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Ark Atwood Primary Academy
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Newsletter, Friday 11th October 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, Atwood was closed for an Ark inset day. This day involved teachers and leaders from all 37 Ark schools (and some that will be joining the network next September) coming together to celebrate 15 years of Ark and what being part of a network of schools is all about.

Being part of a wider network provides great opportunities for our staff. One of Ark's greatest strengths is the quality of the teacher training programme and the ongoing professional development for teachers and leaders. Having ten inset days each year allows schools in the network to really focus on training and developing so that we can secure the very best outcomes for the communities that we serve. The day also included a speech by Julie Jackson, President of Uncommon Schools. Their network of schools has had a big influence on Ark and many of the classroom teaching strategies we use originate from their network.

You can read more about the day here <http://arkonline.org/news/highlights-arks-2019-teacher-summit>

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Parents Evening

Parents evening dates for this term are on Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th December.

School will finish at 3.00pm on these days. First parents evening appointment is at 3.15pm. Digital sign up will open nearer the time.

Atwood Attendance

It is important that children are at school every day. Every lesson and every session matters and children should only be off school in exceptional circumstances. Our attendance target is to **exceed 96%**. Below are the attendance figures for this week.

The whole school attendance figure for this week is: **98.24%**

The Key Stage **One** class with the highest attendance this week is: **FRANCE and ITALY**

The Key Stage **Two** classes with the highest attendance this week is: **CANADA**



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Lunches

Please let the office know if your child/children will be having a School Lunch or Packed Lunch. Your child will be expected to remain on their selected choice for half a term. You will not be able to mix your choices throughout the week. This policy is crucial in ensuring our kitchen staff are able to order and prepare meals for the correct number of children.

If you chose to provide a packed lunch for your child, please remember that the following items are not permitted in a packed lunch:

- Fizzy drinks
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Crisps

We have noticed an increase in these items coming to school and would be grateful for your support in providing healthy lunches.

Parents On Site

A reminder that parents should not be on site during the school day. This is for safeguarding reasons.

If you need to collect your child(ren) early or for an appointment, you must inform the office the day before. Please come to the office and wait for your child to be brought down to the reception area.



Celebrating...

Every Friday at Achievement Assembly we celebrate our wonderful scholars who have excelled over the course of the week. We also celebrate children who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating the Atwood values. Winners this week are:



	Scholar of the Week	Atwood Values of the Week
Mexico	Tobi	Aila
India	Raseel	Ahmed
France	Malak	Isabel
Italy	Kobe	Lucy
China	Jacopo	Emily
Barbados	Sulaiman	Samira
Norway	Salma	Jacob
Belgium	Lola	Mason
Brazil	Mohamed	Abdul
Ghana	Adam	Maisie
Spain	Wania	Mustafa
Greece	Neveah	Shanna
Australia	Aneesa	Lenny
Canada	Eyad	Medina

Year Two at the Science Museum

On Tuesday 1st October, the Year 2s launched themselves into their first trip to the Science Museum. We enjoyed browsing the galleries and hunting for objects from the Space Race – including astronaut nappies and a piece of the moon! After completing our object hunt, the children landed on the moon in their immersive 4-D IMAX experience watching Legend of Apollo. Finally, Year 2 capped off the day with a taste of 'space ice cream' made of dehydrated fruit and milk which is light enough to be loaded onto a space craft.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
15 th Oct		Year 2 Science Museum Trip
16 th Oct		Norway Class Floating Classroom Trip
17 th Oct	9.00am	Admissions Morning
17 th Oct		Belgium Class Floating Classroom Trip
18 th Oct		Halloween Bake Sale
21 st – 25 th Oct	Half Term	
28 th Oct		Nasal Flu Jabs
7 th Nov	9.00am	Admissions Morning
8 th Nov		Wacky Hair and Hat Day / End of Day Bake Sale
19 th Nov		Y4 British Museum Trip
22 nd Nov	Academy	Inset Day: School Closed
5 th Dec	9.00am	Admissions Morning
5 th Dec		Year 3 Wonderlab Trip
7 th Dec		Atwood Winter Fair
13 th Dec		Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day / Bake Sale
19 th Dec	2.00pm	End of Term

Friends of Ark Atwood Update

The Halloween bake sale has been moved to Friday 18th October. Please drop off Halloween themed cakes in the morning or after school.

Wacky hair and crazy hat day has now been moved to the 8th November.

The next Friends of Ark Atwood meeting will take place on Friday 18th October at 8:45am. Please join us, we will start planning the Winter Fair and would love to see parents/carers involved. Thank you for your support from your FofAA team



Library News

This week we were excited to host another author event in school. The children in Nursery and Reception got to meet new Author/Illustrator Tom Tinn-Disbury and join in an interactive story time. He also showed them how to draw his characters Ogg and Penny and the children had a go at drawing them too. Some of the drawings the children produced were so amazing and a display will be going up in the library next week.



Who is in the Spotlight this week?

Starting a new year group can sometimes be a little daunting and can take a while to 'find your feet'. Despite a hesitant start in Year 4, Kamali has absolutely smashed it! He has produced a lovely piece of writing about the Sumatran tiger. Not only are his teachers absolutely thrilled at Kamali's effort, his results show they'll have to work harder too to keep up the challenge!

Tuesday 8th October 2019

to use paragraphs to organise my writing
 You have used lots of technical vocabulary - this makes your writing interesting.

The Sumatran tiger can jump a whole lot more than just ~~jumping~~ down. Sumatran tiger is not a hydrophobic animal although other cats are hydrophobic because it has webbed paws like a duck. They also love to swim and to have lots of water.

Habitats
 The Sumatran tiger lives in a hot dense tropical habitat in the lowland evergreen forest they also live by rivers or streams of water, all of the Sumatran tigers live in the Sumatran rainforest.

Threats
 Poachers using guns traps and snares to kill the Sumatran tiger and also other animals they are harming this and all kinds of animals. The Sumatran tiger is losing prey and habitat fast because of poachers and deforestation.

Conservation
 Conservationists are building clinics, homes and schools for villagers outside of protected areas. If we take deforestation palm oil and logging all in decline permanently the habitats can grow and there will be no critically endangered animals in Sumatran tigers.