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**Newsletter, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring term has got off to a lovely start with so much happening right from the off – sadly, the weather is choosing to be a little on the stubborn side with ‘wet plays’ seemingly the norm! The children, as they always do, take it in their stride and have hit the ground running.

There are a few parent sessions happening in the next couple of weeks which we would love to see lots of you at. Details as follows:

- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (8.00am):** Y2 Residential Parent Session – find out more about this year’s residential and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January (8.45am):** Humanities Curriculum Parent Workshop – come along and find out more about some of the changes we have made in this exciting area of the curriculum

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

### Parent Governor Coffee Morning

Our Parent Governors are holding an informal coffee morning at Toast Coffee Shop (downstairs) in Formosa Street at **8.45am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. All parents are welcome to come along and meet with Alisa and Vipul for an update and to discuss school related issues.

### 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%**.

**Whole School  
Attendance this  
week:**

**96%**

**Best Class  
Attendance this  
week:**

**CANADA**



<b>Globe</b> 96.5%	<b>Mexico</b> 94.6%	<b>India</b> 94%	<b>Italy</b> 97.2%	<b>France</b> 94%	<b>China</b> 96.6%	<b>Barbados</b> 96%	<b>Norway</b> 94.4%
<b>Belgium</b> 95.8%	<b>Ghana</b> 96.3%	<b>Brazil</b> 99.3%	<b>Greece</b> 96.5%	<b>Spain</b> 94.6%	<b>Canada</b> 99.6%	<b>Australia</b> 97.2%	

### Mind Up

Ark Atwood is part of a Pilot programme this year to teach MindUp - a course of study that teaches students about the brain and how we feel. Students will take part in Brain Breaks daily as an opportunity to pause, focus and relax. The lessons will provide an understanding of key parts of the brain and how they impact our emotions, reactions and interactions.

MindUp nicely compliments our work on Zones of Regulation, with the key message being one of greater self-awareness and ability to regulate your own states of mind. MindUp forms part of our PSHE curriculum, promoting healthy, happy lives (both mentally and physically!). Mr Townsend will run a parent workshop later on in the term to share the approach. In the meantime, if you see him around feel free to ask all about it.



### Year Two at the V & A

This week Year 2 embarked on a voyage across countries and ages as they explored the V&A in South Kensington. The children explored a range of ancient and modern objects from around the world and learnt about their passage to the UK – did you know about the treasure hunters who looted objects hundreds of years ago? The children took part in a Discovering Shape Workshop where they found 2d and 3d shapes amongst different artefacts. The children enjoyed sketching and learning about a variety of objects.

## Religion and World Views Curriculum

This half term, we are launching our new Religion and Worldviews Education (RWE) curriculum across KS2 which was successfully piloted in Ghana class last term. The curriculum aims to enable each child to understand, reflect upon and develop their own personal worldview. By understanding how worldviews are formed, change over time and are expressed at both individual and communal levels, children will come to a refined understanding of their own worldview as well as those of others, thus enabling them to be informed, tolerant and responsible citizens.

Each half term, the children explore a key question such as ‘How do religious worldviews and art interact with each other?’ and will end their inquiry with an essay addressing the same question. By exploring key questions children are given an opportunity to build an understanding of different worldviews (both religious and non-religious), compare and analyse them, to arrive at a nuanced understanding of others and themselves.



Do look out for the RWE curriculum map on the school website to see what key question your child will be engaging with this term. Above is an example of an RWE task allowing children to develop their ability to analyse and interpret an image or a piece of art. Have a go - what do you think is going on in this picture? Answer next week!

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	8.00am	Y2 Residential Parent Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00am	Norway Class Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	Humanities Curriculum Parent Workshop
28 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am	Parent Governors Coffee Morning (Toast Coffee Shop)
29 <sup>th</sup> January		Individual School Photos – KS2 & Globe 1 (+ Siblings)
30 <sup>th</sup> January		Individual School Photos – Reception, KSI & Globe 2
13 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm	Half Term begins
24 <sup>th</sup> February	8.25am	Spring 2 Term Begins
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Italy Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> March		Y3 British Museum Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	France Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Spain Class Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm	Parents Evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am	Belgium Class Assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.15pm	Parents Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00pm	End of Term
30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Brazil Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Mexico Class Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Greece Class Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	Ghana Class Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Y2 Residential
4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Barbados Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	China Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	India Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Y6 Residential
13 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	KSI Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	KS2 Sports Day

## Music Events Coming Up

One Voice have a busy spring term ahead with two exciting musical events:

- Wednesday 5th February - Young voices concert. One Voice’s big annual event at the O2 is fast approaching. Thank you to all parents who are helping the children learn all of the repertoire and dance moves.
- Tuesday 11th February - Sing into Spring at Cecil Sharp House (for year 5 and 6 in one voice). Only a week after young voices, we will be heading to Cecil sharp house to learn repertoire for the next big concert- the Ark Gala which will take place in the summer.



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