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 Success**

**Newsletter, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Message from Head of School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was such a pleasure to travel down to the Isle of Wight on Wednesday to check in on the Year 6 children and see how everything is going on their residential. The weather was glorious and the children have enjoyed day after day jam packed with activities on a beautiful site. The Year 6 residential is an important feature of the annual school calendar and is something that is so beneficial to the children as they gain greater independence in the run up to secondary school move.



It was also lovely to welcome back some of the Atwood founding cohort children and families at the end of last week. They came to visit Maya's Garden; a plaque was planted and the sun shone brightly on a lovely occasion.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

**Coming Up**

<b>10<sup>th</sup> July (3pm)</b> Instrumental Performance	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July (9am)</b> Barbados Assembly	<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Year 6 Performance	<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b> YR International Afternoon	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sports Day EYFS/KS1	<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sports Day KS2
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**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%**. Below are the attendance figures for this week.

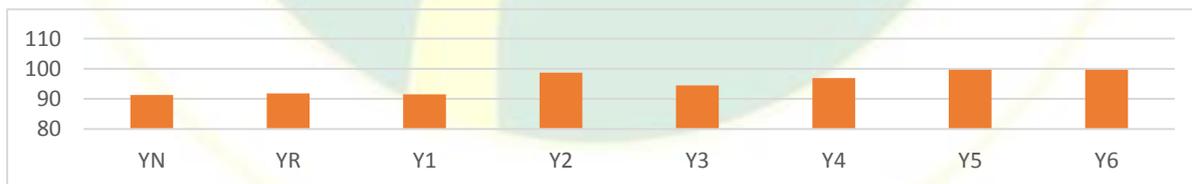
The whole school attendance figure for this week is: **95.85%**

The Key Stage **One** class with the highest attendance this week is: **CHINA**

The Key Stage **Two** class with the highest attendance this week is: **GREECE**



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



**New Ark Atwood Website**

You may have noticed that the Atwood website has been given a makeover this week. The old one was in need of a refresh; we hope that you like the crisp, new look.

This is still a work in progress as some existing content needs to be transferred across and other updates made. Suggestions for additional content are welcome. The Ark Atwood website can be found at [www.arkatwoodprimary.org](http://www.arkatwoodprimary.org).



### Roof Garden Reunion

It was lovely to welcome back some of our old Year 6 children and families to visit the lovely new Roof Garden – Maya’s Garden. This event served as an official opening for our founding pupils and, once again, we were treated to beautiful sunny weather. A plaque was planted to mark the occasion as were some more seeds. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Sylvia for these photos.



### Ducklings and Butterflies

The Reception topic is ‘growing’ and we had the joy of studying the life cycle of ducks and butterflies. The children have thoroughly enjoyed looking after them and checking up close on the changes. Yesterday the butterflies were released into Maya’s Garden!



### Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parent/Carer Survey. Survey forms are available outside classrooms or from the office. The deadline for completed responses is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. A box has been provided for you to drop them off.

### Parents Evening

We will be holding a Parents Evening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. This is an optional meeting to discuss any issues with your child(ren)’s report. If you do not need to discuss the report, then there is no need to book an appointment. Bookings can be made via Parentmail from 9am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### Year 6 Residential

The children are heading back to Atwood following a wonderful residential on the Isle of Wight. Zip wire, team building, paddling in the sea, face painting, bushcraft and hot chocolate round the camp fire are some of the activities of a busy week. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the trip and those who generously provided additional funds to make it such a wonderful experience. Have a look at the Atwood Twitter page for more photos!



### China Class Assembly

China Class took their friends and family on a journey through their favourite topics of Year 2 as some cheeky children snuck into the resources cupboard to escape the hot weather. We shared facts about the history of Lego and performed a rap about all the planets in our Solar System. Did you know Neptune has a large dark spot upon its surface? Or, that Lego used to make wooden toys until their factory burned down? The children loved showing you all we have learned and luckily able to include choral and solo speaking, dance moves and singing into our show.

Miss Sew, Miss Buchanan, Miss Barker



### Year 3 Recorder

On Tuesday, Year 3 took to the stage to showcase what they had been learning in recorder this year. Their show demonstrated the instrumental and ensemble skills they have learnt this year. Well done Year 3!

### Ignite Choir take to the Stage

Last Saturday, 5 Atwood students formed part of the Ark Ignite choir and took to the stage at Rudolf Steiner House. Here, they joined the secondary Spark choir and the Fusion orchestra in the Ark ‘Inspiring Excellence’ concert. The choir put on a fantastic performance, especially considering they had rehearsed all day in the heat on the hottest day of the year. Atwood’s very own Vishal also did an amazing job at being compere! Huge well done to our Year 6’s who took part - Lyna, Ayah, Elisa, Mekhat and Vishal.



### Reception International Afternoon – 16<sup>th</sup> July

We are having a Reception International Afternoon on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm to celebrate our diverse school community. We need your help!

Please volunteer to have a stall representing your country. This means bringing in and showing pictures, items, clothes or food to share your country / culture.

The children especially love trying all the different foods and also outfits from different countries and cultures! The sign-up sheet is on the wall outside Reception class doors. Any questions / queries please ask Miss Thomson (email: [l.thomson@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:l.thomson@arkatwoodprimary.org))

