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**Achieving  
 Success**

**Newsletter, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Message from Head of School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may recall a few weeks ago, I was in Lincoln for a ‘Challenge Partners Peer Review’ – a new form of school inspection that Ark is trialling this year in some schools. This week we hosted three headteachers (from Doncaster and Cornwall) for three days who met with school leaders, observed teaching and reviewed the performance of the school.

Really pleased to share with you what a positive visit it was. The visitors spoke warmly about our climate for learning, the quality of our teaching, provision for our pupils with additional needs and the strength of our curriculum including the changes we are making at the moment. It was particularly pleasing to hear them talk about wanting to adopt some of our approaches in their schools! As always, there are areas for us to improve on and these include fine tuning how we model writing to children.

Don't forget that we finish at 2pm next Thursday but, before then, we have a host of performances to look forward to. See below for dates!

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn  
 Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

**End of Term**

**Term finishes next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.** Please ensure your child/children are collected promptly.

We return on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. P3 will be running on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January. Parents need to sign up via <https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk> by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to get the 20% discount.

**Performances next week**

Looking forward to seeing lots of parents at the various performances taking place next week. Timings as follows:

9.30am 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30pm 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
KSI Performance	Y3/4 Performance	Reception Nativity	Nursery Concert	Y5/6 Performance

**Winter Fair**



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Winter Fair last weekend – especially those who gave up their time to volunteer and help out with running the stores on a chilly afternoon! Tasty food, fun and games, arts and craft and good fun were had by all. We raised a fantastic £2,300. As always, a special thank you to Viv and the Friends of Atwood for all their hard work in making everything happen.

## 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.

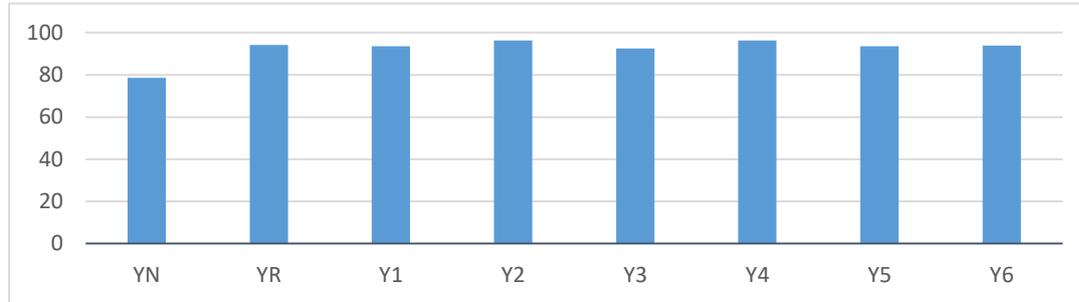
The whole school attendance figure for this week is: **93.47**

The Key Stage **One** class with the highest attendance this week is: **BARBADOS**

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



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



## Pantomime Season

This week, children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been to see Cinderella and Father Christmas at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith.

Next week, the Reception children are off to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.



THE PURRFECT CHRISTMAS TREAT!

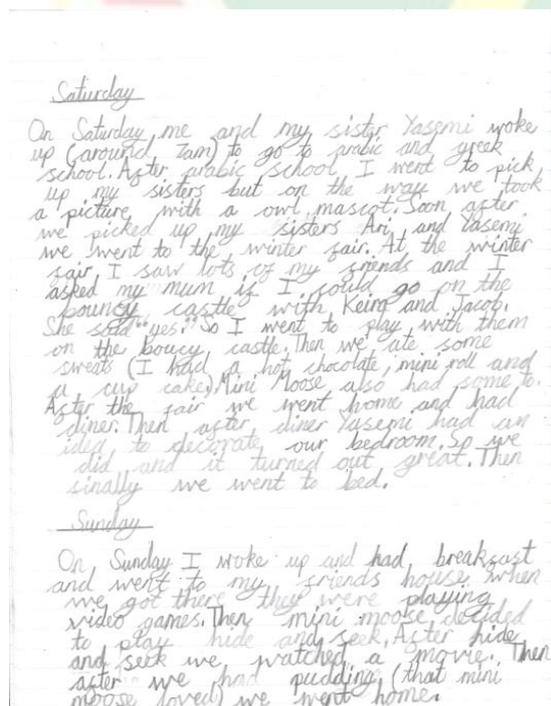
## The Tiger Who Came to Tea

★★★★  
'This Tiger is the cat's meow'  
The Times



## Who is in the Spotlight this week?

This week, we are focusing on Year 3. Firstly, in Norway class, we are taking a slightly different path and sharing the adventures of Mini Moose – the Norway mascot who goes home each weekend with a different child. This week, Sama has written about her adventures with Mini Moose.

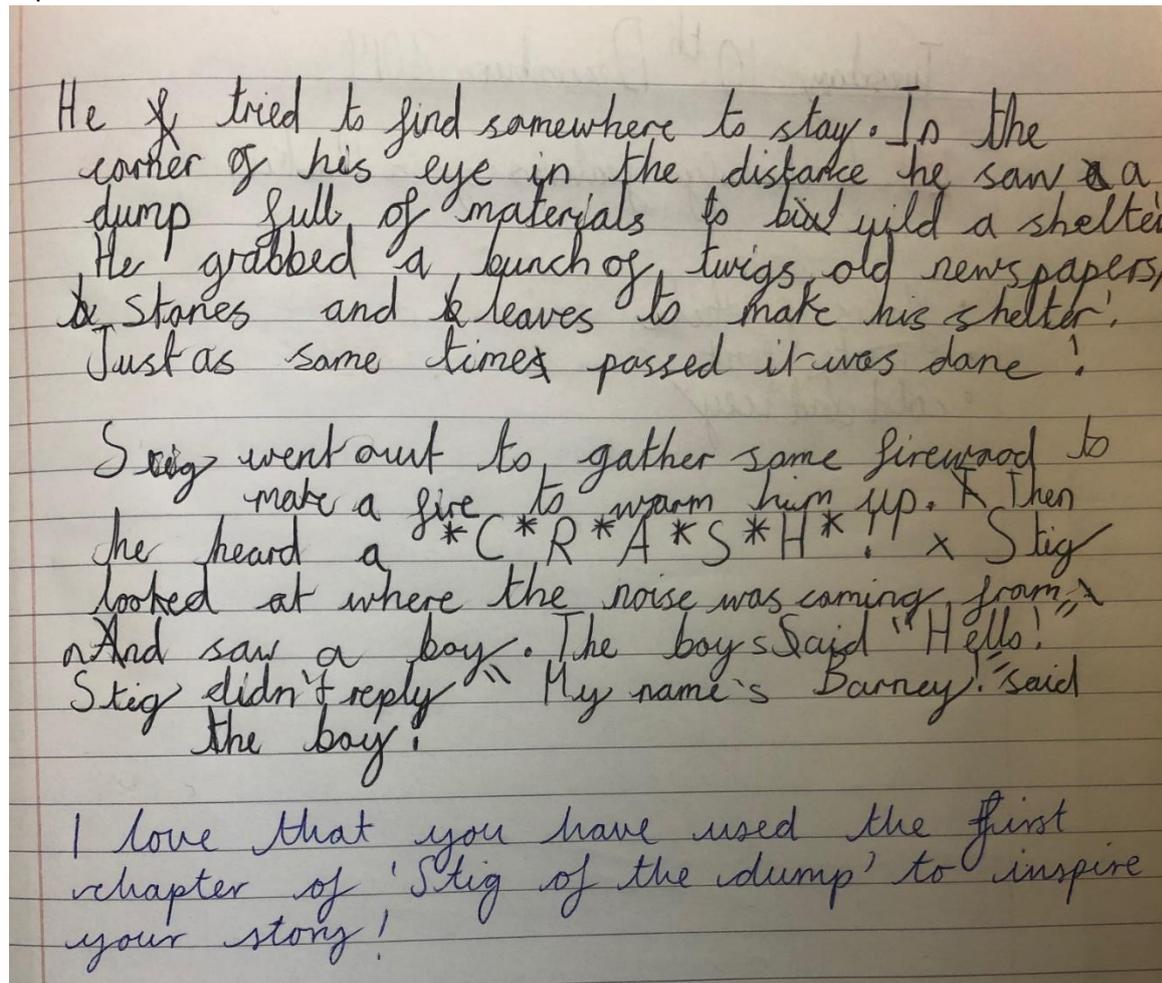


me and mini moose at arabic school



me and mini moose with a owl mascot.

Also in the spotlight this week is Natalia in Belgium class. Look at Natalia's beautiful writing piece inspired by Stig of the Dump. The children have written a prequel for Clive King's novel, which we have been reading in class this half term. Natalia maggied details from the first chapter to draw parallels between the experiences of the two main characters.



## Music

A number of musical enrichment opportunities have come up in the local area. Please have a look at these flyers and sign up if you are interested

**Love music? Want more?**

Listen to and learn from famous musicians, take part in fun musical workshops and perform together!

#TBMHYVC / #02.02.2020

- Tri-borough Music Hub Youth Conference Sunday 2nd February 2020, Royal College of Music, 12:30pm – 5:30pm
- Created by Young People 4 Young People - TBMH Youth Voice Council #TBMHYVC #02.02.2020
- Take part in a day of music making in a world-class institution. Learn from top musicians including world famous beatboxer Shamime Ibrahim and composer Charlotte Harding.
- Listen to keynote talks from professionals and find out how they made it to the top. Have the chance to ask our panel of experts from the music industry any question you like!
- Take part in practical workshops in a variety of styles to satiate everyone, and participate in a mass gumbot performance!
- This exciting, ground-breaking Youth Conference is for young people aged 10-15 years old. For more information and to book your place use the following link: <https://tiny.cc/g4z2>

**Hurry! Book your place today!**

Booking closes January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

Full Price tickets: £10  
Limited early bird ticket offer: £5!  
(until 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019)

**tri-borough music hub**  
YOUTH VOICE COUNCIL

**Youth Conference 2020**

Sunday 2nd February 2020  
12:30pm – 5:30pm

With thanks to the generous support from our partners at:

tri-borough music hub @theLyric

**TBMH open week!**

**Monday 13th January**

- First Access Continuation Ensemble (Pre-grade 1) 4.15–5.00pm
- Junior Wind & Brass Ensemble (Grade 1-4) 5.15–6.15pm
- Junior Guitar Ensemble (Grade 1-4) 5.15–6.15pm
- Junior String Ensemble (Grade 1-4) 5.15–6.15pm

**Wednesday 15th January**

- Folk Ensemble (Grade 1-8) 4.00–5.30pm
- Youth Orchestra (Grade 5-8) 5.30–7.30pm

**Thursday 16th January**

- Chamber Choir (Year 7-13) 4.30–6.00pm
- Young Singers (Year 4-6) 5.00–6.15pm

No need to book, just turn up with your instrument to the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, W6 0QL for your chosen session!  
Nearest tube—Hammersmith tube station (2 min walk)  
Please email: [info@triboroughmusicclub.org](mailto:info@triboroughmusicclub.org) if you have any questions.

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