



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Endeavour

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Courage to
fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week flies by and the children have been making the most of the early days of spring. As this term draws to a close, completing two thirds of our year, we have been thinking about progression and how we have grown as individuals and as a community over the year.

Priory is now in its fifth year and as we complete a half decade we are looking back across our achievements and successes with an eye to what this has meant to us all. The academy intends to celebrate our 5th anniversary in late summer and is looking for volunteers from across the school years to help organise an appropriate celebration. Please let me know if you are keen! Mr Martlew & Staff

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Archimedes 100%

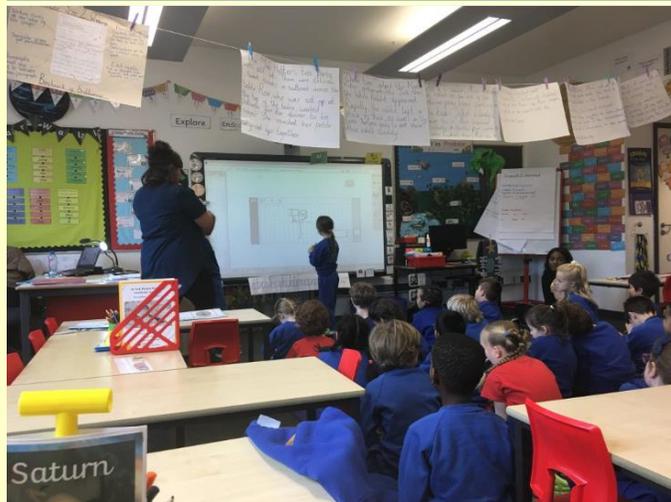
PUNCTUALITY AWARD:

Sharman & Fleming 99.6%

Upcoming Dates

19th Mar	St Patrick's
23rd Mar	APPAA
Easter Fair	
26th Mar	Easter Art
Egghibition	
27th Mar	Easter Egg
Hunt	
Easter Bonnet Parade	
Nursery Summer	
Celebration	
TERM ENDS 16:00	
17th Apr	Term starts
Vaisaki Celebration	
19th Apr	Class
Photos	
20th Apr	Yr3 Bake
Sale	
Teacher drop ins 3-5—	
appointment by EMAIL only	
23rd Apr	St George's
Celebration	
8th May	Seacole
Assembly 08:55	
9th May	Parent
Forum 08:45	
11th May	Year 2 Bake
Sale	
14th May	Ramadan
Celebrations	
21st May	Shackleton
Assemblv 08:50	

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



How can we solve this equation together?

Armstrong Child:

"We can use a place value chart to organise the digits and keep our regrouping mathematical and organised"

Amazing mathematics from Year 2!

Topics

Nursery

Nursery book of the week is the Little Red Hen. We are going to be learning about bread is made

Reception

Book: Gingerbread man

We are continuing to work on number problems and creating our own addition and subtraction number problems.

Year 1

Maths: comparing numbers using greater than and less than

Eng: Poems about Spring

Year 2

English: Focusing on editing and improving our diary entries (Key Skills: 12, 13, 14, 15) Maths: Two-Step worded problems (Key Skills: 4,5,6,7)

Year 3

Maths topic Time using both analogue and digital clocks

English topic Narrative writing on the Twits

Year 4

Year 4 Maths: multiplying and dividing decimals Writing topic for year 4 next week: Non-chronological reports on the Neolithic Era

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Celebration Achievement

Parents of Children named below are welcome to attend awards assembly

These children will receive their certificate on:

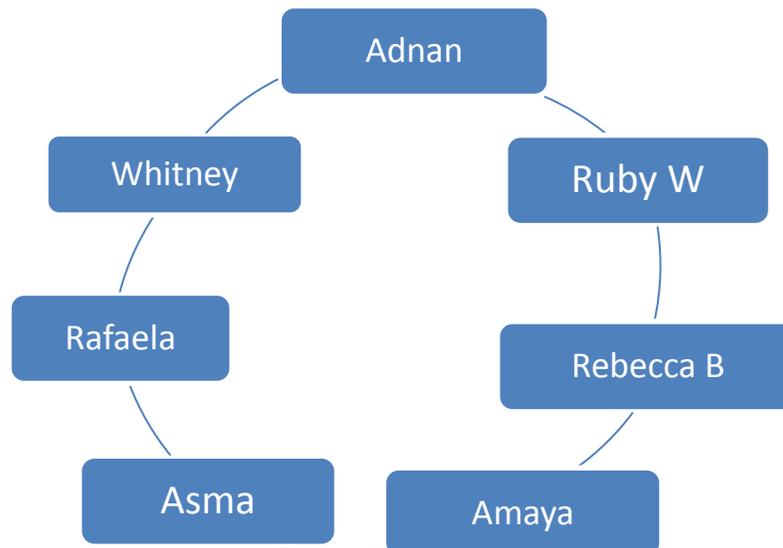
23rd April 2018 Yrs. 2, 3 & 4 08:50

Yrs. R & 1 09:45

	COURAGE	EXPLORE	ENDEAVOUR	EXCEL
R	Adnan	Mahmoud	Sophia S	Albert
1	Grace	Indy	Thaliya	Ava
2	Yasmin	Hiba	Jasper	Ilyas
3	Maia	Josette	Dylan	Sophia
4	Nizar	Jasmine	Zahra	Cindy

Handwriting Awards

R	Bibianna
1	Elin
2	Sabrin
3	Michael
4	Rame



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Notices

Nursery

On 27th March Nursery will be having a Spring Celebration. This will take place within the Nursery Classroom and all parents are invited. Children are welcome to wear Easter Bonnets to Nursery if they would like. Please look out for some lovely homemade invitations from the children next week for more details

Reception

- Shackleton will start their first swimming lesson on Tuesday 27th. Please bring your child in wearing their Pe kit. Children will need a towel, swimming costume, goggles and swimming hat.

Year 1

- All year 1 P.E is on TUESDAY and THURSDAYS! Please come dressed in p.e kit on these days. Any more junk modelling welcomed

Year 2

- PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday for both Year 2 classes
- Victorian Day Experience 23rd March

Year 3

- MISS TERRY WILL BE AT A STEM CONFERENCE 19th - 22nd MARCH - Miss Tremayne, Miss Russell and a supply teacher will be covering the class throughout the time.
- Brunel class: PE days are Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4

- Trip to the Crystal - Wednesday 21st March return to school by 16:30

General

Any spare girls tights for girls for the office clothing store would be great, along with any larger sized boys trousers and spare socks for nursery children. Thank you

TRIPS

The academy is running a sizeable deficit on school trips – going forward if the academy does not receive a considerable increase in the number of parents contributing to the trips the trips themselves will not be able to run or only those children who have contributed will be able to attend. If you require financial assistance with trips, clubs or similar please speak to Miss Dunford in the office who will help you apply for financial assistance.

Lost Items

There is a box in the office for day to day belongings with names for children to collect as they lose them. The unnamed box outside has had everything washed and now in the drying process. UNCOLLECTED ITEMS by 23/03- will be donated to APPA for school uniform sale (unnamed belongings)

These clubs still have spaces:

TUESDAY: Creative writing, Gardening

WEDNESDAY: Peer Play Clubs, Story Time Club, Coding Club

THURSDAY: Observational Drawing, Maths Club, STEM Fair Club

Deadline to apply for internal after school clubs is MONDAY 19th March 2018.

Library

MONDAY P - ARCHIMEDES, PANKHURST, SEACOLE, ARMSTRONG

TUESDAY PM – SHARMAN, FLEMING, BRUNEL, CURIE

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Parent Forum Notes - combination of email questions and live forum

Q- Pupil premium admission to reception

The academy put the change to admission arrangements out to consultation two years ago alongside some other Ark schools – the coming admission year 18/19 will be the first year this comes into force. The additional admission criteria can be seen here

<http://arkpriory.org/sites/default/files/Ark%20Priory%20Admission%20Policy%202018-19.pdf>

What this effectively means is that if you attend the nursery and are eligible for Pupil premium funding you are entitled to a place in reception irrespective of distance from the school. However, as reception admissions are now closed the attendance of the nursery with pupil premium eligibility will only result in you going to the top of the waiting list not straight into a class space – all spaces are now allocated and will remain as such until we have a withdrawal.

Q -What happens with enrichment money from APPAA?

Enrichment funding is spent on reducing trip costs or bringing workshops into the school.

Q – Do we have to take public transport to trips?

Wherever possible the academy will take public transport – it is better for the environment, better for the children and the coaches often cost £600+ However, we always welcome feedback and when the travel has proved to be problematic please let us know.

Q – Violin – additional spaces? Dissatisfaction with service and why don't we let children do private lessons as well?

The academy prioritises these lessons for pupil premium children as this is an opportunity that low income families will rarely be presented with – remaining spaces are given up to auditionable places. The violin contract has now been brought in house following the poor service from Ealing and poor lesson quality – there have been some minor issues with the start of this service as the teacher has been working through some difficulties with his work schedule. If we are paying for the children to have this unique opportunity we ask people respect the purpose – to give the opportunity to learn an instrument to those who otherwise could not – if you can afford private lessons we would ask you do so rather than remove the opportunity from someone who may not have any other form of access. Specific violin or music queries need to be directed to Miss Carroll fleming@arkprioryprimary.org

Q – What is happening with the TA in year 2?

Miss Sandhu has been moved from Yr1 to Yr2 to support Sharman class. The academy will be reviewing the staffing policy in due course and publish staff arrangements in the near future. However, please be mindful that the final date for teaching resignations is May half term and for TAs there is one month notice so there may be changes beyond the current publications. The academy will have to review the staffing model alongside every other school in the country to ensure that we are sustainably staffing and that we can afford to continue with present structures.

Q- What is the class mix?

The class mix is when the children from both classes are mixed together for the following academic year. This is typically done at the end of reception, year 2 and year 4. This helps us balance social, academic and support across both classes and ensures the standard of support is universal and fair. The children have input into this and are asked to name four friends that they wish to be with the following year and we guarantee one will be in the class with them. The lists are published either just before or after May half term depending on how complex the job gets.

Q – When do relationship and sexual education lessons begin?

The academy teaches to the Ealing borough PSHE scheme of learning. The RSE lessons are due to begin in the summer term for year 4 but there will be an opt in/out information letter going to all year 4 parents before any lessons begin. This is the suggested age and progression is taught sensitively and with the vastly differing

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points of development in mind. If you have any questions specifically regarding the PSHE curriculum or pastoral support please contact Miss Rabbani shackleton@arkprioryprimaryacademy.org

Q – What is happening with secondary schools?

Ark is opening a secondary in the immediate vicinity and I understand will be taking Acton High into the network as of September. Both are continuing as planned – in terms of secondary transfer the process will begin for Year 5 in autumn term where local secondaries including both Ark schools, Latmer Upper and various others will be invited to a parents information evening.

CHANGES TO THE PARENT FORUM MODEL

It came to my attention after the meeting that some changes should be proposed to ensure the meeting is inclusive and effective as a true reflection of issues the community wish to bring to my attention.

As such I propose the following

1. There will be a set day before the meeting by which groups/individual can come to me with questions to be discussed in the meeting either in person or via email.
2. The upcoming questions will be published
3. The views of the room will be taken on the issue and published as now – no additional questions beyond the agreed will be discussed and all participants or representative will need to attend in person.
4. The focus will remain on solutions rather than complaints and all raised points for discussion will need to have a proposed solution.



Egghibition 26th March



The academy will be open to all parents from Year 1 – 4

14:00 – 16:00

Come and enjoy our spring art Egghibition

Easter Bonnet Parade

08:50 - 27th March - Reception Classes

Please make an Easter bonnet with your child to wear – if you cant manage this please notify us **IN ADVANCE** so that no one is missing out.



This is an example of an Easter bonnet

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