



Ark Priors Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a big well done to our school community for raising £258.70 last Friday during the Nursery bake sale- this will be added to the 'enrichment and activities' fund for 2019-20. Thank you to the APPAA committee and parents for organising the event. We have planned many exciting enrichment opportunities for the summer term such as a storytelling workshop day with the Royal Shakespeare Globe Education Company and a travelling theatre for our EYFS. Many thanks for all your support.

For our Year 2 parents, we are holding a meeting on Monday at 3pm the school hall to discuss the process of the SATs. The slides from this meeting will be circulated and you are more than welcome to arrange an appointment to discuss this further with your child's class teacher if you are unable to attend.

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
5	MOZART	Ava Nizar	MONET	Ahmed B
4	CURIE	Oishi Oliwia	FLEMING	Christian
3	ARCHIMEDES	Leo A	BRUNEL	Tuleen Harper
2	SHARMAN	Markus Elemi	ARMSTRONG	Dexter
1	PANKHURST	Atarah	SEACOLE	Livia Jack

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is:

97.5%

Class Attendance:

1. Fleming 99%
2. Brunel 98.4%
3. Pankhurst 98.1%

Well done to Fleming class! Let's see which class is the first to gain 100 attendance!



Headteacher Parent/Carer Forum
Friday 22nd March at 9am in the school hall

I will be holding my second Headteacher Parent/Carer Forum on **Friday 22nd March at 9am** in our school hall. This is your opportunity to bring any ideas/comments/questions that you may have forward for our meeting. I will be sending out the agenda in the newsletter the week before the forum so the deadline to send any ideas for discussion will be Friday 15th March. Please send these to my email at d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org. I will aim to add everyone's ideas/comments to the agenda but please be aware that this might not be possible due to time constraints.

I would like the forum to be used as a way of the school and parent/carers community working together to make Ark Priory an even better place for our children, rather than a forum for complaints. May I remind you if you have a personal problem regarding your child/ren specifically, please arrange to meet your child's class teacher to have this discuss. The Headteacher forum will not be used for this purpose. Thank you all.

The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal is a two week scheme that will be running **25th March to the 5th April**. Ark Priory is taking part to raise awareness of cycling, scooting and walking to school. It is also a great chance to lower our Carbon Footprint and stay fit and healthy!

How does it work?

Every morning the Junior travel Ambassadors from Year Four will go around the school and complete a survey of how many children walked, cycled or scooted to school! If over 15% of the school cycles, scoots or walks every day the school will be put into a prize draw for some amazing free resources, such as school scooters, a special guest stunt biker and more!

EXCITING NEWS!

There will be two competitions running during the two weeks! There will be one daily competition and one on the last day to celebrate our success.



The Golden Lock!

Every day of The Big Pedal the school will be Running a golden lock competition. Everyday Someone will go to find their bike or scooter at home time with a golden lock on it! That child will win a special prize!

Bling Your Bike!

On the last day of the Big Pedal (Friday 5th April) there will be a bling your scooter and bike decorating competition. Children can come to school with decorated bikes and be judged by Miss Grasso and the Junior Travel Ambassadors.



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Safeguarding News

This week your child should have brought home with them a copy of the Digital Parenting magazine. This is a guide to help your family live a better digital life. It contains several articles including setting the right boundaries and sleeping vs scrolling. On **Thursday 28th March 2019** I will be running a parent workshop on e-safety at **8.45 am**. Any questions please email Natasha Harper: n.harper@arkprioryprimary.org

The Bicycle Society- Reception and EYFS:

This coming week commencing the 18th March, there will be a biking instructor from The Bicycle Society coming in to work with Reception and Year One on their biking skills! These sessions will get your children using the school's brand new Key Stage One bikes!

This is a very exciting opportunity and to celebrate we would like to invite the Year One and Reception children's parents and carers to stay in the playground after school on **Friday 22nd March** for half an hour to watch their children taking turns on the bikes! Rob, the cycle teacher will be staying to answer any questions you may have about teaching your children how to ride without stabilizers.

Thank you!

Key Dates for Spring 2:

(Details to be confirmed closer to the events)

Monday 18th March- KS1 Parent Meeting at 3pm

Friday 22nd March: Parents Forum with Head of School at 9am

Friday 22nd March: The Bicycle Society after school

Thursday 28th March: E-safety workshop at 8.45am for parents

Friday 29th March 2019- APPAA Spring Fair after school

Tuesday 2nd April 2019: Year 1 Easter Show at 2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April 2019: Year 1 Easter Show at 9am

Wednesday 3rd April 2019- Home School Prep hand in date

Thursday 4th April 2019: Reception Easter Bonnet Parade 9am

Thursday 4th April 2019: Stay and Play for Nursery am and pm (times etc to follow)

Friday 5th April 2019- Primary Showcase at 8.45am in the cookery room

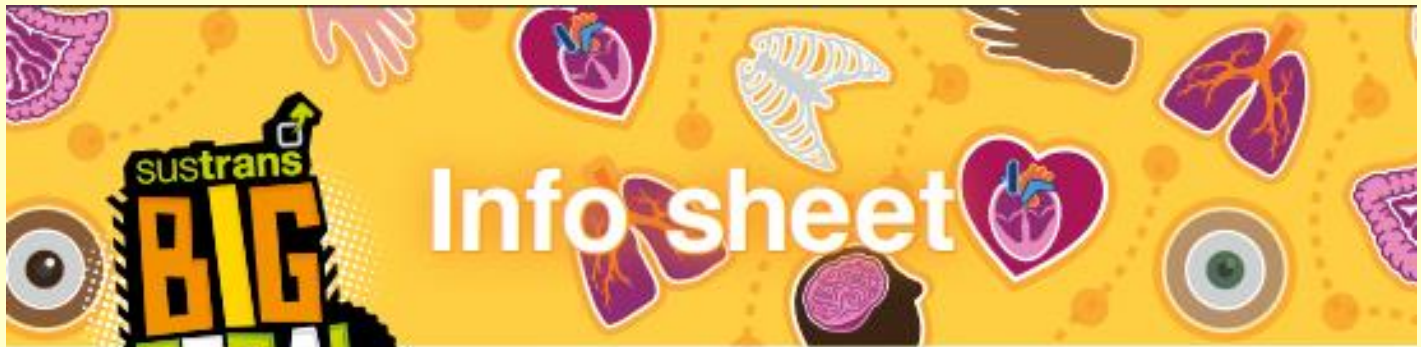
Friday 5th April 2019- School close early at 12pm for Easter holidays

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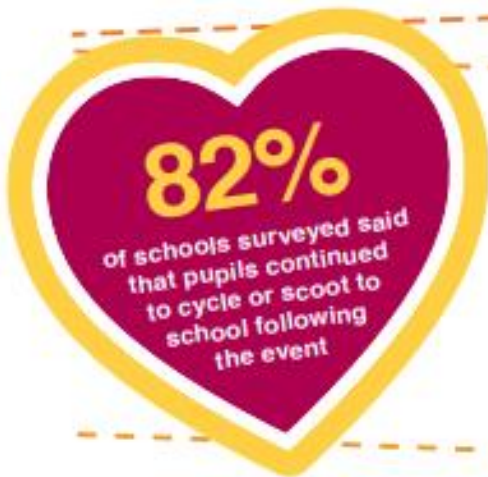
Info sheet

Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose 'human power' for their journey to school.

The 2019 challenge

Travel around the body, learning, exploring and getting active for Sustrans Big Pedal. For the first time, **walking will be counted** alongside cycling and scooting.

This year the challenge will run from **25 March - 5 April**. Register for the challenge from January 2019 at www.bigpedal.org.uk.



How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Pedal Trophy.

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appaacommittee@gmail.com

Nursery Bakesale - another spectacular rainy day Bakesale last Friday raised £258.70 - well done Nursery AM and PM parents and carers!

All funds raised will go towards further enrichment and activities for the children.

Spring Fete - Fri 29 March - APPAA's next fundraising event will be the Spring Fete held on Friday 29 March after school at 3 pm.

We would love you to be involved - please contact APPAA if you would like to help!

- If you can **donate Easter Eggs and confectionery** for the ever popular Easter Egg Tombola, start looking out for those supermarket offers now! (contact Amanda Meyer - Year 3 and 1 mum) - we will start collecting in the playground at drop off and pick up from Weds next week - look out for reminder notices via your Year Group What's App.
- Any talented **Artisans** in the community to make **handmade goods that we could sell** - jams, chutneys, packaged food items, plants, gift items, hair accessories etc as it's Mother's Day just after we would appreciate any lovely donations. (Contact Charlotte Newlands - Year 3 and Reception mum, or Laura Wilkin - Year 3 and 1 mum)
- Any **bakers** - we would love your (nut free) **cakes and bakes** to be sold at the fair on our Vintage Tea and Cakes stall (contact Luciana Chamberlain - Year 3 mum or Stef Burt Year 3 and Reception Mum)
- **International Food Stall** - we would love your homemade international food offerings - think finger food, that doesn't need to be heated, no nuts, (adding a label would be really helpful) (contact Dheg Aidid -Year 1 and Nursery PM mum /Fatuma Ahmed - Year 3 and Reception mum)
- Any parents or friends of school who would like to run their own **external sales table** for a table fee please contact appaacommittee@gmail.com.

If you can help on the day and have any suggestions please get in touch at appaacommittee@gmail.com - we would particularly welcome help from any parent /carer who would like to run a game or activity...

Joining the APPAA Admin Team - we are looking for new members to join the APPAA Admin Team, (which shares the roles required to run APPAA), in anticipation of changes in current members in Sept 2019.

Would you like to get involved in fundraising, administration, producing the newsletter etc. on behalf of the APPAA Committee?

Please contact appaacommittee@gmail.com for further information, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Spring fete

Friday 29th March

3pm-4:30pm

in the hall and playground

Raising money
for school enrichment
activities

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