

Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 16/11/22

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Coming up this week & next week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5k Fundraising run – Altruism/Charity Enrichment group Thursday 17th November - Y7 Football Match v Christ College Thursday 17th November - Fitness Influencer visit (Media Enrichment) Friday 18th November - Football match Y10 v Bishop Douglass (away) Friday 18th November - Choir performing at Barnados Concert at the Royal Albert Hall Monday 21st November - Y7 & 10 Netball matches v Ashmole (home) Monday 21st November - Y8 Football Match v Archer Academy Tuesday 22nd November - Y9 Football Match v Christ College Tuesday 22nd November - TEDI Trip (The London Engineering & Design Institute) Wednesday 23rd November - Spelling Bee Finals Wednesday 23rd November - Y10 Football match v TTA (away) Wednesday 23rd November - Y10 in ‘Ark Hack’ – Computer Science competition Thursday 24th November - Y9 Art Reward Trip to the Royal Academy Thursday 24th November 					
New this week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our governors have gathered helpful information on local cost of living support here – includes food, finances & care support 					
Can you help out?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming 5k run – Altruism/Charity Enrichment group – donate on ipayimpact – see below - Work experience for Y10– we need contacts – Fill in 2 minute form here - Little Village – Clothes donation- n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org - Wrap-Up Warm – Coat donations - n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org - Seasonal celebration on Wednesday 7th December – email n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org to get involved in a stall 					
Other parent resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘E-Safety & Wellbeing’ Parent Webinar – 9th November - Access slides here. - Assessment Information Booklets for autumn term assessments: pupils were given a hard copy 9/11/22 					

Dear parents/carers,

Seven school days to Assessment Week! We want to ensure every child is in school learning and preparing to do well.

As we go into the winter season, we are aware more coughs and runny noses will start to spread. Being ill is unavoidable sometimes and staying at home may be occasionally required, however we would kindly ask parents/carers to consider this carefully. Every lesson missed leading up to Assessment week will have a big impact on pupil progress.

We know studies show **high attendance links to better achievement in school**, and destinations after school.

On the other side there are many exciting events coming up and we want *all* pupils to experience the fun and excitement leading up to their holidays. **If your child is feeling under the weather but is well enough that they could come into school then they should!** We have trained staff who are happy to support pupils with headaches, tummy aches, blocked noses etc if it means they get to attend the majority of their lessons each day.

Thank you for your support on this.

Year 9 Relationships and Sex education programme

This half term, year 9 will be looking into healthy relationships and being a teenager in our Values and Character programme. This is taught mornings 8:30-9am and tutor led sessions on relationships will take place twice per week. The topics explored will look at how relationships evolve over time and includes aspect of sex education including safety. You can read the attached oversight and please do email Dan Burton, Assistant Principal (Head of Key Stage 3) directly on d.burton@arkpioneer.org if you have any questions about the provision or the attached.

Monitoring Social Media on phones

We know that Whatsapp groups come and go in form groups and year groups and we spend time ensuring pupils know how to interact in a kind way, stay safe online and report anything they feel uncomfortable with. Where we find out about inappropriate content, we notify parents and sanction pupils appropriately. Today we messaged year 8 pupils about an issue that occurred for some pupils in this year group.

We would encourage all parents/carers to monitor your child's phone and let us know if there is inappropriate content or messages of any kind so we can ensure it is dealt with fairly and all children are safe in interactions online.

Assessment week information – [this is a reminder item](#)

As you will be aware end of term formative assessments will be taking place in lessons over the period 28/11/22 – 9/12/22. Pupils have been given a paper copy of their assessment information booklet today. From tomorrow (Wed) pupils will be completing their assessment timetable with the dates from teachers on when their assessments will be taking place. This timetable will be glued into their planner on pg. 41. Pupils have been given homework booklets in all subjects and have been directed to online revision areas such as Century to help with their revision. For any follow up questions on assessment week please get in touch with your child's form tutor. Assessment information booklets can be found [here](#) on our website for parents.

Upcoming 5k run – Altruism/Charity Enrichment group – [this is a reminder item](#)

Thursday 17th November, the pupils from the altruism enrichment programme alongside a few teachers will be running 5K to help fundraise for a school minibus! This run will be happening come rain, snow or sunshine and therefore any sponsorships will be hugely appreciated! This can be done through the iPayImpact account – Charity tab – Minibus Sponsor.

Kind regards
Ms Ryan