

ARK PRIORY PRIMARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

Our last full week before half term – hard to believe we are half way through the academic year now ! The snowfall and the reception trip to the Science museum were probably the highlights, although it was also super to see so many gathered for the bingo fest last night – we loved Mr Robinson's unique style ☺ More amazing was the impromptu collection which means the teachers' wishlists can be met – so generous – thank you ! I am currently trying to source the IPADs, books and sports equipment funded by the Christmas fare and will keep you all posted . Happy and safe weekend – stay warm ! Miss Steele and all academy staff.

Communication with Class Teachers – a reminder that if you wish to contact the class teachers, the most effective method is via the class email system. They will at least acknowledge your email on the working day it is received and respond in full no later than the 2nd day, should further investigation be required. For your convenience the email addresses are below:

nursery@arkprioryprimary.org

columbus@arkprioryprimary.org

shackleton@arkprioryprimary.org

pankhurst@arkprioryprimary.org

seacole@arkprioryprimary.org

Pupil Absence – We would like to remind you that if your child is unable to attend the academy, due to illness or other circumstances, you should contact the office before 8.30 am by phone or by email. If you send an email it would assist us if a heading of 'Pupil Absence' is used so we can quickly identify sickness. Thank you . Contact details:

Tel No: 0203 110 0717

email: info@arkprioryprimary.org

Parent Surgery – Parents are invited to drop in to the parent surgery on Monday 9th February at 8.30 am in the Academy hall. We hope this will be an opportunity to share information, to discuss both what is going well and ways in which we can continue to improve.

Half Term Closure – The last day for pupils to attend the academy, before the half term break, is **Wednesday 11th February**. Pupils should be collected at normal time – **4.00 pm** unless they are attending a club, when collection will be 5.00 pm.

Child Care Voucher Scheme – We are pleased to announce that we are now able to accept electronic child care vouchers for breakfast and after school club payments. We are registered with Computershare, care-4 and Fideliti, further details available from the office.

	ATTENDANCE %	PUNCTUALITY %
Nursery AM	94	100
Nursery PM	86	97
Columbus	97	99
Shackleton	95	100
Seacole	95	99
Pankhurst	95	100

Stars of the Week

Nursery

Courage – Genevieve and Hassan

Reception

Courage: Uma Endeavour: Troy
Exploration: Enriquetta Excellence: Kyrella

Year 1

Courage: Ismael Endeavour: Philip
Exploration: Rudy Excellence: Izzy

KEY DATES

9th February
8.30 am Parent
Surgery in
Academy Hall with
Miss Steele

12th and 13th
February
Academy Closed
(Inset Days)

16th-20th February
Academy Closed
(Half Term)

w/c 23 February
Clubs, swimming
and music lessons
restart

24th February
Celebration of
Chinese New Year

3rd March
Year 1 Open
Afternoon

4th March
Nursery Open Day

5th March
Reception Open
Afternoon

5th March
World Book Day –
pupils to dress as a
literary character

w/c 9th March
Art Week

13th March
Comic Relief Day –
dress in red and
donate £1

Children's art
auction for Comic
Relief

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Top Table – The following children have been invited to join Miss Steele on the top table on Monday 23rd February – Daniella, Khamal, De Vonte, Oliver D, Olivia, Rose and Faris. These pupils have been selected as they have displayed excellent behaviour, manners or eating at lunchtime. Please ensure your child responds in writing to Miss Steele, accepting the invitation by Wednesday 11th February.

Forthcoming Events and Improved Communication – When we return after half term, we will send a weekly email which will contain communication sent out that week by the academy, to ensure parents are aware of forthcoming events. These will also be uploaded on to our website on a newly created page for your convenience. This will be in addition to the circulation of the weekly Newsletter.

The second half of the Spring Term is packed full of events and we would like to give you notification of timings and dates, so you can plan your diaries.

24th February – Celebration of Chinese New Year – Pupils are encouraged to wear a Chinese costume and will enjoy a Chinese lunch and a range of activities.

2nd March and 17th March - Celebration of St David's Day and St Patrick's Day – Full details to follow.

3rd – 5th March – Open Afternoons - An opportunity for parents to go into their child's classroom to observe a typical lesson.

3rd March – Year 1 open afternoon at 2.30 pm

4th March – Nursery open morning at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm

5th March – Year 1 open afternoon at 2.30 pm

5th March – World Book Day – A firm favourite within the academy. Pupils and staff will dress up as a book (NOT FILM) character for the day. A time for mums and dads to get their creative juices flowing. Please do not spend unnecessary money on buying a costume for your child, most often the successful costumes are made at home.

w/c 9th March – Art Week - We will be celebrating Art Week by having a themed timetable of events supported by professional local artists. If you would like to be involved and share your artistic skills with us we would love to hear from you. Please contact the academy office for further details. The week will reach a climax with a celebration of the children's artwork which will be on display from 2.00 pm on Friday 13th March and will be up for auction. All proceeds will be donated to Comic Relief.

13th March – Comic Relief Day – Pupils are invited to wear red clothing for a **donation of £1** to this worthwhile charity.

w/c 16th March – Parent Consultations (commencing at 4.15 pm for Reception and Year 1)

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March Reception classes

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March Nursery classes (timings tbc)

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March Year 1 classes

w/c 23rd March – Science Week – A week of activities for the pupils to explore some exciting science activities. If you are able to contribute to this week we would love to hear from you with your ideas.

24th March – Year 1 Visit to the Jewish Museum . Parent Surgery with Miss Steele at 4.10pm.

27th March – The final day of term which we will celebrate with an Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg hunt. Full details to be confirmed when we return after half term,

APPAA News

Thanks to all who participated in the bingo evening last night. Judging by the noise and laughter a lot of fun was had and the turnout was really impressive. Although it was predominantly a social event, generous guests donated a whopping **£323.36** to the 'wishing tree' project, raising money for classroom resources. The pot has now met this year's target, so new learning aids from the teachers' wish lists will be arriving in all the classrooms soon. Thanks to everyone involved.

IMAGES BELOW FROM THE RECEPTION VISIT THIS WEEK TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM