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**Newsletter, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

Please remember that school is closed on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** for staff training.  
Half term therefore begins on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm.**

### Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week at Ark Atwood with lots happening across the school. Two things really stand out for me: firstly, our girls football team who entered a tournament having never played together before and performed brilliantly winning lots of matches. Secondly, on Thursday evening, we had our first ever karate grading. Watching from the sidelines, it was fantastic to see such focus, dedication and determination from our children. Impressive stuff and lots to be proud of. A huge thank you to all involved.

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn  
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

P3 will be running on 14<sup>th</sup> February and over the half term holiday. Please sign up in the usual way at <https://P3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>



### Karate Grading

Yesterday saw Atwood's scholars taking part in their very first karate grading! We're sure parents and Governors alike would agree that children have displayed both discipline and dedication in pursuit of their first belt.

Sensei Vidal added, "Watching the children grade today, made me so proud

and honoured to be at the start of their karate journey. They performed with the true Karate spirit." We would also like to extend our thanks to Sensei Vidal for organising the event and enabling our scholars to shine.



### Atwood Girls Football

Congratulations to the Atwood Girls Football team! The team played for the first time together in a Westminster tournament at Paddington Rec. They won enough games to get through the group stages and then beat all of the second placed teams in the next round and finished with a positive goal difference of +5! Bring on the next fixture...



### 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%**.

**Whole School  
Attendance this  
week:**

**96.43%**

**Best Class  
Attendance this  
week:**

**BARBADOS**



<b>Globe</b> 93.1%	<b>Mexico</b> 97%	<b>India</b> 98%	<b>Italy</b> 95.5%	<b>France</b> 95.2%	<b>China</b> 98.3%	<b>Barbados</b> 98.6%	<b>Norway</b> 95%
<b>Belgium</b> 98.3%	<b>Ghana</b> 94.7%	<b>Brazil</b> 95.6%	<b>Greece</b> 97.9%	<b>Spain</b> 97.6%	<b>Canada</b> 95.1%	<b>Australia</b> 95.8%	

## I Can Be

The I Can Be Girls 2020 programme started last Wednesday for 10 children in Year 3. Their first trip was to the Macmillan Cancer Support Office to visit Emma Guise who is the Director of Communication and Brand. The girls asked Emma a range of questions about her role and responsibilities; they participated in fun filled activities such as creating a poster to promote the world famous coffee morning and they even got to interview each other too!



Emma and her colleagues were very warm and welcoming, making for a very successful first trip for the I Can Be Girls to experience. A big thank you to Emma Guise and all of her colleagues at Macmillan Cancer Support.

## Fundraising

We are always so grateful to the members of our parent community who support and donate at the many events run by the Friends of Ark Atwood. Some parents have asked for more information about where money is spent. To support with this going forward, we have placed a fundraising tab on our website where you can donate and also see what we are fundraising for. We are hoping to raise approximately £10,000 to spend in these areas:

<b>£500</b> Reading Roadmap for ages 7 and 11 (providing additional dedicated texts for our older children's independent reading)	<b>£1,000</b> Costume Box (resources to support role play and drama activities)	<b>£2,000</b> Early Years Play Resources (supporting continuous provision and child exploration)	<b>£2,200</b> Subsidising Residentials (for our Y2 and Y6 children)
<b>£2,000</b> Sensory Resources (specific resources to support children with additional needs)	<b>£500</b> Playground Equipment (providing more opportunities for structured play for children of all ages)	<b>£1,500</b> Wet Play resources (providing engaging and fun activities on wet weather days)	<b>£500</b> Reusable Water Bottles (helping to reduce our plastic use)

## Uniform

There are still a number of children coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform – polo shirts (summer term only) in particular are still being worn.

Boys	Girls	PE
Green School Jumper	Green School Jumper	Green School t-shirt
School Tie	School Tie	Red Shorts
White buttoned shirt	White buttoned shirt/blouse	Green hooded top with logo
Grey Trousers	Grey Skirt, Pinafore or Trousers	Green Jogging Bottoms
Grey Socks	Grey Tights	Grey Socks
Black Shoes (no trainers)	Black Shoes (no trainers)	Plimsols
School Coat (optional)	School Coat (optional)	



## Humanities Writing

This half of term, Year One have been looking at transport and how it has changed over time. They've looked at ancient forms of transport and have come right up to date with a trip to Warwick Avenue tube station. Have a look at their wonderful writing, the next time you are outside the Year One classrooms.

A big thank you to parents who came along to our parent workshop on Monday. For those of you that were not able to make it, there is lots of information available in the curriculum area of our website (with separate sections for History and Geography).

## PENNY JAR CHALLENGE

Donate loose change for your class to win!

**Ends February 13th!**

LOOSE CHANGE | COUNT | RAISE MONEY | HAVE FUN



Fill your classroom's jar with loose change, raise the most and keep 20% of the value to spend on your class.

## Atwood Library: Volunteers Needed

Fiona and her team of volunteers run the



Atwood library and support each class in their weekly visit to read, sign in and sign out books. We are on the lookout for new volunteers to help keep the library running smoothly.

Volunteers are in the library from 1pm to 4pm. If you are interested and able to give us some time to the library, please contact Fiona at [f.dalu-chandu@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:f.dalu-chandu@arkatwoodprimary.org). Training and support provided!

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
13 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm	Half Term begins
24 <sup>th</sup> February	8.25am	Spring 2 Term Begins
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Italy Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> March		Y3 British Museum Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	France Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Spain Class Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm	Parents Evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am	Belgium Class Assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.15pm	Parents Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00pm	End of Term
30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Brazil Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Mexico Class Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Greece Class Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	Ghana Class Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Y2 Residential
4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Barbados Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	China Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	India Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Y6 Residential
13 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	KS1 Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	KS2 Sports Day



### Who is in the Spotlight this week?

This week, we are focusing on Year 6 where children have been writing diary extracts about World War Two. At the moment, learning is focussing on Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to go to war. Enjoyed reading Eyad's lovely diary extract...

1939 - The Year We Went to War... again  
received.



Explanation  
Chamberlain explained that we had no choice and we were backed into a corner, it seems as though Hitler refused to withdraw his troops from Poland, we are at war with Germany.

Neville Chamberlain

Just yesterday, the shocked public assembled in churches, living rooms and village halls as our prime minister declared war on Germany because Hitler refused to withdraw his troops from Poland.

Public thoughts  
Just yesterday evening, the shocked public of Maeda Vale gathered at local library, to listen to the wireless about Chamberlain's shocking news. Mothers clutched onto their children.

Hitler would not have it. Despite strenuous efforts of Neville Chamberlain, "A peaceful and honorable settlement could have existed between Germany and Poland, but not such undertaking has been

Thoughts  
Mr. Roberto Stewlingston a 29 year old who works with the Royal Navy. His dad is a veteran and survivor of World War 1.