (John 2:6-9).** The master of the banquet was amazed because this family saved the best wine until now! This quiet miracle saved them from shame and revealed Christ's glory, causing His disciples to put their deeper faith in Him (John 2:10-11).

What We Can Learn from this Story

- * **Jesus cares** deeply about our everyday worries, not just big, spiritual crises.
- * **Obedience leads** to beautiful miracles when we do exactly what He asks.
- * **God** always gives His finest, most abundant blessings, far exceeding our human expectations.

This story reminds us that when our resources run dry, we can bring our everyday problems directly to Jesus.

Real joy comes from Christ, from obeying His holy word, and from knowing that He can turn our empty situations into something beautiful.



Get to know

This month, we are delighted to introduce **Miss Esther Abimbola Adejumo**, a vital member of our secondary faculty who has been teaching at The Ark Christian School for five wonderful years. Bringing six years of total teaching experience to our classrooms, **Miss Esther** balances two diverse subjects, teaching both **AS/A-Level Chemistry** and **IGCSE/A-Level Travel and Tourism**.

An International Educational Journey Originally born in Nigeria, West Africa, Miss Esther's academic path is highly impressive. She holds a National Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Chemistry from Nigeria. She later moved to the United Kingdom, completing her PGCE in Secondary Education at Leeds Beckett University, and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Digital Pedagogy at the same institution. Now living in Spain, she brings a wealth of international experience to our students.

Faith, Family, and Daily Routines Outside the classroom, Miss Esther's life revolves around her family and her faith. She is happily married to her husband, Michael, and they are blessed with two beautiful daughters. To get "jazzed" and ready for a busy school day, she follows a dedicated 5:45 am morning routine that combines spiritual and physical health: reading the Bible and praying with her family, followed by a 15-minute treadmill and cardio workout.

In her free time, she enjoys connecting with nature, shopping, and winding down on her cozy couch with her favourite snack. Music is also in her family's blood; she is incredibly passionate about gospel music and loves singing. On weekends, you will find her family enjoying movie nights or playing board games together.

Miss Esther believes that the heart of teaching is building relationships rooted in trust and respect. By integrating Christian values, she aims to live by example, guiding her students with love, compassion, and the importance of forgiveness. For her, nothing beats the joy of watching her students pursue their dreams.



Meet Zoey from Year 5

This month, we are delighted to introduce **Zoey Oving**, a bright **Year 5** student who is looking forward to moving into Year 6 next term. When asked what she treasures most about The Ark Christian School, Zoey said, **"Everybody is so kind to children."** It is wonderful to hear that our culture of kindness shines through so clearly.

Zoey is incredibly active and loves her sports. Her main passion is ballet,

which she started at a summer camp after being inspired by her best friend. Her dedication paid off beautifully when she achieved a distinction in her very first ballet exam — a proud moment she describes as the most exciting time in her life. When dancing, Zoey feels "very happy, excited, and great." Alongside ballet, she plays padel once or twice a week and would love to try skateboarding next because "it looks very cool to do." For Zoey, the best part of any interest is sharing it: "I do it with my besties."

Weekends are also filled with fun. Zoey loves playing her favourite game, Presto, which always makes her laugh, doing crafts, and spending quality time with her mum, dad, and her dog. When it comes to important people, Zoey gives a special mention to her mum. "She helps me a lot," Zoey says. "When I am down, she always helps me."

Looking ahead, Zoey already has some wonderful inspirations. Her favourite book is New Girl because the main character shares her personality. She also hopes to become a dentist one day because her own dentist is "super nice." With such a caring nature, it is no surprise that if Zoey had a superpower, she would choose to stop people and animals from getting bad sicknesses. Thank you, Zoey! We wish you the best of luck in Year 6!

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