



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so wonderful to have all our pupils back to school this week- I am delighted to say that they have settled very well and have quickly got back into the swing of things here at Ark Priory! We are very conscious of our pupils' fitness and well being especially at this time, and with this in mind, I am very pleased that from next week, our sports lessons will be led by a specialist coach from Queens Park Rangers football club. He will also run activities at lunch times, and from Easter, we are hoping to start an after-school club. This is a very exciting opportunity for all our pupils. We are also hoping to start swimming lessons again as soon as we are able.

Please make sure you support our efforts by providing a healthy after-school snack for your child. I have seen a wide variety of unhealthy snacks on the playground after school which is not in line with our school rules and does not support the ethos of healthy living and wellbeing. I appreciate your support and thank you in advance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Grasso

Stars and Authors of the Week

Well done to this week's stars and authors!

	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
6	SOMMERVILLE	SOTW: Dior AOTW: Oliwia	EINSTEIN	SOTW: Lamees
5	MOZART	SOTW: Eden	MONET	SOTW: Yaser AOTW: Emilio
4	CURIE	SOTW: Zachary	FLEMING	SOTW: Younes AOTW: Elemi
3	ARCHIMEDES	SOTW: Maral	BRUNEL	SOTW: Hamza AOTW: Noor
2	SHARMAN	SOTW: Adam AOTW: Karin	ARMSTRONG	SOTW: Elodie
1	PANKHURST	SOTW: Sarah A AOTW: Mohamed	SEACOLE	SOTW: Omar
R	HENSON	Iacopo	SHACKLETON	Reuben

SING INTO SPRING: STAY AT HOME SING-OFF EDITION!

This is a reminder that the deadline for Sing into Spring is coming up **this Friday** (12th March).

Ark Schools have updated the [Spark page](#) and started uploading the videos as they come in so hopefully this will provide some inspiration for our pupils!

They will accept entries sent by parents / guardians and don't forget that they will accept entries via email and via WhatsApp – whatever is easier for you!

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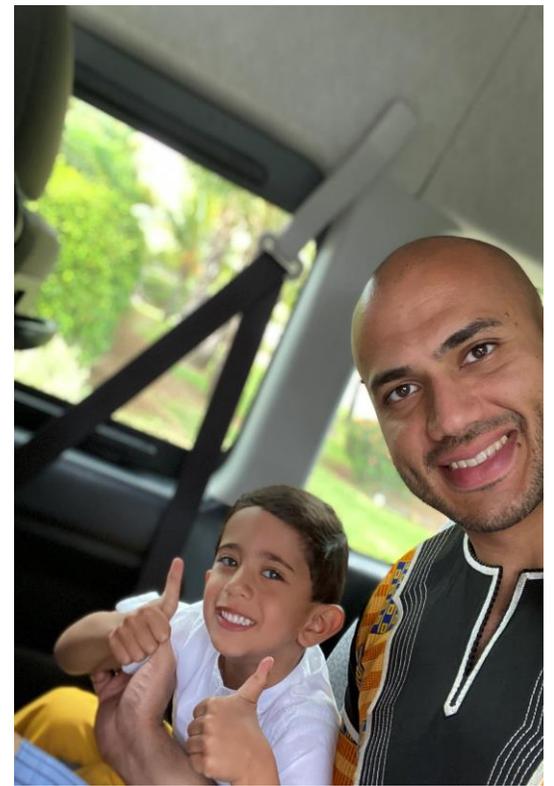
Meet our new parent governor

I am delighted to introduce **Faheem Khan** as our new parent governor.

Faheem is a Strategy & Business Development professional with over 10 years of experience in the energy industry, prior to which he worked as a management consultant in South Africa.

After moving to the UK in 2010 to complete a masters at Imperial College, he worked in the oil & gas industry, primarily negotiating contracts with middle eastern governments. Over the last three years, he has been working on the development of renewable energy projects including solar farms, green hydrogen projects and offshore wind farms.

Faheem has been a volunteer with STEM learning for several years and holds a firm belief that education is the most effective solution to transform and uplift future generations. Faheem's first child has recently enrolled in Ark Priory.



NEW Parent/carer survey via the Edurio

I know that we already sent out a survey to parents/carers about our remote learning offer and communication earlier in the term but as a network of Ark Schools, we would like to collect the same data from all our schools to not only inform our practice/procedures at Ark Priory but at a network level as well.

We know that the experience of lockdown and impact of COVID on family life and your child's education has been varied across households, and we wanted to provide you with another opportunity to reflect on this time. We hope to be able to use the feedback that you share in order to support your child and your family better. To help us with this as a network, we're working together with the Edurio survey platform. Pupils will also be completing a survey in school.

To complete the survey, please click here: <https://edurio.com/poll/POyBZz>

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. The survey will be available until **Sunday, March 21**.

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Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey. We look forward to your feedback and reviewing this as a network.

Notices from APPAA*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA_ArkPriory Contact us at appaacommittee@gmail.com

*APPAA is ARK Priory's Parents' Association, run by the school's parents and carers to **raise funds, hold events, and bring our academy community together**. All Ark Priory parents and carers are **automatically members** of the association because you are members of the community.

Return to school for all - WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE BACK!

We are delighted that all children are back to school this week. We thank all the teachers, support staff and SLT for their hard work in running the remote learning as well as Community Classes in the last few weeks and for making the transition back to school so welcoming for all.

Stay connected to APPAA - ALL WELCOME TO GET INVOLVED!

Join our WhatsApp Groups and mailing lists

We welcome all parents to join the APPAA 'WhatsApp' Groups for each year group. They are a great way to keep up to date with school and APPAA information and ask immediate questions to other parents in your child's year group. They are also a great source of support in these worrying times and a way of staying connected to the year group. If you have not yet joined and would like to, please do drop an email to appaacommittee@gmail.com and we will get you connected.

We have usage guidelines that we ask that everyone adheres for all our safety and consideration - please take a moment to read them, and they can be found on the school website at any time. <https://arkpriory.org/sites/default/files/Whats%20App%20Usage%20Guidelines.pdf>

We also send occasional emails regarding our fundraising and community events. If you are not on our database, please drop a line to appaacommittee@gmail.com and we will get you added.

What next? HOW YOU CAN HELP ...

For next events, watch this space...

In the current climate, it is understandable that we cannot run our usual fundraising events on site this term. We would have been hosting bake sales, an Easter Fete, and an Eid party in the next few weeks in normal times. Please do support the school and APPAA where you can in the following ways:

1. Save your good quality, pre-loved school uniform for us. We will arrange a second hand sale as soon as we are able to.

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2. Remember to use our partner sites to earn money for the school at no cost to yourselves - see below for details about the 'The Giving Machine' as well as companies that specialise in uniform labels, where we earn money every time you shop!
3. Keep a lookout for call outs for help, for live or virtual events - likely to be quite last minute as we navigate the changing restrictions...but we are determined that there will be things to look forward to!

The Giving Machine - EARN MONEY FOR ARK PRIORY WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE!

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ark-priory-primary>

What's the catch? There isn't one. No fees, no hassle. All you need to do is click via The Giving Machine every time you shop online. It's as simple as that! Set up a Giver account on The Giving Machine with Ark Priory as your cause, and then just visit The Giving Machine website, desktop reminder or mobile app and click on the retailer link you want to shop at. Purchases generate a donation to school at no cost to you.

In the 7 years we have been using this we have generated £2751 from 4037 donations. Please join up and help support us! All money raised goes back to the school for enrichment and activities for all the children.

Uniform Labelling - INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PARTNER SITES

It is the school's policy that ALL items of uniform MUST be named. To help with this, the APPAA Committee has put together a list of tried and tested companies, which cater for all price ranges and labelling preferences. Even better, the school gets cash back from some of these companies when you order - at no extra cost to you.

1. "Stamptastic": Name stamps, ink pads and labelling pens.

www.stamptastic.co.uk

Tel: 02083329781

Ark Priory receives 25% cash back if you use the code W38NR at checkout.

2. "Stick on (STIKINS)": name labels for clothes and other items.

www.stikins.co.uk

Tel: 01270-668076

Ark Priory receives 30% cash back if you use the Reference Number: 35676 at checkout.

3. "Woven Labels UK": Name Tapes, stick on labels and tags.

www.wovenlabelsuk.com sales@wovenlabelsuk.com

Tel: 03332226619

As always if you want to help out or have any notices for the newsletter please contact appaacommitee@gmail.com for further information.

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