

## Weekly Parent Update

Dear parents/carers,

It was wonderful to hear year 8 pupils' reflections on their [visit to see 'The Tempest' at the Globe](#) at start of this week. Year 8 have also shone out with events underway for their social action projects as part of our 'First Give' partnership – supporting Women's Aid, homelessness and cancer research. I've also been enjoying the seasonal bake-offs - updates on winners to feature soon on our site!

For the next fortnight, focus will shift to assessment, we're excited to see how much pupils have learnt this term across our subject range.

*Ms Ryan, Principal*

<p><b>Coming up this week &amp; next week</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easter themes Bake off competition Y9 - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>- Science week –Themed 'Scavenger Hunt' – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</li>   <li>- Assessment week starts: all pupils bring Chromebook fully charged to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>- Netball Trip to Copper Box Arena 4pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>- Pi Day competition - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>- First Give in filming year 8 social action - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</li>   <li>- <b>Industrial Action – likely school closure if this proceeds - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.</b> Apologies for any disruption caused.</li>   <li>- UK Maths Trust Kangaroo Challenge (those through to second round in Y9 &amp; 10) - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>
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### Oxford University opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for year 7 & 8 pupils at the start of the summer term. 50 pupils will have the opportunity to visit Christchurch College, Oxford University on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This will involve an introduction to life at university, a tour of the campus, a Q&A with students and a lecture with a Professor from the college. As there are limited places on this trip, pupils interested in attending will need to write a formal letter of application addressed to Ms Ryan, to express their interest. This can be handed to Ms Conces or sent by email to [c.conces@arkpioneer.org](mailto:c.conces@arkpioneer.org). The deadline for applications is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am.

### Assessment Weeks and Chromebooks in School

We are looking forward to celebrating all that pupils have learned this term in their end of term assessments from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are well prepared through revision moments in lessons, assessment timetables, assessment information booklets and online learning opportunities. We look forward to celebrating their results in the end of term assembly.

To help with the completion of some online elements of the assessments we are asking that pupils bring in their fully charged **Chrome book to school on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> and Tue 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Community events: Cake sale & Family Quiz

We will have a non-uniform day coming up on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and we'll have a **cake sale** in the afternoon with parent volunteers helping sell at the end of the school day. If you're interested to help or you can contribute (drop off or send in with your child) please let Mrs Bajwa know.

We'll have a **Family Quiz on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.** Doors from 5:30pm and quiz starts at 6:30pm. Tables of 6, mix of children and adults or all adults (but no tables with just children unaccompanied). You'll

pay £10 to enter the team. We'll send link for signing up next week but if you want to help with questions, refreshments, organisation or let us know you're excited to take part, let Mrs Bajwa know [n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org](mailto:n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org)

### **Ski Trip February 2024 – webinar next Tuesday for parents interested**

We will be hosting a ski trip parent webinar next Tuesday 14th March at 6pm for 30 minutes. This will be hosted by Mr Burton Assistant Principal who oversaw the trip this year and is planning next year's already!

You can read about this year's trip and see photos here. The trip next year will be open to pupils in current year 7 – 9 and will take place over February half term next year Friday 9th February – Saturday 17th February

On the webinar, Mr Burton will explain:

- Focus of the trip
- Cost & subsidy (Price £1,150, subsidy for pupils who are FSM)
- Equipment & ski lessons
- Travel & other requirements

There will be time for questions. The letter to express interest will be included in next week's parent update with the DL for paying the deposit.

### **The GROW Farm – free holiday club**

The GROW Farm will be running a **free** Holiday club at The Totteridge Academy on 3rd – 7th April from 9:30am – 3pm for Y4 – Y7 Barnet based children who are recipients of Free School Meals or on the Looked After register. A hot healthy lunch will be provided each day. To sign up please click here: [GROW Easter Holiday Club \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)



### **Update on Trips to Globe Theatre**

We were delighted to take all 180 pupils in year 8 to the Globe Theatre this week to watch a performance of The Tempest. Pupils enjoyed the experience in visiting one of London's cultural highlights. We look forward to taking all Year 9 pupils on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

A reminder for Year 9 parents that pupils must bring a packed lunch, an oyster or card valid for travel with £5 for the return journey. Pupils will be back at school for 5:15pm where they will be dismissed or can be collected.

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