

## Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 14/12/22

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<b>Coming up this week &amp; next week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christmas Jumper Day (charity fundraising) &amp; Christmas lunch for pupils – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December <i>Pupils in non-uniform should donate £1</i> <u>Due to weather conditions outside, unfortunately we have to cancel enrichment tomorrow - school will finish after p6 at 3:10</u></li> <li>- Parent reports – child will bring home – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>- <b>Termly Celebration Assembly</b> (<i>you can watch online, click link below</i>) &amp; <b>final day of term (pupils finish at 2pm) - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b></li> <li>- Staff Training Day, no pupils in school - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</li> <li>- Year 10 Parents evening – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan <b>you must book – see below</b></li> <li>- <b>All pupils return to normal school hours Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan –</b></li> <li>- <i>Please be aware there will be no authorised absence for those abroad or on holiday on this date – all pupils need to return to school ready to start spring term learning</i></li> </ul>					
<b>New this week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Links/information <b>Scarlet Fever &amp; Strep A</b> from Barnet Health – see below</li> </ul>					
<b>Can you help out?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are you a Y7, 8, 9 parent that could help with refreshments and snacks on Y10 parents evening? We'll serve tea, coffee, drinks and some light snacks but would love parent help to run the station. Please email <a href="mailto:n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org">n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org</a> if you could be available approx. 430-800 (or any time in between)</li> </ul>					
<b>Other parent resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Booking for Y10 Parents Evening – form <a href="#">here to book</a></li> <li>- A reminder: Our governors have gathered <b>helpful information</b> on local <b>cost of living</b> support <a href="#">here</a> – includes food, finances &amp; care support</li> </ul>					

Dear parents/carers,

**Thank you to every parent, carer and family for your support this term.** Again and again, we marvel at the intelligence, kindness and humour of our pupils. We are very lucky to have them all.

Attached today, you'll see the beautiful **photography work** of our pupils featured on our greetings card. We hope you enjoy seeing some highlights in our **school newsletter** which we'll share tomorrow. Tomorrow, you'll also have your **child's academic report**, showing their progress in our first term. Please contact your child's tutor or [info@arkpioneer.org](mailto:info@arkpioneer.org) with any queries and we'll aim to answer any possible before the break.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest when it comes about at the end of the term. We look forward to seeing you 'next year', especially year 10 parents on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Year 10 Parents Evening – Reminder you need to book a slot**

**Y10 parents – you must complete the form [here to book](#)**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January we'll invite all parents in for their parents evening. You need to book a slot to arrive within, so we can minimise queuing for parents. The max capacity of each slot is 60 sets of parents- first come first serve. All teachers will be based in the Dining Hall & Main Hall and you'll get a map on arrival. Arrival slots:

- 4:30pm - 5:15pm
- 5:15pm - 6:30pm
- 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Note we should be finishing by 8:15pm, so if arriving late into the third slot, you will be unlikely to have time to see 12 teachers. We expect that pupils also attend the event and bring their assessment folder.

### **Celebration Assembly Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Watch it live!**

Here Broadcast links for parent update to watch assembly on Friday:

- [Y7 and Y8 click here](#) 10:45am – 11:30am
- [Y9 and Y10 click here](#) 1:05pm – 1:50pm

### **Information on Scarlet Fever and Strep A from Barnet LA**

Please see guidance and useful links below on signs & symptoms:

- [VIDEO: What is Group A Strep \(scarlet fever\) and do you need to worry? A video for parents from Dr Ranj](#)
- [Group A Strep - What you need to know: Blog](#)
- [The different symptoms of flu, RSV and Group A Strep / Scarlet Fever: Blog](#)

We have been notified of one case. The Pupil was not in school with any symptoms and has not been in school for a week.

### **Information for parents: Online influencer awareness**

We wanted to share information with parents on online influencer named Andrew Tate. We are aware he has gained popularity amongst young boys in particular and has a huge following on Tiktok (and since his account was re-opened on Twitter). This BBC article shares some information parents may want to read:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-63794012>

We have planned into the spring term Values and Character programme awareness of influence online regarding extreme views for pupils – we will let parents know when this is coming up.

### **Parent Reports – Reminder item**

We look forward to sharing the end of term report with parents before the break. Parents will be receiving the report on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a paper copy distributed to pupils and an electronic version made available on the MCAS app. To help understand the report and next steps more fully please see the short video [here](#).

Enclosed with the report will be an explainer/letter detailing the next steps for the spring term. For KS3 parents, Form Tutors will be in touch with you to discuss academic progress and attainment in January/February before parents evening. Pupils will also be bringing home their assessment folder containing the assessments they have completed at the end of this term. This will provide further clarity on their areas of strength and development opportunities for the spring.

A reminder that parents can ask pupils to login to Eedi following the assessments to review their multiple choice-based question scores and parents can review maths and science performance on Century via the parent portal. Details were in the update from 23/11/22. You can see all parent updates [here](#)

Kind regards  
Ms Ryan

