



ARK ATWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

End of term – 21 December 2016

HAVE COURAGE AND BE KIND

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM FIRST HALF

January

5th

8.30 Spring 1 starts for pupils

11.00 Italy Class Maida Vale Library

6th

Spring 1 timetables and curriculum newsletters on website

11.00-12.00 Year R height and weight checks

Alice in Wonderland (Holland Park Opera) performing to Year 4 pupils

10th

Year 5 Greece start at Rhythm Studio

11th

9.00 Open morning for prospective parents

12th

10.15 France Class Maida Vale Library

16th

AM Year 4 Wide Horizons outreach
10.15 Mexico Class Maida Vale Library

17th

AM Year 4 Wide Horizons outreach
Year 3 trip to Butser ancient farm

10.00-14.00 Year 5 Sports hall athletics (15 boys & 15 girls)

10.00-14.00 Year 5 Girls football tournament @ Paddington Rec (7 girls)

21st (Saturday)

Ignite Choir rehearsal

23rd

AM Year 3 Wide Horizons outreach

8.45 Bikeability Assembly for Years 2-5

Year 5 Romeo & Juliet Workshop (Hall required from 9.30 until 11.00)

Year 1 trip to Monument

24th

AM Year 3 Wide Horizons outreach

10.00-14.00 Year 5 Sports hall athletics (15 boys & 15 girls)

25th

8.45 Presentation to Year 5 Parents from Dr Rana (Principal at Westminster Academy)

26th

10.00 India Class Maida Vale Library

30th

AM Year 5 Wide Horizons outreach

10.05 Barbados Class Maida Vale Library

31st

AM Year 5 Wide Horizons outreach

10.00-14.00 Year 5 Boys football tournament @ Paddington Rec (7 boys)

February

1st

16.30 Governing body

2nd

8.45 Year 3 Belgium Class assembly

6th

Year 5 Romeo & Juliet Workshop

16.15-18.30 Parents' evening

9th

One Voice: Sing into spring (Details for the choir TBC)

Year 3 Norway Class assembly

11.00 China Class Maida Vale Library

16.15-19.30 Parents' evening

10th Close for half term – 16:00
(Salsa Club and P3 still available)

Monday 20th SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 21st February 8.30 Spring 2 starts for pupils

End of Term Message



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
LONDON



This has been a busy yet very successful term at Atwood. I am very proud of the hard work that everyone has dedicated to our school this term – staff, children, parents and governors.

We had a recent monitoring inspection from Ark led by an experienced HMI (Ofsted), a Headteacher from the network and our Chair of Governors. It was incredibly positive and some of the wonderful things they had to say about our school included:

The strong drive and vision of the school leaders has ensured that there is an ethos of respect and tolerance throughout the academy. Relationships are excellent and morale is high. Teachers report that senior staff lead by example and that they coach and teach alongside them. As a result, they feel they are being well supported. Pupils are happy and settled and the demand for places is good. A small number of parents interviewed at the gate said that they are delighted with Ark Atwood; it is now the school of choice in the local area.

The senior team's continued drive for high quality provision is reflected in the upward trend of outcomes at the end of the EYFS and Key Stage 1. There is a strong profile of teaching over time in these key stages which has not dipped below good. In addition, the intervention programme, which is overseen by the Assistant Head, is clearly making a difference to the achievement of disadvantaged pupils, those with additional needs and pupils with English as an additional language.

The relationship with parents has remained a strength of the academy's work. Parents have a strong involvement with school activities and were, for example, working in the library on the day of the visit. They also supported the reception children's visit to the local park for their Tuesday afternoon learning - in a green space.

The successful arrangements for the start and end of the school day are valued and ensure that there are frequent, daily opportunities for the Headteacher and staff to engage with pupils and their parents. Communication also appears to be strong; the academy's website contains a good deal of helpful information for parents which includes a very good, comprehensive overview of the curriculum for each year group.

The last couple of weeks have seen some wonderful end of term performances with children from Nursery to Year 5 taking part. We have been treated to singing, dancing, acting and readings. The talent and confidence of our young people continues to astound with high quality performances. Thanks to the staff team for their creativity and talent in choreographing and organising such events. This term also saw some performing firsts for Atwood: Year 5 at the Rhythm Studio performing in their own rock band and creating movie soundtracks and effects; three of our after school clubs coming together to perform a spellbinding version of 'The Nutcracker' and our 'One Voice' choir performing at the Tri-Borough (Westminster) Christmas concert at the Royal College of Music. Of the schools taking part in this event I was proud that Atwood was the only non-denominational school – a multicultural and multi-faith choir performing in a wonderful Christmas event.

Last Friday saw our first after-school Christmas fair. A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help with the event, donated, cooked, attended and spent, cleared-up...we hope you all had a great time. The event raised £991 which is fantastic. Thank you! Special thanks to Miss Baxter and Fiona McKenzie Johnston for leading the event from an idea to fruition.

This week, Atwood gained bronze level accreditation from the Healthy Schools Partnership. Mr Mackenzie has been working hard on this for a considerable period of time along with Miss Rees and it is excellent to receive accreditation for the important work Atwood does in this area. The main aim of the Healthy Schools Partnership is to support and encourage schools to develop and deepen their focus on health and wellbeing which will support the attainment, achievement and happiness of both their pupils, staff and wider school communities.

In order to gain accreditation, Atwood was assessed against the following rigorous criteria:

1. Leadership, management and managing change
2. Policy development
3. Learning and teaching, curriculum planning and resourcing
4. School ethos, culture, environment and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development
5. Provision of support services for children and young people
6. Staff continuing professional development (CPD), health and wellbeing
7. Partnerships with parents/carers, local communities and external agencies to support pupil health and wellbeing



I wish every child, parent and staff member of the school a peaceful holiday with their families. Take the time to reflect on your own achievements and set yourself aspirations you wish to fulfil in 2017.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the generous gifts, cards and kind messages – it really is very much appreciated.

With very best wishes,

Daniel

Notes from Miss Baxter

Winter fair news

A massive **THANK YOU** goes out to all the wonderful helpers at the Winter fair on Friday. All the stalls and games were massively enjoyed by parents, carers and children alike. We raised an **ENORMOUS £991!** The money raised will go towards the FoAA funds; look out for meetings which will be organised by FoAA in the New Year.

Productions and events for parents

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the school's events– it makes an enormous difference to children, when they are able to perform to an audience. Already, we can see some children are going to have real talents. However, I would say that the biggest cause for celebration for me, is when children overcome barriers to performing (nerves or maybe they don't think they're good enough, or are more shy in nature.) It is great to see them rise up and challenge themselves, so they find their voice, and are heard.

I wish you all a very peaceful holiday,

Best regards

Sam

Library news

Our school library continues to go from strength to strength. The parent volunteers are so valuable to us and our children. If you think you could offer a few hours in a week to help children across the school discuss their book choices, take books home or log returned books in, please see Fiona Dalu-Chandu.

Walking bus

There are plans to introduce Walking Buses to school from different start points in the nearby area from January. I am particularly keen to support parents who might like their child walked to school at a fixed time each morning. This might be particularly helpful for parents who have small children at home or who need to get out to work once their child/children have left for school or who find getting their child to school on time, challenging. Please speak to Miss Rees if you are interested.

Clubs

Letters were sent out yesterday with details of the club your child has been offered for the spring term. Please note the time and day; please especially make sure that the office has your up to date contact details. Thank you.

Attendance Certificates – 100% for the autumn term.

Congratulations to the children below who received certificates this Wednesday in assembly



100% Globe 1	100% Globe 2
Kareem Abusido	Koray Kadri
Jacob Fuwa-Sanchez	Elenore Messian
Edward Vieth	Josephine Messian

100% India	100% Mexico	100% France	100% Italy
Almour Adior Anderson	Isa Ahmed	Edison Bowen	Franklyn Harcourt-Smith
Keira Dalu-Chandu	Viola Miranda Harris	Astrid Ladenburg	Omer Levin
Noor Ghaddar	Olaf Orłowski	Persephone Richards Cane	Lenny McCarthy
Djamil Mayass Lahreche	Vesa Sahiti	Retaj Saghir	Nathan Salcedo
Kensie Nasser	Esmeralda Steel	Mathilda Sinick	Leo Sinick
Jacob Ogunkoya	Liam Alwart	Maisie Smith	Lamya Afifi
Hubert Orłowski	Hakim Chekaba		
Traevon Sijuwade	Malak Houssien		
Adam Dahdouh	Ibrahim Zaghoul		
Zaid Sbitri			

100% Barbados	100% China
Mohammed Almusawi	Myron Henry
Vihaan Pursnani Mahbubani	Kawthar Makhloufi
Leena Afifi	Adam Mamode
Ridhwan Miah	Nathan Muulgeta
Maryam Mohamed	Markus Vieth
Adam Patterson	Mustafa Yusufzai
Ben Sahiti	Ahad Narimene Lahreche
	Mustafa Barakat
	Samirah Kazi
	Alya Sbitri
	Sarah Zaghoul

100% Belgium	100% Norway
Yasmina Abdulaziz	Lily Appleby
Jake Bedwell	
Damiano Fichera	Alana Clutton Mendias
Hanae Mallet De Vandegre	Daniel Herron
Kofi Ofori-Nyarko	Heli Liu
Zihan Shi	Amir Mustafa
Freddie Smith	Alana Paul
Yasin Bustillo Tunay	Vincent Alwart
Alex DeFrance	Sami Awil
Khadija Ellekhlifi	Yunus Linton
Sara Reffasse	
L'Oreal Sijuwade	

100% Brazil	4 Ghana 100%	100% Greece	100% Spain
Mekhat Cheltenham Clarke	Oluwaseyi Olubiyi	Yaseen Abdulaziz	Maia De Vandegre
Dhwani Iyer	Efryie Ofori-Nyarko	Sonya Clutton Mendias	Reme Ebrahim
Lily McCarthy	Muflih Ahmed	Yassin Khayat	Tom Ladenburg
Zachariah Zogolovitch	Imtenan Attaelmanan	Spencer Ward	Sophie Simon
Ayah Mamode	Karim Houssein	Vincent Watkins	Eleanor Smith
Gabriel Martinez Liubinas	Adnan Qirem	Unesa Krasniqi	Amin Bourenane
Mohammed El Bhaireien	Zaynab Reffasse	Selma Amghar	Omar Knicken
Farahe El-Haddad	Adam Rikik	Mahmoud Charari	Rayhan Salahudeen
Mary Houteit			