



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 19th May

Dear Parents/Carers,

Having enjoyed a few Bank Holidays over the last few weeks, we were back to enjoying a full week of learning. Whilst our attendance is not where we need to see it yet, it was pleasing to see that some classes are now reaching our target of 96.0% or over for the week. In order to help the children make great progress every week, it is paramount that time is not taken off unnecessarily during term time.

I had the pleasure this week of meeting our Friends of Atwood to discuss our up-and-coming Summer Fayre. A date of Saturday 1st July at 11.00am-3.00pm has been agreed. We are looking for any parents/carers that are interested and able to volunteer some time or help in any way either on the day itself or leading up to the event. More information will be available very soon, but in the first instance please reach out to Ishraf, the Friends of Atwood Chair.

Otherwise, we have enjoyed hosting a number of visitors into our school this week, firstly a photographer who took some photos of the children and staff in lessons and generally around the school so that we can update our website and any other publications. We also hosted some visitors from Ark to share our best practice in Maths and Oracy (speaking and listening). Our visitors were all very impressed by the children, their articulation, focus and concentration in class as well as being super welcoming and friendly – a credit to Atwood indeed!

With one week to go before we get to enjoy the half term, I would like to wish you all a very happy weekend and look forward to seeing everyone in school, looking smart and on time on Monday!

Ms Tam McKernan
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Upcoming Dates

- **Summer Fayre – Saturday 1st July 11am-3pm**

Uniform Reminder

- Smart and ready for learning (ties, shirts tucked in etc.)
- Black shoes (trainers only for PE days)
- Hair tidy/tied back if long with hair accessories that match/coordinate with our uniform colours
- **Stud earrings only – please ask if you are not sure if the earrings your child is wearing are appropriate**
- No nail polish
- No necklaces

House Points



Aspire & Achievement	Scholarship	Perseverance	Integrity	Respect & Responsibility	Enthusiasm
353	427	310	223	242	361

Huge congratulations to **Scholarship House** on a very successful week with an impressive 427 house points!

Achievement Assembly

On Friday, upper school celebrated two wonderful scholars from each class who have either personified the Atwood Values or been true Atwood scholars producing great learning. Congratulations to the following children this week!

Value of the Week	
Brazil	Nova -Lei
Ghana	Aryan
Greece	Nathanael
Spain	Hassan
Australia	Laila
Canada	Nora

Scholar of the Week	
Brazil	Mateo
Ghana	Asia
Greece	Sabira Miah
Spain	Colomba
Australia	Tyrone
Canada	Ahmed



Attendance

Excellent attendance is vital to success at school. We track attendance closely; our aim is reach 96.0% or above every week.

Congratulations to all the classes who managed to achieve attendance over 96.0% this week and a very special well done to China class for topping the board with 97.5% - let's see who can top them next week.

EY/KS1		KS2	
Globe	82.8%	Belgium	96.3%
India	92.3%	Norway	93.5%
Mexico	97.3%	Brazil	93.6%
France	96.2%	Ghana	96.3%
Italy	91.9%	Greece	90.0%
Barbados	96.4%	Spain	95.0%
China	97.5%	Australia	95.1%
		Canada	94.7%
Whole School: 93.8%			

Music at Atwood



Every Tuesday, Year 4 immerse themselves in the vibrant and energetic rhythms of samba music. Having explored the cultural significance of this genre and learning the basic beats and steps weekly, our students are fully engaged and excited to be a part of this unique learning experience. With drums and tambourines in hand, they are mastering the art of coordination and teamwork, as they work together to perfect their samba ensemble. We can't wait to see what kind of samba magic this talented group of year 4s will bring to their next school performance!



This week, our young flutists and clarinettists have been working hard to fine-tune their skills whilst also learning to play in sync with one another. Under the guidance of their music teacher, they are learning the importance of tone, breath control, and technique to create a truly impressive melodious sound. No matter what they play, our flutists and clarinettists are sure to impress the audience with their amazing progress as well as their talent and passion for music.



Excitement was in the air as the school choir gathered for a special rehearsal session that was being filmed for their upcoming performance at the legendary Barbican. Voices raised in song as the students worked tirelessly to perfect their harmonies and choreography. Cameras captured every moment of the rehearsal to ensure that every nuance and detail was captured perfectly. Despite the pressure of being filmed, the choir was in fine form and the energy in the room was electric. All of the students were eager to showcase their talents on the big stage and the anticipation of the upcoming performance was palpable. With all the hard work and dedication on display, the choir is sure to bring the house down at the Barbican in July!

Usborne Book Fair

A huge thank you to the Atwood community for once again being so supportive. We had so many orders that we have received £400 in free books which is incredible. The books are arriving and should be sent to classrooms by the time the newsletter is sent. If any orders are outstanding by Monday, please check with your class teacher.



Karate Lessons Available

KARATE CLASSES

Come and learn karate/self-defence, be taught the arts of self-discipline, control and inner balance.

About our Classes

- First class is FREE
- Age 5 & over
- Taught by certified instructors

You Will Learn...

- ✓ Self defence
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Confidence

Monday Class:
4:30-5:30pm
All students

Wednesday Class:
4:30-5:30pm
Beginners under 15's
5:30-6:30pm
Adults & higher grade students

Visit us at:
Paddington Arts, 32 Woodfield Road, London, W9 2BE
Contact us at: 07883712049 Email: vidakarated@gmail.com

Normal price £7.00 per lesson reduced to £5.00 per lesson for the first term.

Half Term Activities Available

This May half-term, it's more important than ever that young people in Westminster have somewhere to go for fun activities and healthy meals.

Whether you like sports, arts & crafts or cooking, there's something for all children and young people to enjoy!

There are also activities for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities so everyone can join the fun.

Don't delay! Find out what free activities and food offers are available to you and register today!

VISIT THE OUR CITY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
ourcity.org.uk/westminster-half-term

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.

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

TAKE CARE WHAT YOU SHARE (on a laptop screen)

CHECK YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS (on a Nintendo Switch)

AVOID COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS (on a tablet showing a social media profile with 24 likes)

TRACK YOUR SCREEN TIME (on a wooden sign)

TAKE BREAKS (on a game controller)

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT (on a diamond-shaped sign)

PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST (on a sign attached to a red mailbox)

BLOCK BULLIES (on a smartphone)

BE KIND & BE CAREFUL (on the boy's tank top)

SPEAK UP AGAINST HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR (on a pink sign)

GO TECH FREE BEFORE BED (on a wooden sign attached to a doghouse)

STAY ACTIVE OFFLINE (on a yellow ball)

NOS National Online Safety® #WakeUpWednesday (on a laptop)

LOOK FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITIES

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