

ARK Atwood Primary Academy



Newsletter

Value of the week: Enthusiasm

Achieving Success

Next Week @ Atwood

Trips and curriculum activities

Monday 19th October

Italy Class final swimming

Tuesday 20th October

8.45 Friends of Ark Atwood Coffee Morning
BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOPS
 In school throughout the day for:
 Italy, France, India and Mexico classes

Thursday 22nd October

Year R India Class visit to Maida Vale Library

Friday 23rd October

NON UNIFORM DAY + HATS

8.45 KS2 Assembly for all Parents and Carers

8.45 Reception and KSI parents and carers coffee available in the Studio

9.10 Reception and KSI Assembly for all Parents and Carers

9.10 KS2 parents and carers coffee available in the Studio

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOPS
 In school throughout the morning for:
 Ghana and Brazil classes

16:00 Halloween Cake Sale – Playground

Have a lovely half-term break. School recommences for students on Wednesday 4th NOVEMBER at 8.25am

House Points

House	Points This Week	Total Points (Term)
Aspiration & Achievement	93	282
Scholarship	93	274
Perseverance	64	314
Integrity	89	307
Respect & Responsibility	98	277
Enthusiasm	73	313

This Week's Attendance

Reception

India 92.9%
 Mexico 99.3%

Year 1

France 95.0%
 Italy 98.7%

Year 2

Barbados 100%
 China 100%

Year 3

Belgium 93.8%
 Norway 95.7%

Year 4

Brazil 99.3%
 Ghana 93.6%

Well done Barbados and China Classes!

School attendance
96.8%

Late Arrivals

The gates open at 8.25am and are closed at 8.35am. Thank you for the huge effort you are making to get into the school before the gates close. The register in class is taken at 8.40 so children not in the classroom then will be entered as late.

Class	Rank	Points
India	=1	27
Mexico	=1	20
France	=5	17
Italy	=1	40
Barbados	=1	25
China	=5	5
Belgium	=7	5
Norway	9	6
Brazil	8	12
Ghana	10	0



Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to these children who received their certificate on Friday 16th October

Scholar of the Week Certificate

Atticus	India Class
Remi	Mexico Class
Maryam	France Class
Myron	Italy Class
Eyad	Barbados Class
Sean	China Class
Gabriel	Belgium Class
Deja	Norway Class
Sonya	Brazil Class
Isra	Ghana Class

Values Certificate: Enthusiasm

Ahmed	India Class
Rabie	Mexico Class
Arber	France Class
Emil	Italy Class
Lily	Barbados Class
Lenny	China Class
Vishal	Belgium Class
Eden	Norway Class
Alice	Brazil Class
Eleanor	Ghana Class

Library news

Library Update

Our exciting news is that our library is now open five afternoons a week! We are open from 1215pm for the children to come and quietly read during their lunch break, until just before 4pm. This has been made possible by a group of new parent volunteers that have joined our team. Many thanks go out to Rita, Paul, Shannon and Amal for donating their time to allow us the flexibility to open so many hours. For those of you who are not aware, our library is run solely by parents of ARK Atwood. An achievement of which we are very proud. If anyone is still interested in being involved please do still get in contact. Our non-fiction area of the library has been getting a boost in the last week as we continue to source new titles for your children to enjoy. We have acquired many titles for Black History Month, as well books that will be wonderful for upcoming topics in every year. More books are arriving daily so it's a very exciting time. If you have any suggestions please feel free to either email or drop a note into our suggestion box, which is on top of our returns cupboard. Thank you also to all of those families who have donated books to our library. We do appreciate them immensely. Please understand that not all donations will hit our library shelves, some go to the class book corners. It is dependent on condition, suitability and stock we already have. We would request that at the moment no more Disney books or Thomas the Tank sets be donated as we have already received many. Those that wish to donate books please also be aware that we have a wish-list on Amazon which can be accessed by searching for ARK Atwood.

Fiona, Mai, Emma and the library team.
Fionadc74@yahoo.co.uk

Friends of Ark Atwood



PRE-ORDER ATWOOD TEA TOWELS

The children will be drawing self-portraits of themselves that will be printed in dark green on white tea towels to raise money for the school (all 300 portraits on the same tea towel). Please let us know how many towels you would like so that we order the right amount.

Email dawnkelly@mac.com:

- Your name / child(ren)'s name and class
- Amount of tea towels pre-ordered at £4 each

Deadline: Thursday, 22 October by 9pm

The towels will be delivered and ready for pick up mid-late November in time to make great Christmas presents.

Thank you!

SILVER SMARTIES: all through next week

Next week, all children will be given a tube of Smarties TO TAKE HOME. After 'relieving' it of its contents, they need to fill it up again, but with coins this time. They will have all half-term to earn money by helping people, doing chores, being on their best behaviour (ha ha) and bring the filled tube back (ideally decorated) to school.

"We've given you these Smarties to eat

But the empty tube you must keep

For every task done, earn 20p

It's up to you to earn your fee

Fill up your tube, right to the top

Return it after the break for our charity pot!"

GREAT ATWOOD BAKE OFF: Friday 23 October at 3:45 pm (Halloween Theme)

Year 4 classes are the first ones to 'compete' in this, the school year's first cake sale. All Y4 Parents & Carers: please get in touch with your class rep who will be coordinating this (Rita, Aleem-Opurbo's mum, for Brazil & Anne-Sophie, Constance's mum, for Ghana). Let's make the spookiest scariest cakes around! And remember that our school has grown, so we need LOTS of cakes and LOTS of helpers!

'HATWOOD' DAY: Friday 23 October

Wear your favourite or craziest hat! They can pick a favorite beany, sports cap, knit one, make a paper hat, decorate an old one, Please remember to bring a donation (suggested £1)

To raise funds for our school, our children can wear any hat on that day, they can also wear their own clothes but not fancy dress.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Meeting on Tuesday 20 October 8:45 am in school studio

The ARK Atwood Christmas Market is on Saturday 5 December at 3 pm. We are looking for volunteers to be on stalls to help the children sell their creations, sell food and drink, set-up, clean-up, bake cakes, donate decorations and much much more. We already have lots of ideas for a wonderful christmassy market, but we can't do it without the help of many of you!

We are also looking for local businesses who might be interested in a stall/table at the Christmas Market. They should be offering good quality, family budget friendly products, something which would make ideal presents. Stalls are £20 each, but £15 for Atwood Parents & Carers. Please get in touch with your Class Rep or atwoodfriends@gmail.com if you or someone you know is interested.

Friends of ARK Atwood comprises all parents and carers of ARK Atwood Primary Academy and coordinates fundraising and social events for the school.

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QAUTHORS FUN HALF-TERM ACTIVITY

Qauthors is an app (in development) intended at enthusing young minds to try their skills at writing.

Qauthors would like to promote a fun half-term activity and ask any child who is interested to submit a story/poem. All submissions can be left in a box which will be placed by the reception by 6 November 2015.

The poem or story can be about anything and be of any length and can also contain pictures. It is really up to you. Let your imagination run wild.

Each submission will receive a certificate of participation from Qauthors. In addition, there are exciting prizes to be won.

We will like to use these stories for our app and will be uploading all the submissions once the app is launched. For the purposes of the app, we will only use your child's initials and age group. However, for our records, please can you write the child's name and class on the back of the submission.

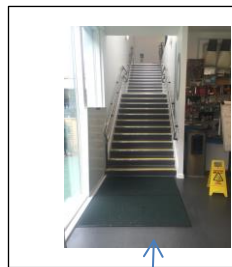
About Qauthors: This app is aimed at reviving the love for the written word. The app will provide a timeline for the parents to store their children's writing over the years and share it. The app will allow children to create colourful borders and cover pages online to convert their creation into a book. We will send a note once the app is online.

If you have any questions, please email amrita.chauhan@gmail.com or can speak to Suruchi Bhargava (Kabir's mum – Barbados Class)

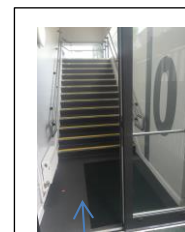
COLLECTION ROUTINES AT THE END OF THE DAY

We have continued to monitor the effectiveness of the collection from classrooms at the end of the school day. Positive outcomes include the opportunities for parents to catch the class teacher if necessary as well as making sure children leave with the correct adult safely from the school premises.

We have, however, noticed that there is some congestion at 3.50 and 4pm on the stairs. To make the exit from the school safer, we would like parents and carers ALL to enter the upper floors by the main KSI stairs which are accessed across the playground.



KSI STAIRS
Go up these stairs to collect your child.



KS2 STAIRS
Come down these and exit by the gate.

This way – there will be a one-way flow across the building meaning that there won't be adults and children trying to get past each other on the stairs.

Thank you for your patience and support in helping us make sure we have worked out the best systems for collecting your child!
Miss Baxter

QPR football tournament

Some Year 2 and 3 pupils took part in a tournament at the Westway. All of the children played really well scoring 14 goals in 4 games, so it was great for the spectators to watch on from the side lines. Finley Hamilton scored eight in total and could have had two more had it not been for the crossbar. Yunus Linton was awarded Atwood's player of the day for showing great technical skills and sportsmanship. Lots of the QPR coaches commented on how well the boys played and all of them were invited for QPR trials that take place on Monday after school so we wish them the best of luck.



HAIR AND UNIFORM

Please make sure that your child has the correct shoes and their hair tied back if it is shoulder length or longer. We are continually being told about children coming home with headlice so this will help control this as well as making our children understand they are proud to be smart for school.

GET READING

We are a "Get Reading. Keep Reading. Change Everything." school. We use the highly successful *Read Write Inc.* Phonics programme to teach our children to read, write and spell. Our children do well in the phonics screening check and by Year 2, the majority are fluent readers with the best chance of success in the KS1 tests.

Ruth Miskin Training recognise us for teaching the *Read Write Inc.* programmes with fidelity and passion – we know what it takes to make literacy pleasurable and rewarding for our children.

This badge recognises that we:

- Raise standards in reading and writing for our children
- Are all expertly trained by Ruth Miskin Training – including our headteacher
- Gain the latest programme updates through regular visits from our Ruth Miskin trainer
- Release our reading leaders to ensure our high standards are maintained.

To visit the parent pages on the Ruth Miskin Training website go to: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>