



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our final week before the Christmas holidays, I would like to thank you and our school community for your continued support. We have started the year very positively and the pupils have benefitted greatly from all the wonderful things that they have experienced this term, for example, coding with Amazon in Y6, visits to museums and galleries, taking part in productions, our Citizenship week and Road Safety week to name a few. Our Spring term is also very busy- please see the key dates to know what is up and coming!

A quick reminder- we finish school for the holidays on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**. Please be on time to collect your child. Many thanks in advance.

Miss Grasso

## Stars and Authors of the Week

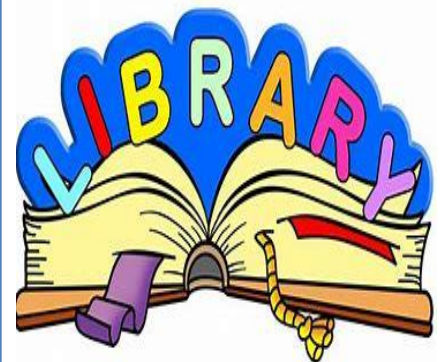
Well done to this week's Stars! Our Authors of the Week are in green!

	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
6	SOMMERVILLE	Leo Marcel	EINSTEIN	Ayman
5	MOZART	Ahmad Emilia	MONET	Josette
4	CURIE	Malik Fleur	FLEMING	Isaac
3	ARCHIMEDES	Khyrah Ava	BRUNEL	Joe
2	SHARMAN	Joshua	ARMSTRONG	Bethany Sami
1	PANKHURST	Ayoub	SEACOLE	Rayaan Safia
R	COLUMBUS	Florence Beau-Rose	SHACKLETON	Sara

## On the lookout for Parent Librarian Volunteers

We are looking for additional parent s to join our team of librarians. From January, we have sessions available on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Please get in touch with Ms Rabbani either on the playground at drop off and collections or by email ([s.rabbani@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:s.rabbani@arkprioryprimary.org))



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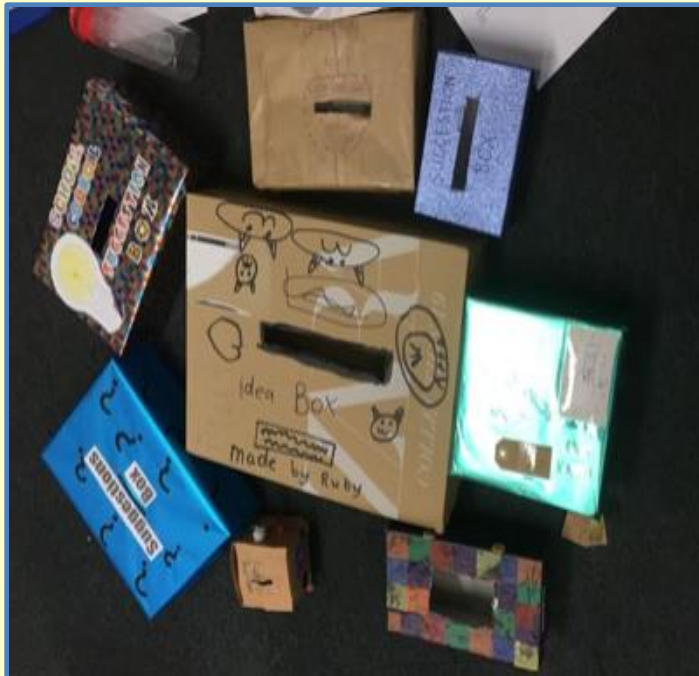
## School Council share their ideas!

This term the School Council have been working very hard to decide what their year priorities are.

They have made a suggestion box for each classroom, so that pupils can share their ideas with their council representative and the pupil voice can be heard. For next term, the School Council have decided to focus on:

- Recycling our organic waste (food leftovers)
- Making a greener school with classroom plants
- Boosting the school community vibe with House competitions
- Fundraising for charity

*The School Council welcomes plant donations.*



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is: **96.7%**

### Class Attendance:

1. Fleming **98.1%**
2. Sharman 98%
3. Curie and Monet 97.4%

Well done to Fleming class !

### House Points

*Our winning team this week was:*



## Carols Around the Tree

Thank you to all who attended our 'Carols Around the Tree' event last night. Despite the rain, the event was a huge success! A special thank you to Miss Canavan for organising the music for the evening and of course, to our wonderful APPAA committee who worked so hard to make this event an enjoyable evening for all. It truly reflected the great community that we have here at Ark Priory. Thank you all.



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## Homework links

Year 1	<a href="https://www.turtlediary.com/game/sentence-unscramble-first-grade.html">https://www.turtlediary.com/game/sentence-unscramble-first-grade.html</a>
Year 2	<a href="http://www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk/spotlights/toysandgames/neworold.htm">http://www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk/spotlights/toysandgames/neworold.htm</a>
Year 3	Find out more about Europe's top football clubs. Which country are they from? Which city are they in? <a href="https://footballdatabase.com/ranking/europe/1">https://footballdatabase.com/ranking/europe/1</a>
Year 4	<a href="https://www.mathplayground.com/multiplication01.html">https://www.mathplayground.com/multiplication01.html</a>
Year 5	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z69k7ty/articles/zpwwy4j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z69k7ty/articles/zpwwy4j</a>
Year 6	<a href="https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6">https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6</a> (E.1-E.6) Mathletics practice (statistics)

### Christmas Holidays:

I would like to remind you that our last day of term is **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. The school day will finish at **1.30pm** so please be prompt for collection. Children will have a school lunch as normal before collection.

## The Toy Project - thank you!!!

We have been completely overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of the school community. Thank you!!

Today we took the donations we had received so far to The Toy Project in Islington and they filled an entire car!!! We had so many wonderful things, including brand new dolls, Lego sets and Playmobil. Some of these donations were literally being sorted and delivered to their destinations within hours of us dropping them off!

If you would still like to donate, they would welcome new toys before Christmas but can't fit in any more second hand donations until February! We will keep them safe and deliver them then. Please contact Vic for more information. [vicrobinson@me.com](mailto:vicrobinson@me.com)

Thank you so very much!!



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## Parent's Corner

Charlotte, who is the sister of Jessica in our Year 6 is going to Calais to help at the refugees camp in January with her school. They are raising money for this charity. Any donation will be much appreciated. Thank you.



<https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/LatymerUpperSchool>

## Key Dates for Spring 1:

<b>Spring term 2020</b>	
Tuesday Y4: Fleming 9am, Curie 2.30pm Thursday Y3: Archimedes 9am, Brunel 11:30am	
<b><u>Wed 8 Jan</u></b>	<b><u>First day back to school</u></b>
Fri 17 Jan	Y2 Bake Sale
Mon 20 Jan	Midyear Reports Out Phonics Workshop for Nursery Parents
3/5/6 Feb	Parent Open Mornings Mon 3th: Y1, Y3 Wed 5th: Y2, Y5, Reception Thu 6th: Y4, Y6, Nursery
Tue 4th Feb	Individual and Sibling Photos
Fri 7 Feb	Y1 Bake Sale Number day
Tue 11 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 12 Feb	Y3 Play (AM)
Thu 13 Feb	Y3 Play (PM)
<b><u>Fri 14 Feb</u></b>	<b><u>Inset Day</u></b>

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<b><u>W/c 17 Feb</u></b>	<b><u>Half Term</u></b>
<b><u>24 Feb</u></b>	<b><u>First day back to school</u></b>
2-4 Mar	Y5 Residential
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 6 Mar	Reception Bake Sale
Wed 18 Mar	Parent Forum @7pm
Fri 27 Mar	Easter Event/Bake Sale
W/c 30 Mar	Parent Consultation Evenings APPAA Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt
Mon 30 Mar	Y1 Play (PM)
Tue 31 Mar	Y1 Play (AM)
Thu 2 Apr	Reception Easter Bonnet Parade (AM)
<b>ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b> Please check weekly newsletters for updates	
Fri 3 Apr	<b><u>Last day of Term</u></b> <b><u>finish at 1:30pm</u></b>

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# Notices from APPAA\*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA\_ArkPriory Contact us at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto: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. **If you want to know how you can get involved or help out at any of the upcoming events then drop us a mail at the email above. We are all busy people, but working together as a team of carers, dads and mums we can make great things happen for our school and our children.**

## Carol's around the Tree - A BIG THANKS

Thanks to all those children and parents who came along to the Carols Around the Tree event. I was just lovely to see our children perform and sing along with them and a particular thanks to all those volunteers who baked, created, served, manned stalls and made Santa's Grotto happen. Without the active participation of our whole community of parents it would be impossible to put on events like this so if you contributed in any way at all, Thankyou.

## The Toy Project - AN EVEN BIGGER THANKYOU

Collections for the Toy Project are now closed. Due to an absolutely overwhelming response they now have enough toys to take them through Christmas and beyond, all the way up to February 2020. The team at @rememberingrocco have passed on their huge thanks to all those donated and there will be a lot of happy children on Christmas day as a result. A big shout out to our very own Vic Robinson who got the collection going and delivered the toys in person. Vic, you are amazing.

## The Giving Machine - SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER

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

As we head towards the festive season if you are shopping online please think about shopping through the Giving Machine. The Giving Machine is a way to donate a percentage of everything you spend (at no cost to you) to the school. Simply download the app, create an account, click 'go shopping' and shop in the way you normally do. Everytime you spend with retailers like Amazon, EBay and others you automatically donate to the school This is one of the easiest ways to contribute and costs you nothing. If you need help downloading the app drop APPAA a mail at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com).

As always if you want to help out or have any notices for the newsletter please contact [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com) for further information.

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