



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working on a project which is under wraps at the moment but would like to ask if parent or someone they know has the skills and time to put together “artist’s impression” of some design plans. Please contact me at [d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org) if you are able to help. Thank you.

We have sent letters about new classes for next year. Some of the names will be unfamiliar but you will be able to meet the new class teachers on our ‘Meet the Teacher’ day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 4.15pm. We will be saying goodbye at the end of the academic year to Ms Martin and Ms Rana. They have done great things for their pupils at Ark Priory and we wish them well for the future. Have a lovely 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	Elia Neo	MONET	Daniella
4	CURIE	Isabella	FLEMING	Digby Roqiya
3	ARCHIMEDES	Sophie G	BRUNEL	Oliver Olive
2	SHARMAN	Nico Sulaiman	ARMSTRON G	Amber
1	PANKHURST	Abigail	SEACOLE	Adnan Harry

## Healthy Schools Award

Last week, Mrs Rabbani went to the Southbank Centre for a special ceremony on behalf of Ark priory. The Deputy London Mayor presented us with the Gold Healthy Schools London Award in acknowledgment of all our work in relation to raising children's wellbeing. We are the first Ark School to receive a Gold award and the only school in Ealing to have placed a significant focus on raising children's emotional wellbeing. What an achievement!



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For 'Dream Big Week' Year 4 decided to create their very own Priory Aquarium. They spent the week researching fish that could survive living in school, what kind of jobs people might have if they worked in an aquarium and then decorated and making information sheets and word searches for all our lucky visitors.

Our Year 4 children loved it so much and were so proud of their work that they wanted to add this to the newsletter so that all their parents could see the finishing result. We are also very proud to announce the arrival of our pet fish, Mr Usain Bubbles and Goldie.

(If any parents would like to donate any fish tank decorations or food that would be really appreciated to make our guests feel at home)

## **KS2 Sports Day at Ark Acton**

This week on Thursday, KS2 had a fantastic Sports Day at Ark Acton Academy. It was a very hot day but the children endeavoured and excelled in all the sporting events, such as the long distance run and the 'egg and spoon' race. Thank you to all the parents who attended and also those who took part in the exciting parent's race. Our winners were Caroline Milnes and Mr Lawrence. Well done to you both! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and pupils at Ark Acton who supported us to host such a wonderful day and of course to Miss Mason, our Sports lead who organised the entire event. Well done team Priory!



## **Ark Soane Opening Evening**

We are excited to announce the opening of the new Ark Soane Academy in September 2020. We are hosting an open evening to introduce the school to perspective students and parents. This open evening will take place at **6pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July** at **Ark Byron Primary Academy, The Vale, Acton, London W3 7JT.**

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# Ark Priory Family Yoga

## Trial Session

*Thursday 11 July, 4-4:45m – Please Sign Up Below*



This is a kid-friendly class for ages toddlers and up, with something for everyone – get ready to move like the animals, dance, play and then relax. No prior yoga experience is necessary. Bring a mat if you have one!

£8 per adult, £5 per child

[Sign up here](https://doodle.com/poll/w3e5d9byvx2f7ig2) (https://doodle.com/poll/w3e5d9byvx2f7ig2), or just turn up on the day!

This is a trial class, with regular sessions likely to start in September on Thursdays from 4-4:45pm.

**Benefits of kids and family yoga:** Yoga teaches children and adults to move and to pause with awareness and intention. We practice using our breath to create space between our thoughts and our reactions. Introduced at a young age, this powerful practice can serve children throughout their lives as they learn, grow, and transform into physically and mentally strong, flexible, and balanced adults. For adults, it's a way to reconnect with our playful selves and enjoy some time with our little ones. It's fun for the whole family!

**About Janine:** I started practicing yoga when I was about 10 years old, when my mum organised a kids yoga class at our house. This early exposure planted a seed, and my yoga practice has become a central part of my adult life. Since 2013, I've shared this practice with children, young people and adults of all ages and various backgrounds in schools, yoga studios and charities. I completed my 200-hour and children's yoga teacher trainings in New York City. I work at Ark's central office and use the tools of yoga and mindfulness to support leadership development among diverse groups of youth and staff of mission-driven organisations. My classes are playful, fun, and creative, and almost always involving dancing in some way!



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## **Key Dates for Summer 2:**

### **Volunteers meeting**

Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 08.35 there will be a meeting for all the current parent volunteers. This includes both reading and the library volunteers.

### **Library**

The last week for children changing their books will be Monday 8th July 2019. On Monday **15th July 2019**, please can **all** children bring their library books back to school in order for an audit to be completed.

### **Safeguarding**

Just to clarify due to safety no children are allowed inside the classroom to pick collect items after the school day has ended. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

***‘Star of the Week’ assemblies will now be held on Thursdays from June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 as we have many events taking place on Friday this term. You will still receive a phone call from the office if your child will be the ‘Star’ in advance. Thank you for your continued support.***

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 Show (am)*

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 Show (pm)*

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 trip*

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: EYFS Sports Day at Ark Priory (am)*

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July: SOTW assembly*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July: KS1 Sports Day at Ark Priory (am)*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July: End of Year Reports out*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Meet the teacher evening at 4.15pm*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Year 4 Fashion Show at 2.30pm*

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: School closes at **12pm** for Summer holidays*

### ***EYFS Key Dates***

*-Reception Sports Day 9-10am Tuesday 9th July*

*-Nursery AM Sports Day 10.45-11.30am Tuesday 9th July*

*-Nursery PM Sports Day 3-3.45pm Tuesday 9th July*

*-Nursery Summer Celebration 18th July – Nursery am at 10.30am/ Nursery pm at 2pm*

*-Reception End of Year Celebration 19th July at 9am*

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### 'Festival of Fun' - Ark Priory Summer Fair 2019!

Thank you to everyone who organised, baked, crafted, collected, designed, donated, ran errands, ran a stall, came along to support us on the day, or participated in so many other ways to make the Ark Priory Summer Fair a huge success. The day was hot and very hard work for some, and we really could have done with more volunteers, so we particularly thank those who went above and beyond on the day, helping to set up from early morning, working on the stalls for hours, or clearing up, and we also thank the Summer Fair Committee, for days of behind the scenes organisation.

**We are pleased to advise that this event has raised £5918 (from on the day sales and associated sponsorships) towards school enrichment trips and activities!!!**

Special thanks again to:

- Our headline sponsors **KFH Estate Agents** for their overall sponsorship and enthusiastic participation on the day.
- Shooting Starz for the great sporting activities in the MUGA
- Rose Ballet for the performances, Elevate Dance for the fabulous dance display and workshop, and the teachers for preparing the children for lovely musical performances.
- External Stallholders Basil & Toms, Unconditional Beauty, and Advance Academy
- Dan Wilkin at Deadeye Design for poster, brochure and raffle artwork
- Blissetts for their generosity in the printing costs of the brochure, and all the businesses who took out an advert. Remember to look through the brochure handed out at the event for details of the local businesses that supported us, and follow APPAA on Twitter @APPAA\_ArkPriory to help us support them further. (Any parents/carers who missed the event and would like a copy of the brochure, please contact [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com) as we have the last few available)
- Fragola Cafe for their generosity in the ice cream costs
- To all the businesses in the wider community who generously donated to the raffle (see list attached of our lucky winners - all prizewinners have now been contacted).
- To the teachers and support staff for their active participation in the planning and execution of this years Summer Fair
- To the APPAA Summer Fair Committee 2019 and the parents in the community who worked so hard to make this event happen.

### **APPAA needs you!**

APPAA - the Parents Association to which you all belong - requires your help! As this school year comes to an end, and people step down from their roles within APPAA, we start to think of the next school year where we would love new members to step up to ensure the continuation of the association. We require:

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**Class Reps** - ideally each class would have 2-3 parents designated as APPAA representatives. You will be part of the APPAA reps community, shaping the future events and role of APPAA in the school. The role involves:

- Sharing notices from APPAA to your year group regarding upcoming events and fundraisers and to support and galvanise support for those events.
- Sharing reminders about daily school life via the Whats App group
- Moderating the year group Whats App group/adding new members etc
- Organising the year group bake sale (one a year) and any other social or fundraiser that you wish
- Organising teachers gift collections

**Admin Team** - currently we have a team sharing the administration duties (in other words, we have merged the Chairperson and secretarial roles to spread the work load). These roles include:

- Leading the committee and overseeing the running of APPAA, organising meetings where necessary.
- Planning the calendar of events
- Managing the APPAA email inbox
- Compiling the weekly APPAA newsletter contribution
- Meeting with the senior staff to discuss fundraising aims
- Maintaining the database of parent contacts
- Organising the Wishing Tree
- Obtaining external sponsorships

We are looking for new members to join the Admin Team in anticipation of changes in current members in Sept 2019, and we welcome anyone who would like to be a Class Rep. The APPAA Committee Year formally starts at the AGM Meeting (Thurs 3 Oct 2019 at 6pm) but we would love to know as soon as possible if you would like to put yourself forward. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com)

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