



Ark Priory Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

During our 'Citizenship Week' this week, we have been thinking about our school values of **'explore, endeavour and excel'** and how we can use these in our behaviour towards others. This year's theme was **'Be the change you want to see'** and we reflected about how we can change things to impact positively on others around us. Throughout the week, pupils and staff also took part in wellbeing activities to spread kindness across the school. I would like to ask you as parents and carers to also think about this idea of kindness and how this can be shown to our school staff. Wellbeing of teachers is currently a national topic of discussion and you can help this for our Ark Priory staff by emailing them within reasonable hours, for example, not at 11pm at night, thinking about language choices when speaking to members of staff and remembering that our staff work incredibly hard and sometimes need a little time to respond to queries or questions. We, as humans, naturally focus on the negatives and things that need to be improved so it would also be wonderful to hear about the good things that we are doing as a school as well. Thank you in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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	SOMERVILLE	CINDY	EINSTEIN	SOFIA NEO
5	MOZART		MONET	ANGELOS MAIA
4	CURIE	TATIANA TULEEN	FLEMING	RUA
3	ARCHIMEDES	REON	BRUNEL	MARKUS ANAYA
2	SHARMAN	EMMA ROSIE	ARMSTRONG	EEMAAN
1	PANKHURST	MADELAINE MAIDA	SEACOLE	ALIYANE
R	COLUMBUS	AMANAH	SHACKLETON	HARRIS KARM

Road Safety Week

Next week is Road Safety Week. This year's theme is 'Step up for Safer Streets.' In school, we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe when we are traveling to and from school.

We will be talking, during the week, about the Green Cross Code and when to use our Stop, Look, Listen, Think. We will also be thinking about the benefits of and what is active travel.

Road Safety Week

18-24 November 2019

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Homework links

Year 1	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/place-value-odd-and-even
Year 2	http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/history/ancient-egypt/writing-in-hieroglyphs/
Year 3	Name the flags of Europe quiz https://www.sporcle.com/games/g/europeflags
Year 4	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zgsgxfr
Year 5	https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-5/identify-similes-and-metaphors
Year 6	https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6 (B.1-B.9) Mathletics practice (factions, decimals and percentages)

Donations:

Please donate any clean spare underwear to the school if you have them, especially for boys, which we have none at the moment. All ages and all sizes wanted!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is: **96.9%**

Class Attendance:

- 1. Sharman 98.4%**
- 2. Fleming 98%**
- 3. Armstrong 97.4%**

Well done to Sharman class!

House Points

Our winning team this week was:



Courage to Fly!

I am proud to announce that I received a letter from the Rt Honourable Nick Gigg, Minister of State for School Standards to congratulate us on our outstanding results for the 2019 phonics screening check. In his letter, he said that *'Your excellent teaching of Phonics is something I hope to see replicated across the country; decoding skills are the foundations for pupils to progress to read fluently, for purpose and for enjoyment.'*

I am so proud of the staff and pupils for such outstanding results! I would also like to highlight our fantastic achievements in other areas with regards to national data:

Our Key stage 1 attainment of the expected standard in writing (82%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018 and 2017.

Our Early years foundation stage attainment of the expected standard in the writing early learning goal (87%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2018 and 2017.

The proportion of pupils who met the expected standard (32+) in phonics in Year 1 (98%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as 2018 and 2017.

Our Key stage 1 attainment of greater depth in mathematics (43%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018.

This is part of what makes our school an **'Outstanding'** school. We are anticipating our first year of KS2 SATs results this summer. Our Year 6 team are working very hard with our Year 6 pupils to make sure they reach their full potential and achieve the results that they need to be 'secondary ready'.

Thank you to you all for your continued support for the work we do at our school.

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Our new Houses

Thank you to APPAA for donating the money for this art work to be commissioned. Each child belongs to a house so please ask your child which house they belong to. We will be using the houses for events like Sports Day etc in the coming months. Thank you.



Movember



Movember is the leading charity changing the face of men's health, and this Movember, our male staff at Ark Priory are joining them. Together we can make a difference for men's health – in prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Their target is £100. If you would like to support our male teachers, please use the link to donate. Thank you in advance.

<https://uk.movember.com/team/2358896>

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Key Dates for Autumn 2:

Oral Health Workshop for Nursery and Reception Parents on **Tuesday 19th November** in the hall at 8.30am with Adele, Ealing's Oral Health Educator. The EYFS children will also receive an Oral Health workshop during the school day.

Mon 18 Nov	Phonics workshop for parents
Wednesday 27th Nov	Reception Parent's Coffee Morning at 9am delivered by Speech and Language Therapist
Thursday 28 th Nov	SEN Parent's Coffee Morning 9-10am delivered by Ealing Parent and Carer Forum.
Thu 5 Dec	Y2 Show (PM)
Fri 6 Dec	Y2 Show (AM)
Mon 9 Dec	Reception Nativity Play (PM)
Tue 10 Dec	Reception Nativity Play (AM)
Wed 11 Dec	Nursery Nativity Play
Thu 12 Dec	Carols Around the Tree @4:30pm
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
<u>Thu 19 Dec</u>	<u>Last day of term finish at 1:30pm</u>

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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.

'Strictly Social' Event - AN INCREDIBLE TOTAL...

APPAA Strictly Social raised £2613.07!!!!!!

We have raised enough to buy every item on The Wishing Tree Lists! THANK YOU!!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that last Wednesday's parents' social was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and who donated to this really worthwhile and meaningful cause. We have fulfilled the lists in record breaking time, and have been overwhelmed with the response from all members of our school community, both on the night and afterwards (we had an additional £577 in donations after the event.

Wow!!)

The best news is that we have reached our target and will be busy buying and delivering ALL the items into the classrooms over the next couple of weeks. Not only have we fulfilled every item on the teachers' Wish lists but we also have the funds to buy the kids' wish lists of books they have chosen for the library 📖! Incredible!

Congratulations also so Dan and Souraya who not only won the dance competition but also won the Raffle price of a meal out at High Road House Brasserie kindly donated by our sponsors at KFH Estate Agents.

Year Three Cake Sale - WELL DONE AND THANKS

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who helped out at the Year Three Bake Sale. The total raised was £192.60!

The Giving Machine - EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

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

Do you ever shop online at big retailers like eBay, Argos, Amazon, Sainsbury's or Boots? The Giving tree 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. This is one of the easiest ways to donate to the school and with the festive season coming up we'd love to see more people downloading the App. Currently about 10% of parents at the school do some shopping through the Giving Machine and it brings £500 a year to the school. Imagine if we could double or triple that number? If you need help downloading the app drop APPAA a mail at appaacommittee@gmail.com.

'Carols round the Tree' Christmas Event - THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER, STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND HELP

Thanks so much to all of you who have volunteered so far to play a part in the 'Carols Round the tree' event in the run up to the winter break. We're still looking for volunteers and support: The event will run from the end of School until 6pm on Thursday the 12th of December.

Call Outs - can you help? Please let us know at appaacommittee@gmail.com

Gazebos - do you have a gazebo that you could lend us for the event? We would really appreciate it.

Fancy a turn on the mike? - we would love help with the PA system at certain slots in the day.

Arts and Crafts - We are looking for arts and crafts to sell on our Artisan Stall and people to man the stall on the day

Food and drink - Can you bake / cook or manage one of our food and drink stalls on the day

Santas Grotto - Still TBC but if it does go ahead we'll need an army of Elves

Any other ideas - Can you create another activity or stall. Christmas face painting? bauble making? Hair spray?

Email appaacommittee@gmail.com and let us know your ideas

External Stallholders - if you are a parent or friend of Ark Priory and would like to take a stall at the Carols Around The Tree event to sell your goods and/or services and promote your business, please get in touch with appaacommittee@gmail.com for further information.

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