



# Ark Priors Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to fly!

## Upcoming Events

**27th May**  
Bake Sale

**30th May—5th June**  
**HALF TERM**

**15th June**  
R, 1 & 2 Transition Day

**17th June**  
International Day PM

**24th June**  
**INSET DAY**

**28th June** N AM  
Dress rehearsal  
R Dress rehearsal

**29th June** N  
Transition AM @ 09:15

**30th June** N  
Transition PM @09:15  
Year 1 parents meeting –  
Readiness for Year 2

**1st July** Yr1 and Yr2  
dress rehearsal

**4th July** N AM  
Performance 09:15  
N PM Performance 14:00

**5th July** R  
Performance 09:15  
6th July Yr1  
Performance

**7th July**  
Yr2 Performance

**13th July**  
Sports Day

**14th July**  
Trip to Ruislip Lido

**15th July**  
Bake Sale—ACADEMY  
CLOSES AT 12:00

**18th July**  
Uniform Sale

Dear Parents and Carers, 11 of the 12 men who walked on the moon were boy scouts, the power of building on an early passion for adventure and exploration cannot be underestimated as an enabling factor. As such, we have been looking at our curriculum for next year and thinking of opportunities for not only adventure and exploration but also appropriate adversity. We now have all the teaching staff for next year confirmed and it looks set to be a great year for everyone. If there are any trips/experiences you think would be beneficial I would appreciate your input.

Have a great weekend - Mr Martlew and the Staff

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

	COURAGE	EXPLORATION	ENDEAVOUR	EXCEL
Reception	James	Iman	Noah	Kaito
Year 1	Amaya	Mohieddin	Charlie	Beaumont
Year 2	Kendra	Dexter	Zoe	Harry



## HANDWRITING AWARD



Reception	Hugo & Nicholas
Year 1	Joshua & Christian
Year 2	Lena & Aggie



## TOP TABLE



KSI	Oishi	Amaya	Alan	Fatima	Seren	Daisy
RECEPTION	Freya	Oscar	Kai	Sabrin	Sophie	Emilio



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Class groups	Attendance	Punctuality
ARM	95%	99%
SHR	96%	99%
PAN	99%	100%
SEA	98%	99%
SHAK	96%	100%
COL	99%	99%

## TOPICS NEXT WEEK ...

	English	Maths
N	The Little Red Hen	Shape
Reception	Billy Goats Gruff	Addition and Subtraction
Year 1	Verbs and adverbs	Adding and subtracting within 100
Year 2	ASSESSMENT WEEK	

### Notices

**Walk to School Week** – We will be adding this all up ready to give out the badges next week! Great job to everyone who participated with such gusto.

**International Day** – On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding International Day. This is a day for us to celebrate different cultures and ethnicities. This has always been a very popular event supported by parents and we are once again asking for parental assistance. If you would like to join us and speak to our pupils about your culture and experiences, we would love to hear from you. Previously, parents have either taught the children a national dance, written the pupil names in a different language or prepared bite size tasters for them to try. In addition, musical experiences are always popular with the children. If you are interested in helping us on the day please contact Mrs Martin in the academy office. This is also a perfect opportunity for staff and pupils to dress in national costume.

**Whole Academy Visit to Ruislip Lido** – Date for your diary – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. This year we will be visiting Ruislip Lido as a whole academy and we are very excited about this new venture. Coaches will be organised for transport to and from the Academy and there is much to explore there. Parents will have the opportunity to accompany us on the day and are actively encouraged to come with us. We look forward to seeing many of you there on the day. Further details to follow next week. To ensure all children have an equal opportunity to go to West Wittering we will be running the beach trip for reception before the end of the year – date to follow



**Group Class Photographs** – Please remember to send in your order request by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. Orders placed after this date may incur an additional charge.

**Joint Academies Photograph** – There will be a joint academy photograph taken on 20<sup>th</sup> June to mark the end of this academic year with Ark Byron.

**Breakfast Club** – A reminder that pupils are required to arrive **between 7.50 am to 8.00 am** to ensure a smooth start to the day. **Pupils arriving after this time will no longer be admitted to the hall.** Please ensure you pre-book a place as this is proving to be very popular.

**27<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception children need to come to school dressed as a wild animal! This is to support the WWF. A pound donation would be welcomed per child to support this worthy cause.

**Last Day of Term** – 15<sup>th</sup> July 12.00 noon

## Notices

**Year 1 Trip to Ealing Sculptures – Children will need a back pack and a water bottle – they will depart the academy at 12.00 using public transport for the journey. We have plenty of space for additional volunteers but would request that no younger children or buggies are permitted.**

**VIOLIN – DUE TO THE TRIP MENTIONED ABOVE THE DAYS WILL BE SWAPPED YR1 – WEDNESDAY YR2 – MONDAY**

**Pen licenses** – the children's handwriting is beginning to reach the standard where we will now be issuing pens to any child who meets the required standard. If a child shows exceptional penship (more aimed at higher KS2) they be awarded a special pen to keep beyond their days at Ark Priory. An example license is on the reverse of the newsletter.

### APPAA FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### CONTACT DETAILS - KEEP UP TO DATE WITH APPAA NEWS!

If you didn't get an email from APPAA this week, you are not on our mailing list or we have your old/incorrect email address (check your junk folder too, if you are unsure). If you would like to receive APPAA news, please can you update your details by emailing us at [appaacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommitee@gmail.com) (this comes to just Vic, Jess and Charlotte on the committee). It really helps if you can tell us your child(ren)'s name(s) and their classes too for year specific notices. THANK YOU!!

#### ICE LOLLIES

The ice cream and ice lolly sale was a massive hit last Friday! Even better, we raised **£185** for the academy (for school trips and resources) which is INCREDIBLE!!!!!!!

**After last Friday's ice cream success, we have decided to make them a regular event. So don't forget your pound coins on Fridays!!**

In case you like to know about these things in advance (don't worry, we'll remind you), here are this term's APPAA dates:

#### DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 20th May: **ICE LOLLY SALE** (3pm and 4pm)

Sunday 22nd May: **Reception social** (12-3pm)

Friday 27th May: **RECEPTION BAKE SALE** and **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE** (3pm and 4pm)  
(Half Term)

Friday 10th June: **ICE LOLLY SALE** (3pm and 4pm)

Thursday 16th June: **PARENT SOCIAL** (7.30pm)

Friday 17th June: **NURSERY BAKE SALE** (3pm and 4pm)

Thursday 23rd June: **ICE LOLLY SALE** (3pm and 4pm)  
(Friday 24th: Inset day)

Friday 1st July: **ICE LOLLY SALE** (3pm and 4pm)

Saturday 2nd July: **SUMMER FAIR** (11am-3pm)

Friday 8th July: **BYRON BAKE SALE** (3pm and 4pm)

Friday 8th July: (if demand) **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE** (3pm and 4pm)

Friday 15th July: **END OF TERM ICE LOLLY SALE!!!** (noon)

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - DO THAT 'SPRING' CLEAR OUT NOW!!**

Our first second hand uniform will take place on **Friday 27th May, at 3pm** (at the same time as the Reception bake sale). If anyone has any Priory uniform (in good condition) which they would like to **donate** to the school, we would love to have it! This can include non-Priory specific uniform such as grey trousers, white shirts, black plimsolls, etc. Please drop it off to the school office (for APPAA!) over the next week so that we can sort through it and get it ready to price up, and sell. All profits will go directly to the academy, for resources, school visits and our children's enrichment!

**APPAA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you so much to everyone who filled in the APPAA feedback questionnaire. The responses were incredibly helpful. We are compiling the answers at the moment, and will send an email out in due course with all the comments and feedback/changes we will be making, including improving the way(s) in which we contact you.

## **SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 2nd July**

As you all hopefully know by now, it's our Ark Priory and Byron Summer Fair on Saturday July 2nd. After last year's brilliant event, which raised just shy of £10,000, we would love this year's fair to be just as fantastic: a day to celebrate our two schools, make some money for the school and, above all, have some summer fun!

We've got a joint Byron and Priory summer fair committee (**please shout if you'd like to join it - we would love you to!**), and we'd love some input from all of you (and your children!) on **ideas for stalls and games at the fair**, as well as any **donations** of 'pre-loved' toys, games and books for our kids' pocket money stalls, prizes for the **Tombola** (bottles, soaps, etc, that kind of thing) and any contacts/prizes for our **Raffle**. (Any donations can be dropped off at the school office, labeled for APPAA.) As we're hoping for a lovely summer's day with some British sunshine, any lending of **gazebos** would be gratefully received...

There will be a 6-a side football tournament for parents and children as part of the fair... More details to follow!

We'd also LOVE to have any help you can give in the run-up to the fair and on the day. If you have a spare 15 or 30 minutes to man a stall, that would be amazing. Please just get in touch by emailing me Anna Harrisson ([annaharrisson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annaharrisson@yahoo.co.uk)) or the APPAA committee ([appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com)) or catch me in the playground (I'm mum to Benjy - Sharman, and Teddy - Columbus).

**ANY HELP OR DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!**  
**Let's make this fair a truly special and memorable day for all of us!**



## Pen Licence

I .....have achieved the following standards in handwriting.

I am working towards being able use a pen for all my learning.


I promise to respect this privilege and realise that I must maintain my penmanship to keep my licence.



Pen licence – each piece must show ALL points					
<p>See example on the back of the licence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</li> <li>All letters the correct size relative to one another – e.g. tall and short letters.</li> <li>Flicks, diagonal and horizontal strokes for joins clear in writing</li> <li>Capital letters and digits correct size and relationship to each other and lower case letters</li> <li>Spaces between words reflect the size of the letters.</li> <li>Writing is on the line</li> </ul>					
Pen Mastery – all of above plus..					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully legible and joined writing</li> <li>Maintain fluency of handwriting (is the form flowing and accurate)</li> <li>Speed (can the child maintain appropriate pace or is the quality dependant on extended time)</li> </ul>					

## Pen Licence

How to make a Paper windmill



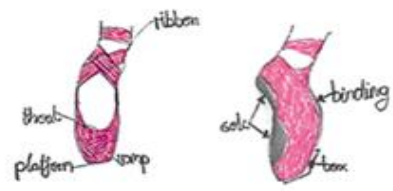
- Get two pieces of paper and draw a box with an X cross with a dot in the middle of every line.
- Draw some decorations on one side and on the other side leave it blank so how it is.
- Put the two pieces in front of you to make sure you have got both of them.
- Stick the decorated bit on front of the not decorated bit and stick it on.
- Cut the lines of the cross but only to the lines you did in the middle and cut it to there. Also, cut the squares with it.

## Pen Mastery

How Pointe Shoes Came To Be

Have you ever wondered why ballerinas look so beautiful and graceful on stage? Keep on reading to find out about what makes the Nutcracker you saw at Christmas the magical story that it is.

Pointe shoes are what make dancers different and beautiful. With their pink satin and silky ribbons, these shoes have been around since 1795. They were invented to make ballerinas look weightless when dancing, so they started spinning, balancing and jumping en pointe (on the tips of their toes). They are traditionally worn by women for a beautiful pad de deux (a solo dance with one man and one woman) but in some ballets men go en pointe too. There is an all male ballet company called Les Ballet Trockadero that had a very famous production of Swan Lake featuring men dancing en pointe as the female swans.



A diagram showing all the technical parts of a modern pointe shoe.

