



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas from Ark Priory

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all your support in my first term of Head of Ark Priory. It has been a wonderful start to the school year and I am very proud of all that the staff and children have achieved so far! We have had some fantastic learning taking place as well as some fun times such as the Year 5 residential and our school Christmas Fair.

Thank you to all those who attended the 'Carols Around the Tree' event yesterday evening. I am glad we managed to stay outside and avoid the rain. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together as a community to enjoy the festivities.

We have lots more to look forward to in the new year of 2019. Please find attached our key dates. We have also sent you your child's Home School Prep work via email to start over the holidays as next term is rather short.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas along with best wishes for 2019. Thank you once again.

Miss Grasso



Post from EYFS heading your way!

Yesterday, Reception children walked to the post box to post their letters. We have been reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman' and the children have written their own letter which they have posted home. Parents of children in Reception please look it for its arrival and talk about this when it arrives! Thank you!

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Online Safety

As parents, it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Connect with your child by asking them to share with you their favourite things to do online, as well as discussing the risks they might come across.

There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online. For advice and guidance on how to make use of parental controls and other safety features on devices, please visit ChildNet's free Parents' Guide to Technology, <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-parents-guide-to-technology>

#BigBookGiveaway

Our lovely books from Scholastic have now arrived in school. Thank you once again to Jenny Griffiths for enter the competition and winning Ark Priory £250 worth of beautiful books.



Good Start, Great start!

This week we have completed our first Good Start Great Start programme in conjunction with Middlesex University. Well done to all the parents & children who took part and received their certificate of completion this week!



Notices

Library - Children will be keeping their library books over the Christmas holidays. Children will be receiving a new school library book on the week commencing the 14th January.

YEAR FOUR- Please can children bring in small Junk Modelling items such as toilet/kitchen rolls, small boxes during the first week back in January for an exciting art project.

Well done Olive and Otto!



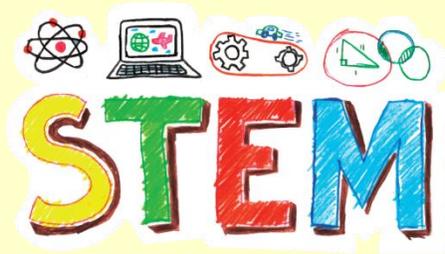
Last weekend Olive (Brunel) & Otto (Seacole) and their friends baked and sold cakes to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. It was a cold, wet, miserable day but that didn't stop them. They raised a whopping... £355... WOW! Well done to them & to everyone in Acton who generously donated to a great cause!

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We will also be creating a photo page on the newsletter of photos you send in of your child doing STEM at home. Please email to s.terry@arkprioryprimary.org or info@arkprioryprimary.org

Year 1 Humans

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Pupils can identify body parts with prompting. Pupils can identify most body parts by selecting correct labels to pictures etc. Pupils can identify all body parts accurately drawing and labelling pictures and/or diagrams associating the correct parts with one (or more) of the five senses.

Year 2 Living things

Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. Pupils match some animals and plants to their habitats and give some reasons for their matching with prompting questions. Pupils match a range of animals and plants to the most appropriate habitats and give reasons for their matching with prompting questions. Pupils explain the relationship between animals and plants living in habitats, giving examples from more than two contrasting habitats.

Year 3 Light

Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Pupils can explain that light is needed to see and apply this in simple terms such as: when eyes are closed we no longer see as light cannot enter our eyes. Pupils can recognise that light can come in many forms including the colours of the rainbow (natural and manmade) and without light we cannot see. Recognise that blocking of light by a solid (opaque) object is what makes a shadow and link this to eclipses and other natural and everyday phenomena.

Year 4 Electricity

Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. Pupils add one switch to a circuit and explain in terms of completing the circuit whether the lamp will light when the switch is open or closed. Pupils can add a number of switches to a circuit and explain in terms of completing a circuit that all switches have to be closed for the lamp to light. Pupils construct a number of different types of switch e.g. gate switch or pressure switch and suggest where these would be best positioned within a circuit to fulfil a specific task e.g. a pressure switch under a carpet in a burglar alarm. Pupils can correctly predict the outcome when given a representation that can be followed with a finger and with some prompting. Pupils can independently correctly predict the outcome when using standard representations. Pupils accurately and consistently predict the outcome using a wide variety of representations of series circuits.

Year 5 Forces

Children can explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object Pupils might find out how scientists, for example, Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton helped to develop the theory of gravitation. Pupils might work scientifically by: exploring falling paper cones or cup-cake cases, and designing and making a variety of parachutes and carrying out fair tests to determine which designs are the most effective.

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APPAA Notices

Year 2 Bake Sale: Well done to Year 2 parents and carers for an awesome bakesale on Friday, raising £230.76 for enrichments and activities for all our children!

This term we have had 4 bakesales and 1 uniform sale. Proceeds from these sales, as well as earnings from 'The Giving Machine' and commission from the Stickins label company sales have raised a total of £1513.27 - this goes towards enrichment and activities for all our children for the next school year.

Christmas Fair Fundraising: The fundraising total from the Christmas Fair was £6010! This goes towards our current fundraising initiative 'The Happiness Project'. We are pleased to advise that Miss Grasso has already chosen some items of playground equipment to buy with these funds and plans to redecorate the sensory room are already underway!

The Wishing Tree: Thanks to the generous parents and carers who this term have made donations to the value of £2030! Resources bought with these funds are already in the classrooms for all children to enjoy.

Next APPAA meeting: Thurs 10 Jan 2019 at 2.30pm at school. Miss Grasso will attend. Agenda will be issued in advance. All welcome.

Giving Machine Update: to encourage more users, APPAA ran a prize draw for our 'active' givers - those who have used 'The Giving Machine' to make a purchase in the last 30 days. We have had a great response with 3 new sign ups (now 108 users) and 136 donations generated in this period.

We are pleased to advise the winner of the Active Givers Draw is 'Zoe'. Please contact appaacommittee@gmail.com to collect your prize - a £20 voucher from Oddono's Ice Cream store is waiting for you!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who contributed so much to APPAA community and fundraising efforts in so many ways in 2018! We wish you a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Wishing Tree List 2018/19

Art

Aprons £2.70 x 35 = £95

Library

Book stands 25 for £81

Label maker £23

Early Years – Nursery and Reception

Small world Police Station £100

Small World Fire Station and Fire Engines £118

Year 1

Storytelling Finger Puppets 24pcs-£39.95 x 2 = £80

Gears gears gears gizmo set £18 x2 = £36

Year 2

Cross stitch packs for 30 £21 x 2 = £42

Year 3

Maths comprehension cards £21 x 2 = £42

Board games £12 x 3 = £36

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