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**Achieving
Success**

Newsletter, Friday 1st November 2019



Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am aware that there has been a significant increase in concerns about traffic and parking in our local area. Please be assured we are fully aware how challenging the situation is and are committed to working with our wider community to put pressure on the local authority to help us resolve this situation.

Our catchment area for this year's reception intake was 0.33 miles. I know that some families live some distance away but for the overwhelming majority, there is no need to drive. Congestion and idling engines cause a build-up of exhaust fumes that are harmful to us all – Westminster has provided us with a sign (see above). Driving at speed and aggressively also poses a danger to children and adults walking to school.

For my part, I have again this week been in touch with Westminster councillors to ensure that refuse collection does not take place during the start/end of day timings. I have also spoken again to our delivery companies and reminded them of our timings and not to schedule deliveries when families are arriving/leaving.

We all want the children to have a safe journey to and from school and I fully intend to keep working with the Atwood community to help achieve this aim.

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

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: **95.8%**

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

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



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Speak Out / Stay Safe

The NSPCC visited Atwood this week to talk about 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' – a programme encouraging children to talk to trusted adults about their worries. All children attended assemblies; Years 5 and 6 then had workshops on keeping themselves safe including when going online and using technology (cyber safety).



Phonics Workshop

Thank you to parents who attended the Reception RWi Phonics Workshop on Thursday morning displaying excellent Fred Talking! The powerpoint is now on the website under the 'parent workshops' tab. If you any questions about phonics teaching in Reception, please speak to Miss Thomson



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	Rakan	Sara
India	Harrison	Yishai
France	Ismah	Muhammad
Italy	Ali	Sadeel
China	Sofia	Zahra
Barbados	Saja	Filip
Norway	Aanya	Noor
Belgium	Saja	Filip
Brazil	Djad	Yasemi
Ghana	Kamali	K-Ci
Spain	Arber	Cairo
Greece	Adam	Yasmine
Australia	Maia	Zara
Canada	Amira	Hisham

Dates for the Diary

7 th Nov	9.00am	Admissions Morning
8 th Nov		Wacky Hair and Hat Day / End of Day Bake Sale
14 th Nov	8.45am	Computing at Atwood: Parent Workshop
19 th Nov		Y4 British Museum Trip
22 nd Nov	Academy	Inset Day: School Closed
26 th Nov	PM	Y6 Rhythm Studio Performance
28 th Nov	PM	Y5 Rhythm Studio Performance
2 nd Dec	3.15pm	Parents Evening (School finishes at 3pm)
5 th Dec	9.00am	Admissions Morning
5 th Dec		Year 3 Wonderlab Trip
5 th Dec	3.15pm	Parents Evening (School finishes at 3pm)
7 th Dec		Atwood Winter Fair
13 th Dec		Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day / Bake Sale
17 th Dec	9.00am	KSI Performance
17 th Dec	3.00pm	Y3/Y4 Performance
18 th Dec	9.00am	Reception Performance
18 th Dec	3.00pm	Y5/Y6 Performance
tbc		Nursery performance
19 th Dec	2.00pm	End of Term



Halloween

We marked Halloween this week with the kitchen team preparing a spooky lunch. 😊

House Badges

All pupils are in Houses which represent our Values. House points are awarded regularly for children demonstrating the values. Years R-6 were given their house badge yesterday. Please ensure this is displayed on their uniform, a tie is the ideal place as doesn't go in the washing machine too often, so not being taken on and off and reducing the possibility of getting lost! Replacement badges are available in the office – price 20p.

Aspiration and Achievement

Scholarship

Perseverance

Integrity

Respect and Responsibility

Enthusiasm

Ask your child what their badge means when they come home today!

Knowledge Organisers

The start of Autumn 2 means new topics in History and Geography. As you know from Autumn 1, we have created Knowledge Organisers to help define the knowledge that children should know at the end of the unit. We really want parents to use these to support children's learning. Knowledge Organisers are on the Atwood website under the 'curriculum' tab – they are also on the board outside each classroom.

Computing Curriculum – Find Out More!

We are so excited to have bought a subscription to an award-winning educational website www.purplemash.com. Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed to be used by Primary aged children in the classroom and at home. Find out more here: <https://2simple.com/parents>

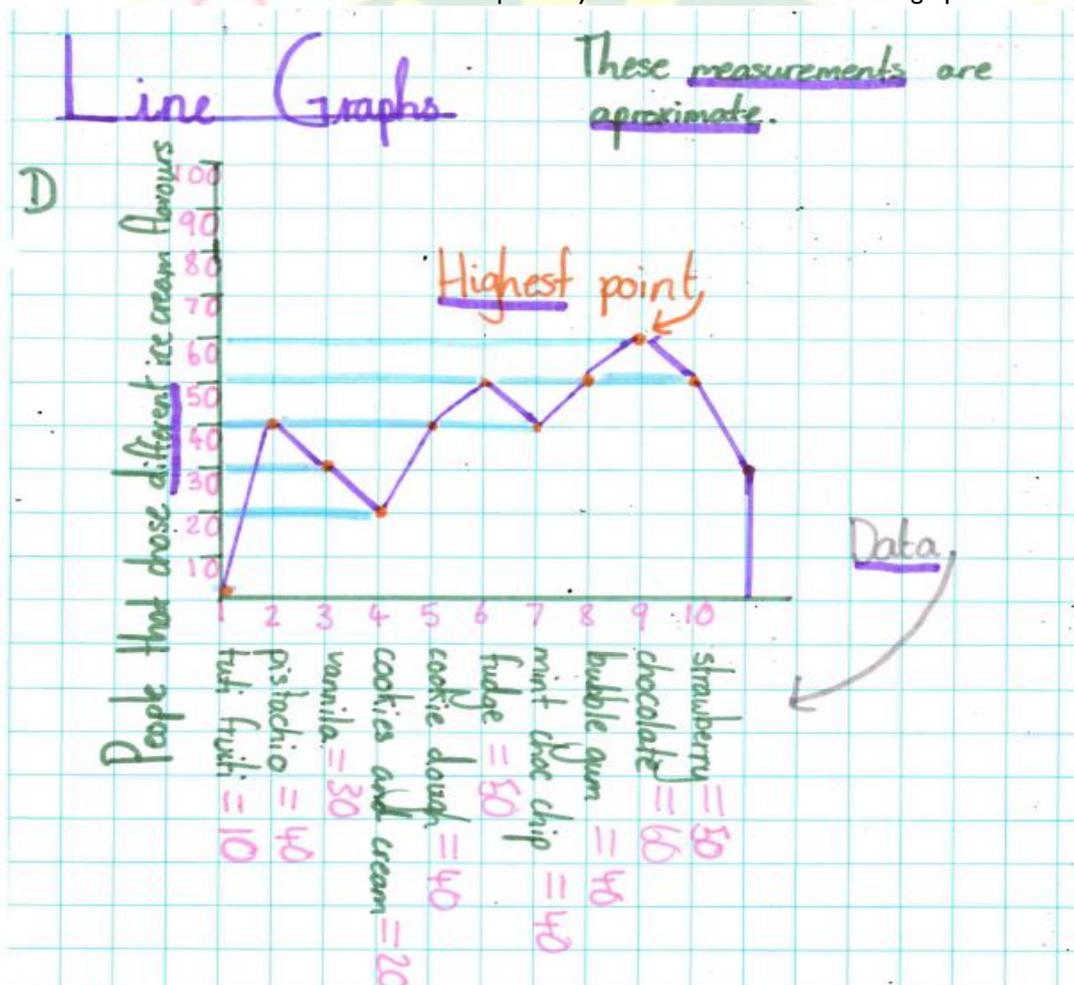
It is safe and age appropriate, providing educational technology that is accessible for primary age children. Children will be using Purple Mash in class to publish digital work, develop their online literacy and develop their understanding of coding. We have opted to provide all children with a personal log-in to enable them to access these tools at home to support their home learning. Please take a look at the website with the log in that has been provided for your child.

To support home-use, we will be having a parent workshop on **Thursday 14th November 2019**.



Who is in the Spotlight this week?

This week, the spotlight falls on someone who has shown an excellent attitude to learning and has created work at home that has not yet been taught in class! Well done Nevaeh in Greece Class – we hope everyone loves this wonderful line graph!



Underline the star words and write them below. create your own.

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| ★ Approximate | ★ Line graphs | ★ information |
| ★ Highest | ★ because | ★ important |
| ★ Data | ★ units | ★ Measuring points |

Friends of Ark Atwood Update

Winter Fair Meeting; Thank you to everyone who attended and their great ideas. We're looking forward to delivering a fun event for the Ark Community on **December 7th from 12-3**. If you would like to get involved please email atwoodfriends@gmail.com

Wacky Hair Day is next Friday November 8th! We will ask parents for a discretionary donation. Suggestion is £1.

The Penny Jar challenge is also back! the jars will be in the classrooms soon, please give the children spare change. The challenge will take place between November and January and the winners can use 20% of the donation for their classroom.

The children should have received form for the **TEA TOWELS**, these make fantastic gifts - please place your order and submit the form with exact change at the front office. The deadline is **Monday November 11th**.

As always thank for your continued support. Your friends of Ark Atwood team!

