



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 25th June

***** Inset Day – Next Friday 2nd July is an Ark network Inset Day and school will be closed to all children. *****



Dear Parents and Carers,

Residential This week has been all about the Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight where 48 of our scholars have spent the week away from home and school enjoying a wholly different form of education.

I am so glad that we have been able to run the residential this year as it provides a unique opportunity for the children to develop new skills and enjoy different experiences. The timing is also important as they come towards the end of their time at primary school, we are really looking to see their independence and maturity develop; in the words of Miss Helliwell, “we want to feel the Year 7 vibe!”.

As well as the excitement of the coach and ferry journey, the children have done a wide range of activities including the zip wire, 3G swing, orienteering as well as a chilly dip in the sea. The weather has presented us with a mixed bag but thankfully the sun shone on Wednesday and Thursday – sun hats and sun cream at the ready. Mr Bowden has been frequently posting updates on Twitter so do take a look if you have not done already: @ArkAtwood



We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday as they enter the final few weeks of their time at Atwood. An enormous thank you from me to the adults attending who I know deserve a relaxing weekend – Miss Helliwell (who organised and oversaw the smooth running of everything), Miss Brown, Mrs Vidal, Mr Bowden and Miss Hondrogiannis.

Oracy Next year, along with all Ark primaries, one of our central priorities will be the development of children's oracy – their ability to express themselves and respond to others – through a school wide strategic approach. To start of the process, we are asking the children to complete a survey giving their reflections. We would be very grateful if you were to support your child/children in completing this survey: www.tfaforms.com/4911920

Assessments Over the next week or so, children will be taking their Summer 2 assessments. As you will be aware, we spent a significant amount of time planning carefully how we would respond to the school closure period ensuring that what we are teaching is pitched appropriately so that the children continue to make good progress. I am sure the children will do themselves proud and show all the progress they have made.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Atwood Wildlife

Some wildlife news: Firstly, this week saw the Nursey children release their butterflies into the wild from our Roof Garden. Also on the Roof Garden, our resident duck safely gave birth to 10 ducklings who have now moved out taken up residence on the canal.



Marvin's Binoculars-Theatre Performance at Atwood!



WHAT'S ON / EVERYTHING ELSE

WHAT'S ON > MARVIN'S BINOCULARS - SCHOOLS TOUR 7 Jun - 9 Jul 2021



For the first time in a long time due to restriction we welcomed a theatre troupe to Ark Atwood. Year 3 and Year 4 had the pleasure of watching Marvin's Binoculars. It was a show about Marvin, a young boy, who has lost his Grandma. He missed her dearly as she had recently passed away and they used to go nature watching together, now he goes to explore the marshes and woods with his new friend Sita. It was a great story of friendship and standing up for what is right – we would definitely recommend watching!

“Thank you for your performance, you inspired me to stand up for what's right and I am so grateful because it was a good use of your time to show us this.” – Malika, Belgium Class

“It has inspired me to go to my local park and begin bird watching. I would really like to get my own binoculars!” – Kavele, Belgium Class.

Year 6- 'London Residential'

As well as the residential on the Isle of Wight we also held a London Residential for our Y6's not going on the loW trip. They have had a fantastic week-jam packed with visits around London-Battersea Park Zoo, Buckingham Palace, Green Park, Vauxhall City Farm, Cinema trip to see Peter Rabbit2, finding the elephant herd in central London! They did a fantastic job gardening in our Roof Garden-thank you Patti for coming in to run this session. Delicious treats were baked-the scrapbooks will be lovely to see!



Year 4 Nature Walk



To coincide with Marvin's Binoculars Show and our Science topic, Year 4 went on a nature hunt this morning! We spotted different minibeasts, plants and birds at Paddington Rec. Children worked together to hunt high and low to spot all the things we pass by each day. As you will see in the picture-there were some questionable specimens to be found!



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	Assembly on Monday as Forest School Today
Mexico	Assembly on Monday as Forest School Today
France	Value-Soly, Scholar-Ali
Italy	Value-Firaz, Scholar-Mila
China	Value-Siyanna, Scholar-Yusuke
Barbados	Value-Neveah, Scholar-Iason
Norway	Value-Sasha, Scholar-Adam
Belgium	Value-Kavele, Scholar-Elias
Brazil	Value-Ishaaq, Scholar-Laila
Ghana	Value-Traevon, Scholar-Keira
Spain	Value-Abdul, Scholar-Meryam
Greece	Value, Omer, Scholar-Persie



Transition Teds

Awarded to the class with the best transitions around school, in their classrooms, independently and as a group-who has got the most points and won SpiderTed or BatTed this week?

NEW-Toilet Trophy!

Year 2 have been chosen to trial a special new award that embodies our values and gives us the opportunity to demonstrate them in a daily way.

The Year 2 toilets are split into China or Barbados-marked with flags, and a toilet Red/Green Pass shown by the class door allows for a 1 in, 1 out system. Each day, Miss Ebony and Mr Cumberbatch will award a point to the cleanest toilet-if both have been looked after nicely then both classes tie that day and both are awarded a point. The sinks are a communal area and points can be awarded or docked due to the state of the sinks also but they have been a great team making sure spilled soap is wiped up and water spills on floor reported quickly. The class with the most points at the end of the week wins the brand new Toilet Trophy for their year group. Year 2 have been so zealous and efficient that we have decided to roll it out to all year groups-Miss Thomson will do assemblies to introduce this next week.



P3 Summer Camp at Ark Atwood

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SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAY CENTRE IN ARK ATWOOD

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Summer Dates:- Mon 26th July to Friday 13th August
Prices: £28.00 Per Child Per Day (Includes light breakfast and healthy afternoon snack) Please bring a pack lunch and water daily

Opening times: 8:am to 6:pm

Activities: Arts & Crafts, Jewellery Making, Hall Games, Dance Games, Sports activities, Parks, Wednesday's is our BIG COACH TRIP DAY

ALL PRE-PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE - TO CHANGE A DAY THE ADDITIONAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED

Book before the start of holiday for the DISCOUNT rate ONLY £24.00 per child per day

BIG Trips on Wednesday's- limited spaces due to coach space and social distance. If you book for Wednesday's please be aware the whole centre is going out for the day and there's an Additional Charge towards coaches and entrance fees, see where we're going below:

Wednesday 28th July Trip-Whipsnade Zoo- £10

Wednesday 4th August Trip-Black Park - £5

Wednesday 11th August Trip- Chessington- £15

All children **MUST** be with us between 7:45am and 8am on Trip days, have a rucksack for their pack lunch and be able to cope with a long day out!! Don't be late, we can't wait!!!

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