



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 12th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to have our Reception, Nursery and Community Classroom children back in the school at the start of the week – it felt like we were taking our first steps towards something approaching normal school again. Thank you so much to parents for following our distancing guidelines by using the black marks we put out at the respective bubble entrances. Following my letter from Tuesday, please be reminded of our revised phased return to school dates:

Monday 15th June: Year One children return

Monday 22nd June: Year Six, Reception, Nursery and Community Classroom return

Again, we will continue to contact year group families with a survey each week to support us with staffing and planning for the following week. The survey will be sent out on a Monday with a Wednesday 4pm deadline. This must be completed each week but if you have stated on your first survey that your child will not be returning until September, you will not be sent the survey. Given that increasing numbers of staff are required on site to help with phased school return, as I mentioned previously, home learning will continue in its current form but onsite staff will be less available for emails and phone calls home. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Our uniform suppliers have been in touch to say that they are now open and are able to process orders. I believe that there is quite a delay between ordering and delivering so I would strongly recommend making orders for September by the end of June at the latest – I appreciate that this is very early.

- Uniform details can be found on our website at: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/uniform>
- Contact details for our uniform suppliers: Urban Apparel, 373 Harrow Road, London, W9 3NA. Tel: 020 8964 2743

Residentials Many of you have been in touch regarding refunds for money paid towards the cost of the residentials in Y2 and Y6. The Office team are in the process of contacting families to arrange these refunds so please keep an eye out for an email from the team.

Library Books It was great to see lots of parents, at a safe distance, come to collect/return books earlier this week. Keeping children reading during the disruption is vitally important and we are grateful to our librarian, Fiona, for helping to make this happen.

Finally, this Sunday is the third anniversary of the terrible tragedy at Grenfell Tower. I know many members of our school community have strong links to Grenfell. On behalf of the Atwood team, we send you our love and support at this sad time.

Have a lovely weekend.

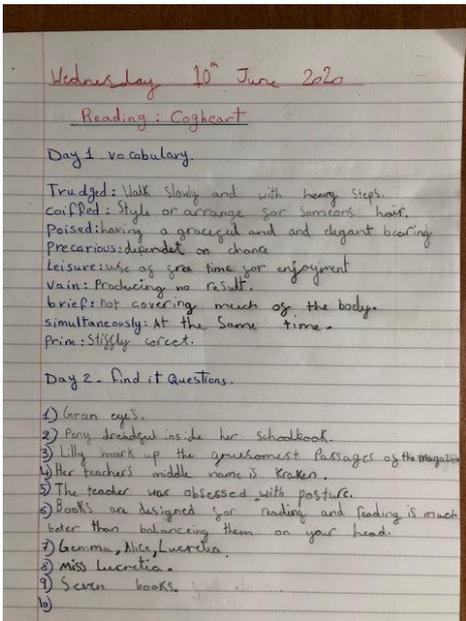
Best Wishes

James Evelyn
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Children's Work

Thank you for sharing lots of wonderful work from home. Here is a selection:



Thank you Noor for all your hard work with your handwriting. Practice makes perfect!



In year 2 the children have been bringing their learning to life by designing and making symmetrical patterns with objects and even by making pizza! Thank you Kanon, Koray and Aboudi.



Hassan and Emily in Year 2 are really proud of their illustrations of a tree, inspired by our book Wangari's Trees of Peace.

Book Spotlight:

This week Year 2 have been learning about Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. She was a Kenyan Scientist who successfully campaigned against the government to replant trees across Kenya after mass deforestation. Since the protests led by her in 1977, over 51 million trees have been planted, and over 30,000 women have been trained in ecologically sustainable trades from the Green Belt Movement founded by Professor Wangari Maathai.

Video of the story being read:

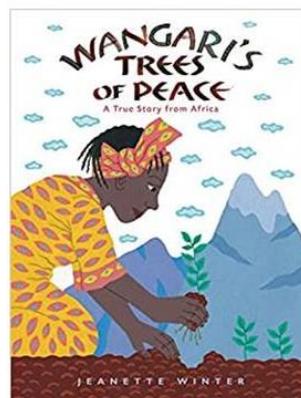
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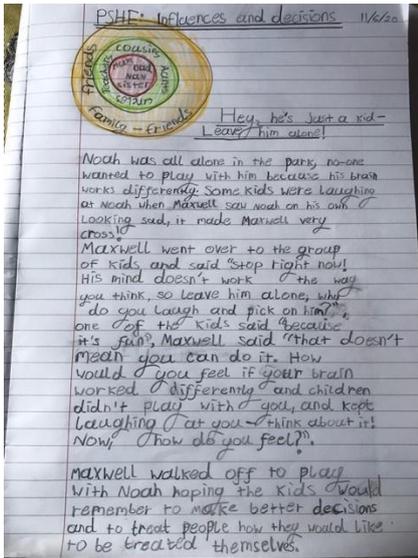
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During the lockdown period Astrid has been keeping a Lockdown Diary, recording her thoughts and her experiences. This runs into two volumes now!





This week in PSHE, Year 4 had to consider ways in which opinions and influences impact the way in which we make decisions and act. Milo has written a story that illustrates ways in which positive influence and leading by example can incite others to change their ways of thinking.



Loving Natalie's balloons which should all of her qualities.

Enjoy the story of Oliver Twist through Hubert's comic strip!

