



## Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Digital Strategy** As you will know from last week's newsletter, this week we begun the process of rolling out the Ark Digital Strategy – the Ark network's commitment to support children in Year 4 upwards with ongoing learning at home through the provision of a loaned Chromebook. If you are a parent of a child in years 3 to 5, your child will have been introduced to the device and you should have received a home school agreement for you to sign and return enabling the device to be released. Yesterday, we ran a parent session to share more information and answer questions – the slides are on the Atwood website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/life-school/home-digital-learning>. Do get in touch if you have any additional questions.



**RSE Curriculum** In the newsletter over the past few weeks, I informed parents that as normal, we would be teaching our RSE curriculum after half term. There have been some updates to policy from the Government about schools' statutory obligations and these are reflected in our updated school PSHE Policy which you can find here:

<https://arkatwoodprimary.org/sites/default/files/Relationships%20%26%20Health%20Education%20Policy.pdf>

Do please take time to read through, as we will be holding a virtual Parent Forum at 9.30am on Wednesday 26th May to share further information and answer any questions you may have. Details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84339062317?pwd=QTVhUWJLbjRPTFZaNFliqNmj0WFg2UT09>

Meeting ID: 843 3906 2317 Passcode: 711086

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

## Year 5 Planting

Greece Class has been sharing how well the seeds that they planted during Mental Health Awareness Week are growing. Have a look at Matilda's plant which is growing just fine!



## Year 6 Residential

The deadline for residential payments is today. Payments can be made via Wisepay or alternatively at the school office. If you are unsure of your current balance please contact the school office. A zoom meeting will be scheduled after half term for an update on final arrangements.

## Achievement Assembly

As always on Friday, we celebrated two wonderful scholars from each class who have either personified the Atwood values or been true Atwood scholars producing great work. Congratulations to these children:

Class	Children
India	Layla & Hana
Mexico	Forest & Seraj
France	Jonas & Khadija
Italy	Byron & Sally
China	Seher & Ron
Barbados	Hamza & Poppy
Norway	Anastasia & Kaevon
Belgium	Ariana & Kareem
Brazil	Jvaughn & Amani
Ghana	Ahmed & Boz
Spain	Amira & Hassan
Greece	Mhmd A & Milo
Canada	Ahad & Indigo
Australia	Molly & Joel



## House Points

Congratulations to Perseverance House who won the House Points Trophy this week. Kimiya, House Captain, made the winners speech in Key Stage Two assembly this morning.



## English National Opera

The English National Opera has announced a free opera ticket scheme for young people. They are keen to broaden their audience and to give young people a first opera experience to help them catch the opera or arts 'bug'. They are now offering free tickets to all under 21-year-olds in the country every night, from the balcony to the most expensive seats. Tickets are available from Wednesday 2 June, when all tickets go on general release. Simply go to [eno.org](http://eno.org).

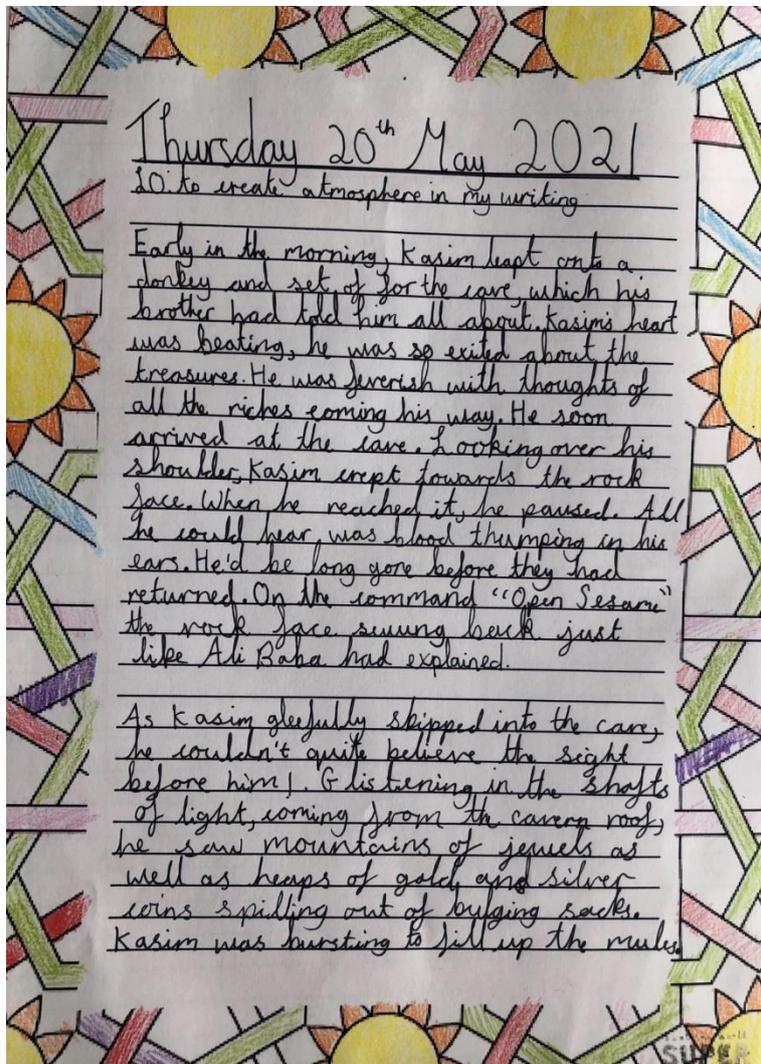
## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The time has arrived to order the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies. The Friends of Atwood have very generously contributed £10 per hoodie which means parents contribution is £3.95 for Junior Sizes or £4.95 for Senior Sizes. An order form was sent to Year 6 parents earlier today. Parentmail this afternoon. Please complete and return by Tuesday 25th May to ensure delivery before the end of term.

## Spotlight



In the spotlight this week are Humayra and Jamie from Year 5. This week in Year 5, we have been writing a re-telling of a part of the story of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. In this part of the story, Ali Baba's brother, Kasim, enters a cave filled with treasure, but his greed causes him to forget the password to get out before the thieves return. The children have done a fantastic job 'painting a picture with words', using expanded noun-phrases and fronted adverbials. They have also worked on varying sentence length and using ellipsis to create suspense.



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LO: to create atmosphere in my writing.

At first light, Kasim thought it was a dream. However he still got up to put chests on his mules and he began to ride to the spot. Kasim, who was excited, stated the password his brother had told him. "Open Wheat!" Kasim proudly stated, "Open Lavender?" Kasim Tried another, and another, and another. Until he remembered the password "Open Sesame!". The cave door swung open and Kasim bolted in with excitement! Without even looking around, Kasim started filling up all fourteen of his bags. Once all of his bags where full he realised many mountains of glistening gold bars and emerald green, rose red necklaces and decoration of all sorts. All of a sudden he heard the sound of horse's hoofs dashing towards the rock so he started to sweat, pase around and kick the rock desperately. All of a sudden the rock swung open and at least sixteen horses with men wearing masks came in. The room fell silent. A man who looked like the leader of the group shouted the words "Who are thou?". Kasim could not seem to say a anything and the man then decided to say "Attack the Intruder!"...

# E-Safety

We share E-Safety information with parents in the Atwood newsletter. This is to help you in ensuring that your child can use technology safely. Please read the following information.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EMAIL SCAMS

Email scams are when you receive a mail from someone purporting to be a genuine person or company, but is actually an online fraudster trying to trick you into disclosing personal information. This is often referred to as 'phishing'. Normally, people click on the links in an email assuming that they will be directed to a trustworthy website – but fake sites, closely resembling the real thing, are increasingly being set up by cyber criminals specifically to capture your personal information, which could in turn jeopardise your financial, emotional and possibly even physical wellbeing.

### Disguised Deceptions

Some scam emails can appear to be from companies that you know and use. For example, you could receive an authentic-looking email advising of a problem with your account or payment method. Instead of reacting to the email and disclosing personal information like bank details, it's wise to call the company directly on a trusted number to confirm if there actually are any account issues.

### Financial Damage

One of the primary consequences for victims of an email scam is the financial cost. If you do click on a scam email and disclose any personal information, it can then be used to take money from accounts belonging to you and your family. Depending on exactly what information the cyber criminals obtain, this could result in significant and far-reaching financial losses and personal stress.

### Identity Theft

Another significant risk is falling victim to identity theft. If a scammer manages to acquire your usernames and passwords, they would then have access to your online accounts – and they could effectively pretend to be you. This could have a massive negative impact if changes were made to your accounts, for instance, or the scammer communicated with your contacts while posing as you.

### Hijacked Accounts

A scammer with access to your accounts could – once they're logged in as you – deny you entry. If they were to change the password, it would – in most cases – not allow you any further access. Even for accounts with little or no financial value attached, this could be hugely inconvenient: you could permanently lose data and files that you had invested a considerable amount of time in.

### Viruses and Malware

A particularly devastating hazard with scam emails is that some links, when clicked on, could result in dangerous viruses or malware being downloaded onto your devices. This could enable scammers to harvest valuable information without your consent (and sometimes even without your knowledge) or prevent you from accessing the device altogether, making it unusable.

### Personal Safety

Another danger of scam emails is that, in extreme cases, they could ultimately lead to a threat to your physical wellbeing. If someone is demanding to meet with you and has accessed your personal information (your address, for example), they could attempt to confront you in person – which is of course exceptionally dangerous. Losing control of sensitive information could put you in a vulnerable position.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### Protect Personal Details

Never input any personal information into websites that you are unfamiliar with. If you were redirected onto a certain page by clicking a link in an email, entering your personal details could then give away your location or other key information to the scammer. This could then put you in physical danger as the cyber criminals would know exactly where to find and approach you.

### Beware of Suspicious Emails

If you are unfamiliar with the sender, it's safest to simply not open an email. When an email makes you wary, mark it as junk (to reduce the chance of any recurring issues) and then delete it. Awareness of phishing is the primary method of defence against malicious emails. Once someone knows how to identify and deal with scam emails, they are far less likely to fall prey to them in future.

### Check Spelling and Grammar

Pay close attention to any spelling mistakes or grammatical errors. Many scam emails can be spotted this way, as they often tend to contain these types of mistakes. Make sure your child knows that if they do spot this sort of tell-tale error and is not sure who the email came from, it's a good idea to either delete the email or report it to a trusted adult to prevent any possible future harm.

### Access Sites Manually

If you or your child wish to visit a particular website, it's safest to avoid clicking on a link in an email to take you there. Instead, find the site through your search engine or manually type the address into your browser. This significantly reduces the possibility of being redirected to a bogus website where fraudsters could capture your personal information after you enter it.

### Don't Open Dubious Attachments

If you or your child ever see any files as attachments on emails that you are uncertain about, do not download them or even click on them: this could result in your systems being infiltrated. If your devices at home do not already have anti-virus software, you should install some and ensure it is regularly updated. This will help you to detect and remove any dangerous files as soon as possible.

### Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoKloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.

### National Online Safety

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