



## Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

### \*\*\* Atwood Winter Fair – Date Confirmed \*\*\*

The Atwood Winter Fair will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December starting at 3.00pm**. Details to follow. There will also be a meeting in November for parents who would like to get involved. Date tbc.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the coming fortnight, we will be celebrating Black History Month. This year's Black History Month theme is 'Proud to be...' and the children will be learning about key figures whilst also reflecting and considering what they are proud of themselves.

Each year group will be learning about two key figures by incorporating learning into our weekly lessons. These figures will come from four areas:

- Game Changers – People who have made a difference
- People who have written their names into history
- Sporting Greats
- Campaigners through history

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, we will have a drop down day where for £1, children can come dressed in red to 'show racism the red card'. The drop down day was a great success last year and allowed us to purchase a huge variety of diverse books from the black-owned bookstore, Round Table Books



Those of you who follow the Atwood Twitter page will know that we were the lucky winners of 50 copies of 'Happy Here – 10 stories from Black Authors and Illustrators'. Next Wednesday, children in Year 5 and 6 will be attending an online event with award winning poet, Joseph Coelho.

Lots to look forward to!

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

## Internet Safety – Keeping Your Child Safe

At the start of each academic year we run assemblies focussing on E-Safety so the children have a yearly refresher on how to stay safe when using technology. We also run additional sessions during the course of the year.

Earlier this week, a number of concerns were raised regarding the websites children are accessing at home as these are sometimes not age appropriate - in particular students watching adult-aimed series on Netflix. Please can you check closely what you child is accessing online to ensure it is age appropriate. For example, adult supervision while using tablets and mobiles and child locks / age locks where necessary.

Each week in our newsletter, we share an information poster from the National Online Safety website to provide support and give you more information. These can be found here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

We will continue to cover E-Safety as part of our Computing Curriculum and run circle times to ensure that any issues that emerge are discussed fully.

## Year 4 at the National Gallery

On Monday, Ghana and Brazil explored the national gallery with the help of a storyteller and actress. It was an immersive experience, which allowed the children to follow a story through paintings and show off their brilliant acting skills. The children are already looking forward to their next London adventure!



## P3 Update

Message from P3 to Atwood families:

Our charity organisation P3 has an annual staff conference each year – this year it is on Friday 3rd December 2021. It's in Nottingham and is a chance for the play team to meet other staff in our organisation. It is also to say thank you to them and a chance for staff to relax and feel appreciated. I'm sure you'll all agree it's been a tough time for everyone and I hope you'll support us closing for one day.

We hope you will not be disappointed that we will close Ark Atwood Play Centre on 3rd December and trust we have given enough notice to find alternative arrangements. We will credit your account for those of you who have already booked that date.

BREAKFAST CLUB is open on 3rd December.

## Achievement Assembly

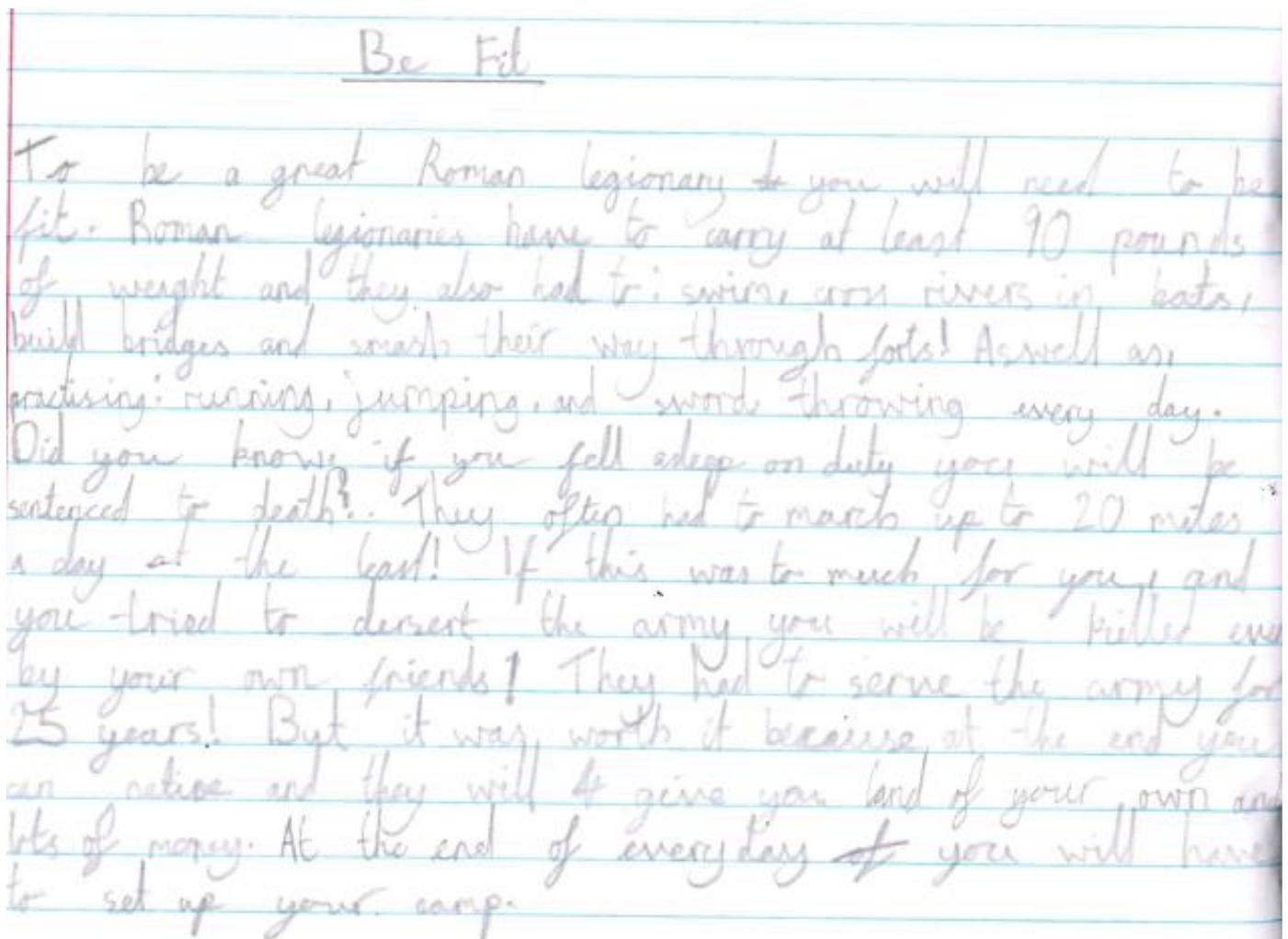
As always on Friday, we celebrated two wonderful scholars from each class who have either personified the Atwood values or been true Atwood scholars producing great work. Congratulations to these children (we are switching each week between KS2 and KS1/Early Years):

Class	Children
Mexico	Kairo and Sophia
India	Finbarr and Haneen
Italy	Adam and Reina
France	Adam and Salma
Barbados	Khadeja and Floretta
China	Daliyah and Rakan



## Spotlight

In Year 4, we have been working on an explanation text called 'How to be a great Roman Legionary'. After completing their own research, the children have made a fantastic start to their texts. In particular, Sofia has worked so hard to include facts and technical vocabulary in her writing.



# House Points

House Points totals this week:



181	132	121	161	450	480
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Congratulations to **Enthusiasm House** for topping the table this week.



## 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 an app 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 WHATSAPP

16+ in UK & EU; 12+ rest of world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

#### Prize Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out: aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

#### Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

#### Disappearing Messages

With 'disappearing messages', users can send messages that vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. A new feature also erases photos and videos from chats after they've been viewed. These files can't be saved or forwarded on, making monitoring what children are discussing problematic – and if someone sent your child an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove. Content can be reported to WhatsApp, however: ensure your child knows how to do this.

#### Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

#### Live Location Sharing

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

#### Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth altering your young one's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody'. Choosing one of the latter two ensures their profile is protected.

#### Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

#### Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

#### Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

#### Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

#### Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

#### Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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