



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 19th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, our Year 6 children will be returning to school along with children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and those who attend our Community Classroom. This is the first time that we will have more than two cohorts at school since the phased return began. Please ensure that you arrive promptly at the correct time and place - parents of children attending will have received an email indicating which bubble your child is in and where they should be lining up.

As you may have seen, the government is keen for additional year groups to return to school if it is safe to do so. Ark Schools have asked for Year 5 children to be prioritised as they move towards their final year at primary school. With this in mind, we need to gauge exactly how much space we have so we can look at ways to make this happen.

- In next week's surveys for Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six, parents will be asked whether their child **will** or **will not** be returning before the end of term. This will be a **binding response** so we know exactly how much space we have.
- Parents of Year 5 children will have today received a survey asking them whether their child would be attending school **if** we were able to offer provision for them. Please complete by 3pm on Monday.

We are keen to have as many children back in school as is safely possible but we need to carefully plan how this will be able to work.

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn

Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy



Ark Sports Day Challenge

With sports days unable to take place this year, Ark Atwood is taking part in the Ark Sports Day Challenge - to get schools across the Ark network to collectively cycle, run and walk the distance around the world (40,000km!).

To take on this challenge, alongside our teachers, we are calling upon our children and their families to do an activity that add to our kilometre count and meet the target.

As a school, we are raising money to help with ensuring our provision meets the needs of all our learners when we return in far greater numbers in the autumn. This will include the purchase of additional IT equipment, mental health and wellbeing support and we are also looking to widen our offer with more active based learning to compensate for all the time stuck indoors.

Let's inspire each other with what we can achieve together – doing something fun, healthy and positive along our way. Be part of a sports day with a difference. To sign up, all you need to do is visit: www.arksportsdaychallenge.com If you have any questions or ideas, please speak to Mr Mackenzie.

Survey Responses

We are having to send a large number of surveys to parents to help us organise school provision each week. It is absolutely essential that these are completed ahead of the deadline otherwise your child will not be able to attend the following week. If you are concerned your email address on the system may not be correct, please phone the office to check.

Book Collection

We will once again be running our pop up library next Wednesday (24th June) from 10.30am to 12.00pm. This will provide children with an opportunity to return old library books and sign out new ones. This will be done outside the back gates (weather depending) and will require hand sanitizing before any books are touched. We will also require any attending parents and children to line up at an appropriate distance.

We are offering exercise books for collection and parents of children in Y1, Y3 and Y4 will be able to collect a Humanities workbook.

Uniform



A reminder that our uniform suppliers are now open and able to process orders. We believe that there is quite a delay between ordering and delivering so we would strongly recommend making orders for September by the end of June at the latest – we 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

Ark Soca Medley Music Video

We are creating a professional music video starring YOU! We are looking for pupils from across the Ark network of schools to record themselves for our Soca Medley video, which brings together three energetic and empowering carnival classics. There are three ways you can take part:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Drumming

Everything you need to learn the parts and record your videos can be found at www.arkmusicresources.co.uk/enrichment (Password: MusicResources)

The deadline for sending in your recordings is **Monday 29th June**. We can't wait to receive your recordings!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the #AtwoodMessage challenge. Your videos made us all smile and have now been combined to make this:

KS1: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vfU3yWICBqXYAu-nj9I_iIMd4kx-LPp8/view

KS2: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yPogcDxTiWSU5aTTGc63Oc64BM2UxCi2/view?usp=sharing>

We now wanted to launch a new exciting challenge which has been set across the whole network by Ark Music. **This is the #ArkSocaMedley challenge.**

The **Soca Medley** was originally meant to be performed in June at the Ark Gala but instead Ark Music would like to give all children the opportunity to contribute to a network wide music video performing the medley. The piece brings together three iconic Trinidadian songs celebrating the creativity and musicality of black musicians in an uplifting anthem. Soca music was created to re-popularise calypso for a younger generation and we hope that in a similar way, the Soca Medley will be a fun, empowering piece for our students to join in with and enjoy.

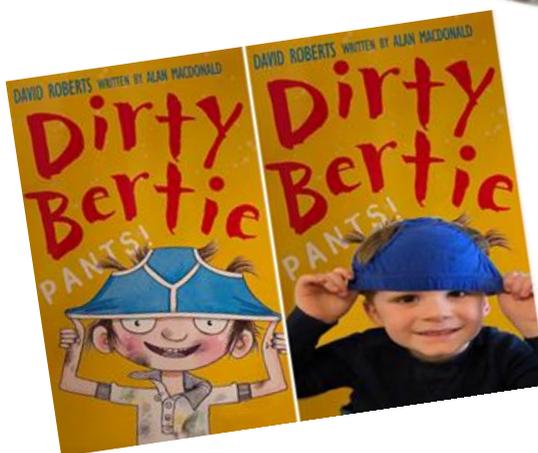
Students can choose to **sing, dance** or **drum** along to the song and can practise using the Ark Music tutorial videos: www.arkmusicresources.co.uk/enrichment (password: MusicResources)

You can record as much or as little as you like of the medley and leave the editing to the Ark Music team.

The deadline for submission is **Monday 29th June**. Please email all recordings to Miss Schofield and she will pass them onto the Ark Music Team h.schofield-newton@arkatwoodprimary.org. Please remember that by sending in your video recording, you are giving consent for it to be used by Ark and shared publicly.

Childhood Day - Book Cover Challenge

We know how much our scholars love reading and one thing we've all been doing more of is, well, reading! With our love of reading and time on our hands, why not try and re-create your favourite book cover? The more imaginative the better - time to draw on your resourcefulness and inventiveness! Here are some examples to inspire you:



We would love to share your pictures in time for Childhood Day (Friday 26th June).

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/charity-runs-cycles-and-challenges/social-and-special-events/childhood-day/>

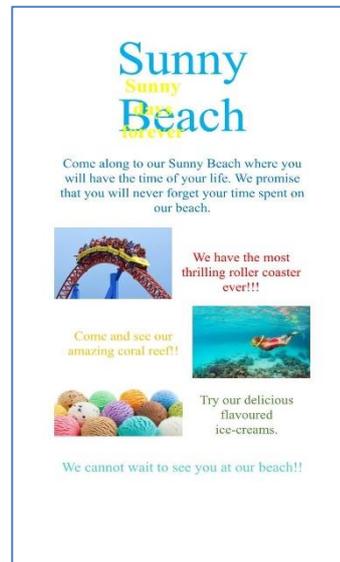
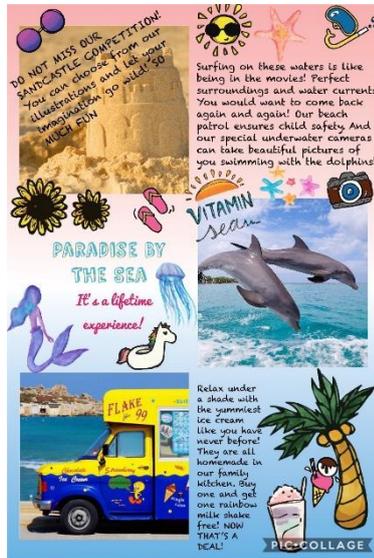
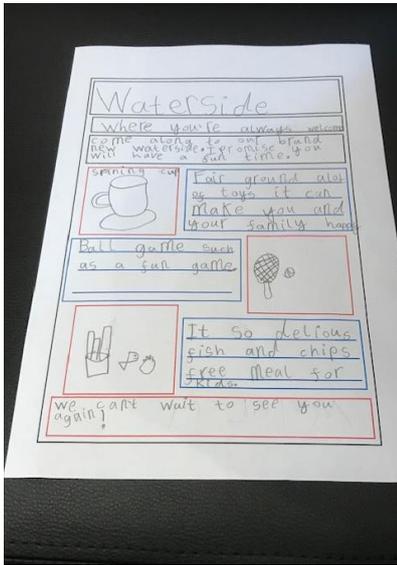
Please send a picture of the book cover you have chosen and your recreation of it to your teachers by **next Wednesday 24th June**. This will give us enough time to create a montage of your efforts!

Children's Work

Take a moment to enjoy Maria's still life drawings. The task was to find small items lying around your home and scatter them onto a piece of paper. Try and sketch them as accurately and carefully as possible paying attention to detail. [Year 5 have also been doing some still life drawing – lovely images on the next page].



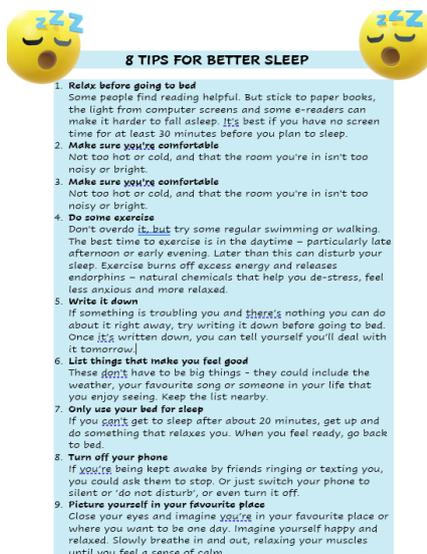
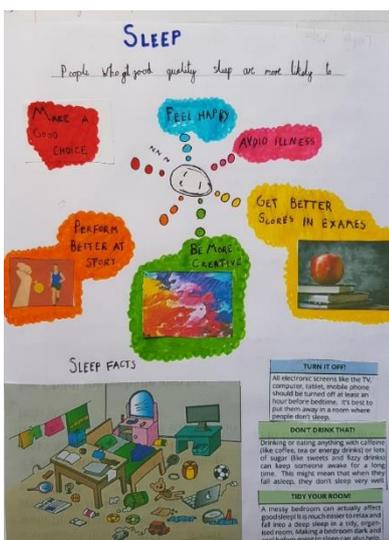
This week Year 1 have been working hard to create a persuasive poster all about their very own seaside resort. They have thought of snappy titles, catchy slogans and used fantastic persuasive language to grip the reader. Check out their amazing posters (some written and some published on the computer) and we know it'll be hard for you to resist visiting these dreamy seaside resorts. Thank you to Aadam in France class and Sadeel and Seher in Italy class for their superb examples.



Some more still life images from Year 5. Thank you Teo, Manel and Adam.



Struggling for sleep? Sina and Olaf have some tips!



Year 4 have been practicing their origami skills to make cubes. The results are as individual and unique as our children!



The process:

What happens if a child or staff member shows symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).



If a child/staff member displays symptoms **at home**, they must not come to school.



If a child/staff member displays symptoms **at school**, we will send them home.



They must have a test as soon as possible to see if they have the virus.
They'll have to stay at home until they have their results.



We'll send a letter to you letting you know that a child/staff member in your child's bubble/pod is waiting for their COVID-19 test results.
Please continue to bring / send your child to school.



If a child/staff member has a positive test, they will have to self-isolate for seven days.
They can't come back to school until they're better.



If a child/staff member has a negative test, **they can come back to school.**



We'll send a letter to you letting you know that a child/staff member in your child's bubble/pod has tested positive for COVID-19. To reduce the spread of the virus, we'll close their bubble/pod.
Everyone from that class bubble must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.
If symptoms start to appear when self-isolating, they must get a test and let us know the outcome.
We'll continue to provide home learning materials.



We'll make sure the classroom has a deep clean and we'll send you a letter confirming when the bubble/pod can return.