



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I am sure 2020 is going to be a great year for Ark Priory and our pupils. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this half term, including the Year 3 production of 'Peter Pan' - please check the 'Key Dates' for more information. I will be releasing term dates for academic year 2020-2021 in the coming weeks, please keep an eye out for this!

We also have some exciting changes in school. In Key Stage 2, we have a new languages teacher, Mrs Gabby Hurtado who will teach them Spanish each week. The children are very excited about this. We also have a new SENCo, Mrs Tomasz who will be supporting our Assistant Head and Inclusion lead Mrs Rabbani and a new Year 5 class teacher, Miss White. A new teaching assistant, Miss Mendez has also joined the EYFS team this term. As always, please make them feel welcomed into our Ark Priory community.

I would like to confirm that **Year 6 pupils only** will be allowed to walk to and from school alone without a parent or guardian **after the February half term (from Spring term 2)**. We will be sending parents information about this and a permission slip in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Grasso

Stars and Authors of the Week

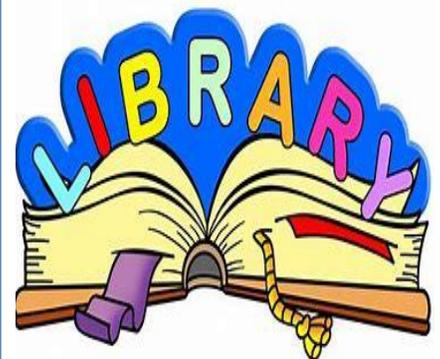
Well done to this week's Stars! Our Authors of the Week are in green!

	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
6	SOMMERVILLE	DAISY	EINSTEIN	DEXTER FRANCESKA
5	MOZART	NAIMA	MONET	ZAHRAA JULIA
4	CURIE	MICHAL	FLEMING	ILONA NICHOLAS
3	ARCHIMEDES	SHIREEN MOHAMED M	BRUNEL	FLORENCE
2	SHARMAN	YOUSUF KAYSE	ARMSTRONG	SOFIA F
1	PANKHURST	ALICE	SEACOLE	JOWAYRIA ODAY
R	COLUMBUS	GUSTAVO	SHACKLETON	IMRAN KALEEM

On the lookout for Parent Librarian Volunteers

We are looking for additional parent s to join our team of librarians. From now, 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)



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We are looking for new helpers for half term to look after Toby the tortoise!

Here is Uma's account of looking after Toby for the Christmas holidays

My experience with Toby the tortoise:

I loved my experience with Toby the tortoise. It was fun; feeding him and giving him baths to relax him.

His favourite food is kale. He can be a fussy eater though! I sometimes had to hand feed him. I took him out a lot to walk around. He is very speedy! We had to watch him all the time as he is still very small and he kept going under the sofa. Even though we loved having him, it was still a big responsibility looking after him. I highly recommend having a pet tortoise. Having Toby was a great opportunity - I learnt a lot about tortoises and how to look after a pet.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is:
94.9% - VERY LOW!!

Class Attendance:

- 1. Fleming 97.1%**
2. Sharman 96.9%
3. Curie 96.7%

House Points

Our winning team this week was:



Year 5 visit to University College London



On Friday 10th January, both Year 5 classes visited University College of London and the Science Museum. At UCL, they explored states of matter in a scientific laboratory. They were asked to wear lab glasses and white coats and followed safety rules closely as they were exposed to liquid nitrogen which has a freezing point of -176 degrees! The pupils saw what happened when they froze a range of materials using dry ice and liquid nitrogen, such as flowers, tomatoes and marshmallows.

All the staff were extremely proud for the mature attitudes, amazing behaviour and use of scientific language that was displayed throughout the exciting day.



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Homework links

Year 1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXtXaBa_KQI
Year 2	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/z9wvqhv
Year 3	Civilisations quiz on Google Earth - https://earth.google.com/web/@37.0753514,15.2779847,24.51653472a,1806.4534731d,35y,359.9999996h,0t,0r/data=CgQSAggBKAE
Year 4	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zpxhdxs
Year 5	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zwghk2p
Year 6	Mathletics.com Units of Measurement https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6 sections 1.4-1.6

Key Dates for Spring 1:

Spring term 2020	
Swimming: Thursday Y4 Fleming 9am, Curie 2.30pm Tuesday Y3: Archimedes 9am, Brunel 11:30am	
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 3rd: 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)
<u>Fri 14 Feb</u>	<u>Inset Day</u>
<u>W/c 17 Feb</u>	<u>Half Term</u>
<u>24 Feb</u>	<u>First day back to school</u>
26 th Feb	CSI Science Night (after school)
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

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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)
Fri 3 Apr	Nursery Easter Event <u>Last day of Term</u> <u>finish at 1:30pm</u>

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Please check weekly newsletters for updates

Happy New Year 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. **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.**

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

Total so far - £7,676

Last term we, together as a school, raised an amazing total of £7,676!! This was from 3 bake sales, 1 uniform sale, 1 social event attended by lots of people with 2 left feet, the amazing Wishing Tree initiative, The Christmas Carols event, The Christmas Card project and the KFH estate agent sponsorship. Thanks to all those people who baked cakes, bought cakes and of course ate cakes. Thanks also to all those who contributed uniform and bought it. Thanks to all the carol singers, all the christmas card artists all the people who had estate agents boards and most of all to all the people who made these activities happen by generously giving their time and help. The fundraising APPAA does goes directly to the children in the form of enrichment activities like trips to the theatre / museum and other activities so let's hit another bumper total this term.

Year 1 Bake sale - COMING SOON ON THE 7th FEBRUARY

There will be a bake sale for Year 1 on February 7th at 3pm in the playground. Please book out the time to help if you can and have a think about whether you can bake (or buy) cakes to sell (we promise not to tell anyone you bought them and didn't bake them yourself ;) As always please avoid any cakes that include nuts to protect those children that suffer from allergies.

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APPAA open meeting - THANKS

Thanks to all those who attended the APPAA open meeting on the 17th of Jan to make plans for the coming year. Don't worry if you didn't make it, just drop us a note on the APPAA email with your thoughts and let us know if you want to get involved. Minutes will be circulated next week.

Year 2 Cake Sale - THANKYOU

Making a great start on our fundraising for the year thanks to all those who baked cakes and bought cakes at the year 2 bake sale. We hope everyone managed to get their cake and eat it without it getting too soggy in the rain. (I'm writing this on Thursday night but it looks pretty clear that it will be raining tomorrow afternoon. ug :)

A sad goodbye - TO THE LAWRENCE FAMILY

Another sad goodbye from APPAA to Penny and Biff, Lucas and Gabriel Lawrence, as they move out of London to a new life in the country. Special thanks to Penny and Biff who were loyal APPAA supporters, always willing helpers at fairs and events, running stalls and helping with fundraising. Penny, as well as being one of our 'star bakers' at any year group bake sale or vintage tea and cake stall, has been a class rep continuously in either of the boys classes, ultimately in Y2, and has over the years also helped in school with reading and library volunteering.

We wish them all lots of luck in their new adventure.

Another huge gap to fill, and we welcome anyone who would like to step up as a rep for Year 2 to contact appaacommittee@gmail.com (there are also vacancies in other Year groups)

If you would be interested in volunteering to work in the school library, or are able to volunteer to read with children on a regular basis, please contact Ms Rabbani directly at s.rabbani@arkpiorprimary.org

At the moment there are only 2 parent library volunteers helping all the year groups. If you could volunteer some time each week to help issue books to the children please do contact Ms Rabbani for more information.

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