



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 9th October

*** Please remember that **next Friday (16th October)** is an Ark network inset day. The school will be closed to all children. ***

Dear Parents and Carers

This week at school, we have been focussing on Black History Month and our theme this year: 'Recognising and celebrating the role of black people in society and how their contributions are linked to the Atwood values.'

Lots is happening including each year group choosing two focus figures (one male, one female, one historical, one more recent and at least one British person) to learn about – their faces are below. How many can you name? Please do not forget to ask your child who they have been learning about!



Following the theme and work of the organisation 'Show Racism the Red Card', we will be having a non-uniform day next Thursday (15th October) where children can pay £1 to come to school dressed in red. The money raised will be spent on books that reflect the theme of diversity from the inclusive and diverse book store, the Brixton based, Round Table (www.roundtablebooks.co.uk).

Finally, another reminder regarding the end of day which I feel has improved a lot. We are asking that all parents who are collecting to wear a face covering and to please move away from the entrance as soon as they have collected their child to avoid congestion.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

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Musician of the Month

This year we are launching a Music of the Month theme to complement our existing Music offer. This is kicking off with our October Musician of the Month which is linking up with Black History Month.

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October: Black History Month



Every month we will be looking at different styles of music around themes so that we can learn and appreciate the amazing variety of music our world has to offer.



In line with **Black History Month**, our October **Music of the Month** will include famous black musicians who have made or are making a significant musical contribution around the world! Stay tuned as next week we will introduce our musicians.



These will include British musicians such as Billy Ocean, Emily Sande and the 2016 British musician of the Year– Sheku Kanneh-Mason as well as some Motown



greats, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye.

Phonics in Year Two

We are excited to be starting our phonics homework this Friday for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils so that they can practise reading their RWI phonics book with you at home. This will be sent out every Friday. Please see below for the details about what will be sent home and what should be returned to school. Thank you for your continuous support to help your child's learning journey.

RWI phonics book	Attached worksheet
<p>This will be linked to the child's phonics group and will be a book that they have been practising all week with their phonics teacher. Reading with your child will be a chance for them to show off these new skills with you.</p>  <p>Inside the book there are also pages with story green words and red words which your child could practise with you too.</p>	<p>This will show the sounds your child learnt that week as well as words associated with these sounds to practise.</p> <p>There will also be a writing activity to complete based on the story they have read this week. Some examples are below.</p> <p>Focus Sounds: OW OO (poo at the zoo) OO (look, book)</p> <p>This week's books: The web</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the speed sounds at the front of the book. Focus on circled sounds. e.g. oo, oo, oo, oo. 2. Read the green words in the book. <p>Read the red words (these are words with tricky spellings). These need to be learned by sight. If your child struggles you can tell them the word.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Let your child read the story to you. Read it more than once to encourage fluency and speed. <p>Writing Activity – On the page attached</p> <p>When writing, please ensure your child is using a tripod grip in using their pencil. This promotes neat handwriting and better control of their pencil.</p>  <p>Write about the different bugs using the useful words at the bottom. E.g. I will munch the big bug. I will chomp the spotty bug.</p>
<p>This should be returned to school every Wednesday where it will be quarantined for 72 hours before being used by anyone else.</p>	<p>This should be kept at home. If you would like your phonics teacher to see the writing task, you could take a photo of it and email it to them.</p>

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		Theo & Charley		
Reception	India	Samuel & Saffyah	Mexico	Shiho & Kairo
Year One	Italy	Sienna & Eneo	France	Jonas & Alaya
Year Two	Barbados	Malak & Hamza	China	Mouna & Lucy
Year Three	Belgium	Aboudi & Nina	Norway	Asya & Sahil
Year Four	Brazil	Lola & Bachir	Ghana	Aaliyah & Yusuf
Year Five	Spain	Hassan & Yusra	Greece	Retaj & Humayra
Year Six	Australia	Oyinkro & Sholto	Canada	Kalid & Kimiya

Friends of Ark Atwood: Update

As always, your Friends of Ark Atwood team is keen to support the school with fundraising and community events. Of course, it is a little trickier at this moment given the situation but we have plenty of ideas to keep the Atwood Community going and fundraising!



Friends of Ark Atwood

Firstly, a huge WELCOME to all the new parents! We hope to be able to meet you very soon. If you would like to get involved with our community and fundraising events or share ideas, please contact us. We will be arranging a meeting either via zoom or at a suitable location, and we hope to see many new parents/carers attend.

CLASS REPS NEEDED! The role of a class rep is super easy but very important one! There are no meetings for the reps, we communicate via whatsapp and your role is to pass on the communication to your class. If you are interested, please contact us.

ACTIVIITES

Halloween Bake Sale We are fundraising to purchase plants and install a green wall on each floor to help with the air quality. To help us reach our fundraising goal of £500, we will be holding a Halloween Bake sale.

We are trying something a little different, this year we will be selling boxes of cupcakes. Each box will contain 4 Halloween themed cupcakes for £5, you can choose between chocolate and vanilla, or mixed.



Each box is pre-packed, sealed and will be delivered to the classroom for children to take home the last day of term. Ordering is super easy... just follow this PayPal link: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8theuDfB90> then simply add you child's name, class and cupcake preference when donating.



Other activities coming up:

- Virtual Raffle/Auction
- Tea towels and cards for Christmas holidays

Ideas and suggestions are always welcome, please email us at atwoodfriends@gmail.com

Your Friends of Ark Atwood TEAM!

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