



Achieving Success

ARK Atwood Primary Academy

Newsletter

Dear All,

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.

The last couple of weeks have seen some wonderful end of term performances with children from Nursery to Year 6 taking part. We have been treated to singing, dancing and acting. The talent and confidence of our young people continues to astound with high quality performances. Thanks go to the staff team for their creativity and talent in choreographing and organising such events.



A couple of weeks ago we held another lovely ARK Atwood Christmas Fair, our 4th one would you believe it!

Thank you to all those who worked tirelessly for many many weeks to get everything ready, and those who helped make the day a perfect kick-off to the festive season.

We would thank everyone by name, but the sheer number of volunteers was overwhelming.

The final total was in excess of £2000: well done!

If you would like to know the plans for more fun events in 2018, please come along to the next FofAA Meeting on Friday 5th January

Today we say goodbye to three of our wonderful staff: Shaleena Anand (Nursery TA), Paul Allum (Year 1 TA) and Tom Stewart (Year 1 TA). I would like to thank these members of staff for the hard work and commitment they have given to Atwood. The children have benefited immensely from all they have done and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for a very successful future. In January we welcome Amina El-Haddad to the Nursery team; Amelia Buchanan-Taylor to Year 1 France Class and Muna Mohamed to the Year 5 team. Miss Martin who is currently in Year 5 will be moving to Year 1 Italy Class to work with Miss Schofield.

On Friday 1st December Mr Mackenzie attended the Active Westminster Awards evening at Lords Cricket Ground. He was nominated for this by the parents and children of Atwood. Mr Mackenzie was shortlisted out of 260 people into the top 4 in the category of 'OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION'. This was the 'big award' of the night and was presented by the Mayor of Westminster and two Olympic gold medallists (Ashley McKenzie and Constantine Louloudis). This was a wonderful achievement for Mr Mackenzie and we're very proud of him. I know he was humbled to have been nominated by the Atwood community and it is testament to him and all the work he does for our school to get the children active. Mr Mackenzie's certificate is proudly displayed in the cabinet by the library – do take a look!

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 2018.

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

See you for the start of the spring term on Thursday 4th January 2018. In the first week of term we will announce the autumn term house points as well as draw the autumn term attendance awards – something to look forward to in the New Year!

With very best wishes,

Daniel Upfield
Headteacher