



## Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers

Today presented us with our first wet start to the day. Whilst we got a little soaked taking temperatures, it ran smoothly with classes lining up under the covered areas in order to maintain our bubble integrity. Thank you for your support and patience – we know it is particularly challenging for families of children in multiple year groups who are required to wait around.

A number of parents have been in touch asking how they can support Atwood during the current challenges – this is extremely kind. As I mentioned at the Parent Forums last week, we are spending more on staffing, cleaning resources and other teaching resources at this time. Ark Schools has been very generous in supporting us in a number of areas. If you are keen to donate, our fundraising priorities that we set earlier this calendar year remain. A number of these have now been purchased thanks to previous donations but some, like the wet play resources, are still needed (today proved this!). Further details are on the Atwood website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/life-school/fundraising-1>.

Finally, I met last week with Vivian and Jonny to discuss how the Friends of Atwood is going to run during this period. We have got lots of ideas and will update you on these in the newsletter next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

## Achievement Assembly

We have been holding Achievement Assemblies in class this week to celebrate the achievements of our scholars and to recognise children who exemplify our Atwood values.



Congratulations to our winners this week:

Nursery		Umar		
Reception	India	Charlie Bear & Emerson	Mexico	Riccardo & Sophie
Year One	Italy	Sara & Khadija	France	
Year Two	Barbados	Aadam & Isabel	China	Siyana & Kai
Year Three	Belgium	Malika & Koray	Norway	Tasneem & Sohaib
Year Four	Brazil	Mariam & Jvaughn	Ghana	Vera & Aanya
Year Five	Spain	Shaker & Maya	Greece	Edith & Mhmd
Year Six	Australia	Ida & Leena	Canada	Nour & Inaya

## Year 6 Secondary Transition

As Year 6 parents are aware, the **deadline for secondary school application is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. We are in touch with our two local secondary schools who are keen to offer support to Atwood parents. As these are confirmed we will let you know.

- **Westminster Academy:** At 10am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the school will be running a question and answer session on Zoom for Atwood parents. They recommend that you attend one of their open days and then come along to this session if you have any additional questions.

Meeting:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F95934589888&sa=D&ust=1600180464778000&usg=AOvVawI3FrBmMyzUSlvpFg9auORG>

You can submit questions in advance here: <https://forms.gle/FNYcehDDLeFATQBV6>

- **Paddington Academy:** We are speaking to the school and looking to organise a similar event – details will be shared with you when confirmed. They have asked us to let Year 6 parents know that Open Day details have now been published on their website along with a sign up option to attend. Sign up via the link below: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cvU9Bh94I06UiQ5mh-EDGk7UrKv7kgVJk08\\_ACXcjkUNEVODVNRkNHQkIIOE4wVVNTUEhDOVFGOS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cvU9Bh94I06UiQ5mh-EDGk7UrKv7kgVJk08_ACXcjkUNEVODVNRkNHQkIIOE4wVVNTUEhDOVFGOS4u)

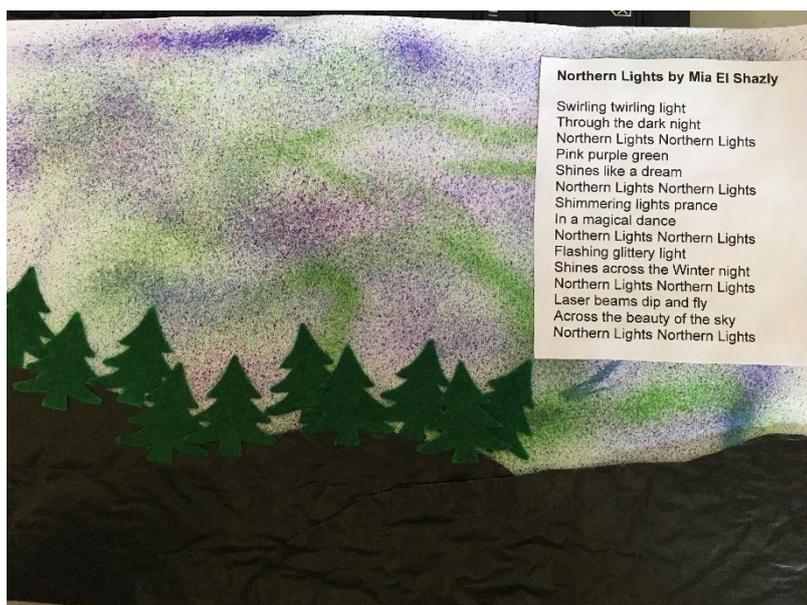
Further details about secondary transition can be found on the Atwood website.

<https://arkatwoodprimary.org/admissions/transferring-secondary-school>

## What's happening at School...



In PSHE this week Year 1 learnt about the '5 ways to wellbeing' and made posters about each step. Here is one about the importance of connecting



Enjoy Mia's (Norway) lovely poem!

This term's topic for Reception is 'All about Me.' This week we read the story book, "It's okay to be Different." We talked about what makes us special. The children then painted pictures of themselves. They used mirrors to help them paint eyes, noses, mouths, ears and hair. What wonderful work they've made!

