

Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 23/11/22

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Coming up this week & next week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TEDI Trip - The London Engineering & Design Institute - Wednesday 23rd November (50 year 10 pupils) - 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 - Assessment Weeks – Autumn term assessments in all subjects in class Monday 28th Nov – Friday 9th Dec - Yr 7 & 8 Netball matches v QE Girls (home) Monday 28th November - All pupils should bring Chromebooks into school fully charged (used in key assessments on this day) - Tuesday 29th Nov - Y9 pupils SEND Primary Sporting event in Hendon (10 pupils) Wednesday 30th December - Yr 9 Netball match v QE Girls (home) Thursday 1st December - Photography Competition launch Friday 2nd December - Choral leadership training day (Ark network musicians) at Ark King Solomon Academy – Saturday 3rd December 					
New this week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julius Caesar Wed 7th December – Buy tickets here to see the play & join our seasonal celebration - stalls, festive drinks & snacks (see below) - Flu vaccination – parents need to complete e-permission letter (offered in school 5th December, see below) 					
Can you help out?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any further donations to 5k runners welcome, see ipayimpact 					
Other parent resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assembly for this week – Respect & defining sexual harassment slides attached (and see below) - A reminder: Our governors have gathered helpful information on local cost of living support here – includes food, finances & care support 					

Dear parents/carers,

We've been very pleased to see pupils working hard and attendance improving from last week, despite the inevitable more minor coughs and colds at this time of year. We want to ensure every child has the best chance of doing well this autumn – we're offering donuts as a treat Friday to every child in 100% this week to recognise the importance of revision for our upcoming assessment. We look forward to treating the winners!

Other notices for parents this week:

Assessment weeks (Mon 28/11 - Fri 9/12) and Chromebooks in school (Tue 29th)

We are looking forward to our first end of term assessment period of the academic year. Pupils have been busy preparing with lots of additional practice questions and copy cover checks being doing. This time is a

fantastic period for them to show off everything that they have learned this year so far and build on their previous knowledge. We sent to parents and pupils a couple of weeks ago the assessment information booklets that contain additional information on how best pupils can prepare in each of their subjects.

Should pupils have any questions please encourage them to speak with or get in touch with their subject teacher or form tutor.

As part of assessment week, we are asking all pupils to bring in their Chromebook on Tuesday 29th November to complete some assessments digitally. They should be fully charged, and headphones are not required.

Assembly – Respect & defining sexual harassment

This week our assembly focus is respect, linking to the British values of respect & tolerance. As part of this we set out for all pupils a definition of what sexual harassment is, and how sexual harassment can include language, behaviours and conduct. Each morning we have a separate year group assembly (Tues Y7, Wed Y8, Thu Y9, Fri Y10). You can find slides attached in case you want to reference any content / definitions covered.

This links with our overall Values & Character programme which you can read about here: [Instilling Values | Ark Pioneer Academy](#). You can read about the wider Relationships & Sex Education here: [RSE | Ark Pioneer Academy](#)

Please get in touch with your child's head of year you have any further queries and they will get in touch or connect you with the correct team member.

Julius Caesar performance & Pioneer Seasonal Celebration – buy tickets!

We are excited to let you all know that tickets are now out for the **Julius Caesar production and Seasonal Celebration** taking place on **Wednesday 7th December!** The event will start with a seasonal celebration mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and festive stalls. We will also showcase many talented pupils putting on their very best performance for you all!

To purchase tickets please click the following link: [Julius Caesar event tickets from TicketSource](#). Join us from 5:30pm, show starts at 6:15pm; running time approx 1 hour 15.

Ticket prices (small booking fee on top)

Adults: £3.50

Children £2.00

All proceeds go to our minibus fund.

Flu Vaccination available for pupils – E-consent must be completed

Barnet health care team will be offering flu vaccinations to pupils during the school day on 5th December. You need to complete the e-consent for parents which is attached in order for your child to have the vaccination.

5k run – Altruism/Charity Enrichment group – Thank you to all who supported

Thursday 17th November, pupils from the altruism enrichment programme ran a very muddy 5K to help fundraise for a school minibus! Thank you to all parents and carers who supported and well done to pupils We are still collecting – you can support through our iPayImpact account –Charity tab – Minibus Sponsor.

Kind regards
Ms Ryan