



ARK ATWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Summer term newsletter

1st May 2017

HAVE COURAGE AND BE KIND

Diary Dates

4 th May	France Class to Maida Vale Library
6 th May	Ignite Choir members rehearsal 10 – 14.30
8 th May	Year 3 Wider Horizons Forest School Mexico Class to Maida Vale Library
9 th May	Year 3 Wider Horizons Forest School
11 th May	India Class Assembly 8.45am Hall Parent Forum 18:30 Studio
15 th May	Year 4 Wider Horizons Forest School Year R TRIP to Diana Memorial Playground
17 th May	Year R Dental screening – meeting room LGB Meeting Room 201 16:30
18 th May	Westminster Gymnastics Event India Class to Maida Vale Library
20 th May	FoAA Summer Fair – 11 – 15.30 School playground
22 nd May	Wider Horizons Forest School Year 5 Barbados class to Maida Vale Library
23 rd May	Wider Horizons Forest School Year 5 Westminster Kwik Cricket event (Y5 girls)
24 th May	Class Photos in school Football festival (Y1 – 4) @ BDA
25 th May	Westminster Kwik Cricket event (Y5 boys) Mexico Class assembly 8.45 Hall Parent Council Meets Studio 18:30
26 th May	Close for Half Term 16:00.

Attendance this week

Globe 1	96.32	3
Globe 2	97.78	1
RI	97.42	2
RM	98.33	4
IF	98.33	3
II	94.83	2
2B	92.92	0
2C	99.58	3
3B	96.67	1
3N	99.55	1
4B	94.17	1
4G	97.08	2
5G	99.17	1
5S	96.12	3

Congratulations China Norway and Greece classes – all very close to 100%

Transition Trophy and Teds

This week the best transitions were by Belgium Class!

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Some aims of the workshop are to

- Reduce the feelings of isolation
- Increase confidence in a safe environment
- Learn through sharing experience
- Provide information and share experience
- Answer questions and explore myths about mental ill health

What is offered in these workshops?

- A safe space for families to talk openly about mental illness
- The opportunity to learn about mental health from professionals
- Discussion group for parents
- Drama / Artwork / Games for children and young people
- Refreshments – Pizza is an integral part of the programme
- Transport / Help getting there
- Younger children can be accommodated

These workshops have been running across London for many years, with proven success. We are now taking referrals for the Workshop on Wednesday 29th March. If you are interested in more information about these workshops, or would like to refer a family, then please contact

John Byrne 07922 011895 → www.kidstimefoundation.org
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Summer Uniform

The second hand uniform box has some items in that are available to view and purchase by emailing f.dalu-chandu@arkatwoodprimary.org

All pre-loved uniform is available for a donation of 50p-£1 per item depending on condition. Items are listed below.

Green and white gingham dresses ranging from sizes 4 to 9 and from lots of different retailers including John Lewis.

3 pairs of boy's grey shorts in excellent condition, sizes 6-7 and 7-8.

2 pairs of 20" waist PE shorts which look as new.

There are also still a few NEW size 3-4 white polo shirts to fit the reception children and smaller year ones as they are quite long. These are normally £6.99 but are on sale for £4.

If you are planning further ahead we still have a lot of green school winter coats on sale for half price. We have most sizes available, so if you are thinking of getting a new one next year now is a great time to get in touch. They are on sale for £12.

All items will be issued on a first come basis.

Library news

This term we are starting a new wonderful way of encouraging the children to read and pick new books. We are collaborating with Scholastic Book Clubs and you should have received a paper copy of the leaflet. This will now happen every half term. It works by getting you great deals and helps the library and school to get 20% back in free books! You can order online using the link below which is the simplest way. Alternately you can return the order form and money in an envelope to the office, ensuring that your child's name and class are on the form.

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ark-atwood>

The link is now live and orders need to be placed by May 14th. This is to allow us to complete the order, receive the books and deliver to classes before half term.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me via email.

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Ark Atwood Garden Update- April 2017

We hope you enjoyed the spring bulbs in bloom in the front boxes which we planted in the autumn. During this Spring weather it's time for Atwood to start gardening again.

Funding / Supporters

Over winter Ark Atwood have been successful in being granted the following funding towards our garden

School Food Matters / Whole Kids Foundation have awarded us with £1k towards growing vegetables, fruit, herbs and other edible plants in our garden.

Tesco Bags for Help- awarded us £1,900 towards our roof garden project

We are awaiting a decision on two other applications we have submitted.

We are also pleased to say that an Architect has offered to work with Ark Atwood free of charge and has found other professionals who can offer their services for free. This is a fantastic breakthrough for the roof garden project, not only will it help us to save money, but means we can now start the actual process of design and submitting for planning approval. We thank Andrew Clinch from Clinch Design for his services.

Gardening news

Reception and Nursery classes have planted potatoes during the first few weeks of March. We thank the Potato Council for our free potato growing kits. Some of you may have noticed the beautiful green leaves that sprouted over the Easter break, if all goes well we hope to harvest these in June for as many Atwood children to cook with and taste.

Over the next few weeks we will be getting as many children as possible to sow a variety of seeds, that hopefully we shall be able to plant in our front garden boxes.

Looking for

Any local space close to the school that you think we might be able to use as garden space while we wait for the roof garden. Please let me know, I'd be happy to speak to the owners.

There will be lots more to do regarding gardening over spring and summer, if you are keen to be involved, do let me know.

And finally,

The Royal Horticultural Society are running an awards scheme for school gardening, there are 5 levels; Ark Atwood has achieved the first two levels.



Thank you patti_abroad@yahoo.com.au our garden is supported by

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