



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 30th September

Dear Parents,

Friends of Ark Atwood Another busy week comes to an end and there has been lots happening over the course of the week. I am delighted to have appointed Ishraf Achbab as our new Chair of the Friends of Ark Atwood – read further down for more details. **Our first meeting of the year will be next week on Wednesday 5th October at 8.45am after drop off** – please come along if you are able to as we will be setting up for the new year and would love to have lots of parents involved.

Uniform We are concerned that a number of children are coming to school with the incorrect uniform. The Ark Atwood website sets out our uniform policy via the link below: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/uniform>. Particular areas of concern are: (i) the wrong footwear – trainers are with PE uniform only (ii) coloured tights – tights should be green or grey (ii) ties not being worn.

Office A reminder that all medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, we must be informed at least 24 hours in advance so that learning impact is minimised. Lunches should be paid on Wise Pay or at the school at least two weeks in advance.

I hope you have had a good week.

Enjoy the weekend,

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
 Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Friends of Ark Atwood - Meeting

Next Wednesday (5th October) after drop off at 8.45am will be our first Friends of Ark Atwood meeting of the new year. All parents are very welcome to attend as we look to launch our parent and fundraising events for this academic year.

Read on to hear from our new Chair, Ishraf Achbab.

House Points



The House Points for this week have been counted. Totals for this week:

Aspiration & Achievement	Scholarship	Perseverance	Integrity	Respect & Responsibility	Enthusiasm
213	352	156	214	496	412

This week's winner is Respect and Responsibility with a brilliant 496 points!

Black History Month

From next week, we will be marking Black History Month. This year, the theme is the Service and Sacrifice of the hundreds and thousands of men and women of African or Caribbean origin or descent, from Britain and the

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Commonwealth. We will be sharing their stories with children over October. The stories will shine a light on the immense contribution made by black men and women over centuries in fighting for, rebuilding, healing, protecting and securing Britain even at times when British society has been slow to appreciate it. Our first focus will be on those who have contributed to the British emergency services, past and present.

Further information at: www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

Friends of Ark Atwood

We are delighted to confirm the appointment of a new Chair of the Friends of Ark Atwood – Ishraf Achbab. Ishraf has a child in Year 5 and Year 2 and I know will continue Viv and the teams excellent work over the last few years. Our first Friends of Atwood meeting of term will be next Wednesday 5th October after drop off at 8.45am – all parents are warmly invited as we shape and agree plans for this academic year.



Some words from Ishraf to the Atwood parents:

“I am very excited that I have been appointed as the new Chair of Friends of Ark Atwood. I consider myself reliable, approachable and most importantly, passionate about Ark Atwood Primary School. I recently volunteered in the school and worked in all the year groups so I am familiar with all the staff and the high expectations and goals the school has. I also have two children in years 2 (Jannah) and 5 (Adnan), so rest assured I will always bring a parents' perspective to any discussions/meetings and events.

I believe a strong network between parents, teachers and pupils is vital and is needed to achieve quality education and a healthy environment for all children in the school. I am keen to work with parents and staff to ensure this is the case and to help keep the relationships between the school and families close.

On that note, to ensure this can happen, I need parent's support to organise future events. I am sure with all the amazing parents we have at the school, we can come together to socialise, build closer relationships with Ark Atwood staff and, of course, have fun!

I look forward to receiving parents' support this year and very much look forward to organising some new, fresh and inclusive events with you!”



Secondary School Applications

This week we were joined by Paul Wood, Principal at Westminster Academy and Peter Jones, Principal at Paddington Academy. They spoke to Year 6 parents about their schools as parents make the all important decisions about secondary choices.

A reminder to parents of Year 6 children regarding the deadline for secondary school applications **(it is essential that parents complete the application by 31st October – please get in touch if you have questions).**

Year 3 at the Museum of London

Last Friday, Year 3 had a great day at the Museum of London. They explored the 'London Before London Gallery' where they gathered ancient stones, discovered many ancient tools, learned all about the progression from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and, finally, touched real- life roundhouses! It was a wonderful first trip and it really brought the history topic to life!



Achievement Assembly

As always on Friday, we celebrated two wonderful scholars from each class who have either personified the Atwood Values or been true Atwood scholars producing great work. Congratulations to these children (we are switching each week between Upper School and Lower School).

Class	Children
Ghana	Zac & Sadeel
Brazil	Shiv & Adam
Greece	Rayan & Sanna
Spain	Kayla & Sasha
Canada	Maryam & Obi
Australia	Sam & Hakim



Attendance

Excellent attendance is vital to success at school. We track attendance closely and celebrate excellent attendance.

Congratulations to our classes with the best attendance over the last five days:

Class Breakdown			
Globe	92.8	Belgium	98.9
Mexico	96.0	Ghana	98.2
India	90.9	Brazil	94.5
Italy	90.7	Greece	95.0
France	97.2	Spain	92.5
China	97.4	Canada	91.1
Barbados	96.2	Australia	91.0
Norway	99.2	Whole School	94.9

Y3 Belgium
98.9%

Y3 Norway
99.2%



Y4 Ghana
98.2%

E-Safety

We share E-Safety information with parents in the Atwood newsletter. This is to help you in ensuring that your child can use technology safely. Please read the following information.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 tips for parents and carers HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?

Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: www.rubbishscience.com.



USEFUL LINKS: Places to donate old electrical items: www.recycle.org.uk | Online stores - electrical goods: www.tenup.com | Old smartphones into a computer: www.mobi.com | Buy cheap smartphones: www.ebay.co.uk | Responsible tech: www.gov.uk/department-for-digital-culture | Apple - responsible: www.apple.com/loop | Two skills for research schemes which old devices can support: www2001.metacog.org | www.watkins.co.uk/mobile/learn/learn-to-recycle-tech | Find your local tech recycling centre: www.rcyrecycle.com



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