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Newsletter, Friday 7th June 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, I held my first Parents Forum. Thank you to parents for coming along and sharing their views on the school. As I mentioned when I first started at Atwood back in January, I am keen to be a visible Head, to hear your views and discuss any concerns you may have.

Online safety is extremely important. As a school, we teach children about how to use the internet safely and to be very careful about sharing personal information. We are aware of some incidents that are concerning. Next week, we will be visited by one of our local police officers to talk to some classes about this. Please ensure at home that you keep a close eye on what your children are doing online. The Parent Zone website has further information that may be useful. <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Finally, the Friends of Atwood team are working flat out to make the Summer Fair next Saturday a wonderful occasion. Look down the newsletter for more information. They are in need of volunteers so if you are able to help out, I know it would be enormously appreciated.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

** Ark Atwood Summer Fair **

The Atwood Summer Fair is next Saturday (15th June). More details further down the newsletter. The Friends of Atwood team have been busy preparing for the Fair but are in **urgent need of more volunteers**. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheets outside classrooms.

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: **84.52%**

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

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

Year group attendance numbers for this week:



School attendance considerably lower this week. This is largely for authorised absence to celebrate Eid.

Y2 Singing Celebration

On Thursday, 15 Year 2s went to Ark Burlington Danes Primary to take part in a post-SATS celebration day full of singing and music making. The children had a great time learning new songs as well as creating their own songs. All adults who attended were unbelievably impressed with their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm for music. Well done Year 2!

Thank you to our parent helpers and especially Fiona McKenzie Johnson who kindly wrote some words for the newsletter: There was singing, song writing, percussion and rhythm and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it, learned new things and were fully engaged and beautifully behaved throughout. They displayed moments of real musicality - a credit to Ark Atwood and the Atwood values! Our music teacher, Miss Buchanan, took part in a teacher training workshop that was running concurrently, so we look forward to being able to share some of the ideas that we learned on the day with the rest of the school.





Music Scholars at Kensington Town Hall

On Thursday, Atwood's flute and clarinet players took a trip to Kensington Town Hall to play with other woodwind, brass and percussion players from different schools across Westminster. They worked very hard and learnt 4 pieces altogether which they then showcased to parents at the end. We're so lucky to have such committed music scholars at Atwood.

Big Battery Hunt

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Big Battery Hunt this year! With another five tubs filled, we were able to prevent over 100kg of batteries reaching landfill! Our last collection has now been arranged but if you would like to continue to recycle batteries, please bring them to your local supermarket – most usually have a battery recycling point. Well done everyone!



Year 6 visit the Home of Cricket

The Year 6s enjoyed a trip to the Home of Cricket on Tuesday as we visited Lord's for the second day of the county match between Middlesex and Sussex. Between watching the match and exploring the grounds, we were treated to our very own game of indoor cricket which was run by some of the Middlesex coaching staff.

The pupils were split into two teams - Already Winning VS The Champions - and over the next 30 minutes, put on a display worthy of the grounds within which this heated contest was played. After an initial draw over two innings, it was The Champions that came out on top during the afternoon's rainy rematch. Rain may have stopped play for the professionals out on the pitch but our spirits were certainly not dampened. All in all, a fantastic trip where lots of the children learnt about a great British sport in very British weather.



Friends of Ark Atwood: Update

Our incredible cupcake sale before half term raised £290!!! Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes and to everyone who bought them! Also congratulations to all the Westminster Mile runners, we had 48 runners and raised £643!

We are currently at 34% of our fundraising target; we have raised £4,080 to date. Well done everyone and let's keep going!! We have used some money to buy thesauruses for the children and we will keep you updated on where the rest of the funds go.

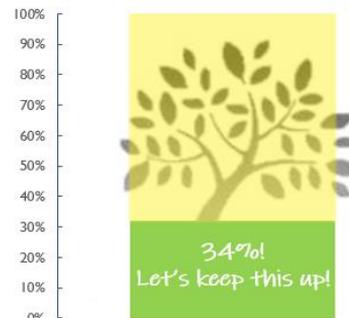
Thank you for your incredible support and let's keep going.

Our next big event is the Summer fair, on Saturday the 15th of

June between 12-4. If you want to get in touch about the Fair or anything else, please feel free to email us at atwoodfriends@gmail.com



Friends of Ark Atwood Fundraising Target 2018 / 2019



Jolly Jam Jars EXTENSION to JUNE 13th! PRIZE FOR THE TOP 3

At our summer fair we will be running a Jolly Jam Jar stall. We would like you to decorate 1 or 2 jam jars in a summer theme and fill it with small toys or wrapped sweets (no chocolate or nuts). Please bring in your decorated Jam Jar in to school by the 13th of June. They can be left outside your classroom. There will be a prize for the 3 best decorated JamJars so don't forget to put your name and class on it. You can find ideas here: www.vickymyerscreations.co.uk. We look forward to seeing your creations!



DONATIONS

TOMBOLA - We need donations for the Tombola stall, please bring donations such as new toiletries, toys, stationary, bottles of wine etc. **Preloved Books and Uniform Sales** - Please drop of used books (in good condition) and any of the Green uniform clothing, in good condition. All donations can be dropped off daily - please drop off near the lost property corner.

STALL VOLUNTEERS - We need your help with the stalls. You can sign up using the white board in the playground or the sign up sheets outside your classes.

New P3 Snack Menu



ATWOOD Play Centre Snack Menu and Activities

Open 4pm-6pm	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Tea	Brioche or yogurt with fruit	Crackers and cheese With veg or fruit	Bagels or Pancake with fruit	Rice cakes with fruit	Waffles or popcorn with fruit
Focus activities	COOKING (in cooking room) HALL GAMES	FOOTBALL SKILLS/GAMES (RPT football coach) TREASURE HUNT	MULTI-SKILLS (Develop strength, balance, speed and agility)	BASKETBALL SKILLS/GAMES ARTS AND CRAFTS	FACE PAINTING JUST DANCE
Daily Free choice	Construction Home/office Corner	Home/office Corner Football Table	Drawing Board games	Card games Puzzles	Football Table Free play outside
For bookings: - https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk Our contact number:-07875723821					

