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Newsletter, Friday 7th February 2020

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a pleasure it was to join the children, teachers and parents at the O2 Arena on Wednesday for the annual Young Voices event. These are wonderful opportunities for the children and this year we were extremely fortunate to be seated right at the front next to the main stage. As always, the children did themselves proud singing and dancing their way through the evening – read further down for more details. An enormous thank you to everyone who came along to support but in particular, Miss Schofield who spent many hours organising and preparing ahead of the big night.



Please don't forget that half term begins next Thursday at 4pm (school is closed on Friday for an Ark inset day).

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Half Term begins next Thursday at 4pm – there will also be a Friends of Atwood Bake Sale. Cake donations will be gratefully received. P3 will open on the inset day (next Friday) and over the half term holiday. Please sign up in the usual way.

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: 95.69%	Best Class Attendance this week: BRAZIL
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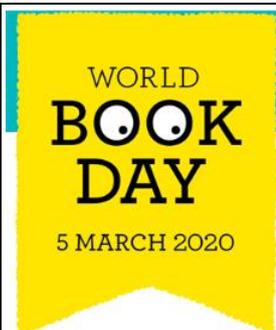
Globe 88.93%	Mexico 96.67%	India 97.6%	Italy 97.24%	France 98%	China 90.67%	Barbados 95%	Norway 94.64%
Belgium 98.28%	Ghana 95%	Brazil 100%	Greece 94.67%	Spain 95.33%	Canada 97.24%	Australia 95.52%	

Atwood Young Voices

On Wednesday, Atwood's One Voice choir took to the stage at the O2 arena along with 8,000 other school children to take part in the annual Young Voices concert. The children did themselves proud, singing their heart out and dancing like the pros as



they performed a range of repertoire, from 'Ode to Joy' to a 'Queen Medley' and from 'Disney Duo' to the infamous 'Pop Medley'. A huge well done to all the children who took part and a big thank you to all parents for their support during the rehearsals and concert. Now One Voice will start the ball rolling to prepare for the next concert. There is no stopping them!



World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching! With just under a month to go, it's time to start thinking about outfit choices. Who will you be inspired by this year?! The Mad Hatter? A Hobbit? Phileas Fogg? As always, the focus should be on originality and fun – imaginative and home-made costumes always promote the biggest smiles!

We are asking for a £1 donation towards purchasing and updating our stock of books. As we improve and adapt our curriculum we need to ensure that we have the relevant books to support learning.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
13 th February	4.00pm	Half Term Bake Sale
13 th February	4.00pm	Half Term begins
24 th February	8.25am	Spring 2 Term Begins
24 th February		Y5 British Museum Trip
12 th March	9.00am	Italy Class Assembly
13 th March		Y3 British Museum Trip
19 th March	9.00am	France Class Assembly
26 th March	9.00am	Spain Class Assembly
30 th March	3.15pm	Parents Evening
2 nd April	9.00am	Belgium Class Assembly
2 nd April	3.15pm	Parents Evening
3 rd April	2.00pm	End of Term
30 th April	9.00am	Brazil Class Assembly
7 th May	9.00am	Mexico Class Assembly
14 th May	9.00am	Greece Class Assembly
21 st May	9.00am	Ghana Class Assembly
1 st / 2 nd June		Y2 Residential
4 th June	9.00am	Barbados Class Assembly
11 th June	9.00am	China Class Assembly
18 th June	9.00am	India Class Assembly
22 nd – 26 th June		Y6 Residential
13 th July	tbc	KS1 Sports Day
14 th July	tbc	KS2 Sports Day

Late Collection

We have had an increase in the number of children being collected late. Late collection has a significant knock on effect at school with adults unable to move directly to after school clubs, training or other activities. Given our longer school day, it is also crucial that teachers are able to complete planning and preparation tasks straight away after school.

The Atwood school day finishes at 4.00pm with children released directly from their class by their teacher. We ask that parents collect their children between 4.00pm and 4.10pm so that they can leave the premises by 4.15pm when the gate closes.

We understand that lateness can happen on rare occasions due to unforeseen circumstances. However, consistent lateness does impact in the ways outlined above. If there are concerns, parents will be invited for a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss putting in place arrangements to support families. Persistent late collection may result in a referral to Westminster Early Help.

Reception children visit Paddington Station

This week Reception have been reading the story 'Paddington Bear' by Michael Bond. The children really enjoyed learning about Paddington bear's adventures and where he was from. We found the country Peru on Google Earth and looked at various countries around the world. We also had the opportunity to visit Paddington station to see where Paddington arrived in London and to see the statues. In preparation for our trip, we made marmalade sandwiches to take with us to eat at the station. The children were excited to see the different trains and learn more about the local area.



Poetry by Heart

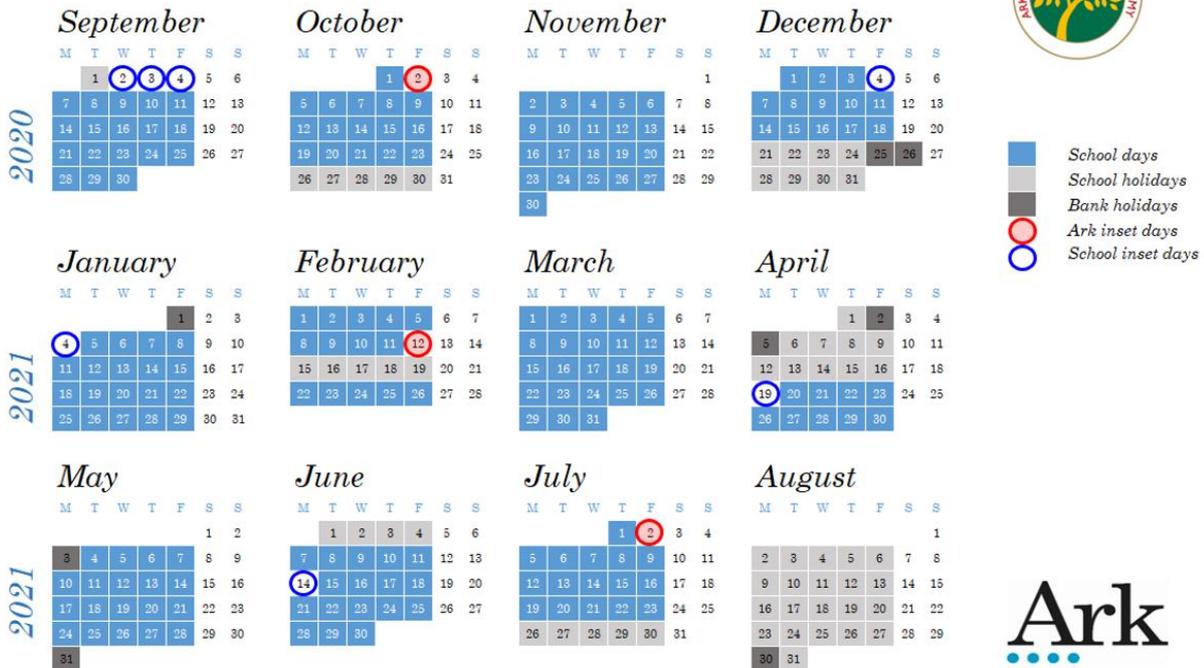
Poetry by Heart is an exciting National Poetry competition! www.poetrybyheart.org.uk

The challenge is to learn 2 poems off by heart and perform them. There will be in KS2 class competitions from those who volunteer and then out of our school we will choose 3 winners to film and enter nationally. The website has the timeline of poems to choose from and all the details. We will hold the competitions the first week after half term. The focus is upon delivery, expression and performance. Any questions ask Mr Townsend!

2020/21 Term Dates

Term dates for next academic year have been confirmed:

Term dates 2020-21



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I Can Be

The I Can Be Girls from Year 3 had their second trip this week to Sir John Soane's museum. We met with Addie White, Events Assistant and Ruth Houlsby Assistant to the Director.

The girls had a lot of fun touring the museum, designing their own events and they even got to meet the Director himself, Bruce Boucher!

The girls had an amazing time and can't wait for their third trip. Thanks again to all of the staff at the Sir John Soane's Museum.

