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**Newsletter, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

### Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is KS2 SATs Week when our Year 6 children will be taking tests in Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling. I know they have worked tremendously hard in preparation and I look forward to seeing them demonstrating just how much they have achieved. For Year 6 parents, please don't forget that we will be offering a breakfast for Y6 children from 8.30am Monday to Thursday. Children should arrive at school at the usual time and head straight to the Hall.

Many parents have asked me when our next Parents Forum is going to take place. This will be shortly after half term on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am. I will be there along with representatives from our governing body and the Friends of Atwood to answer questions and discuss any concerns you may have.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

### 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: **96.1%**

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: **CANADA**

Year group attendance numbers for this week:



### Traffic Around School

Local residents have been in touch with the school this week regarding parents parking on the double yellow lines and blocking garages - one lady had to take the bus to work as she was unable to get to her car.

Parking and driving around the school at the start and end of day continues to be an issue of concern. Please can we ask parents to consider these three requests:

1. Only to drive to school if it is essential. Are there other, more environmentally friendly ways of getting to school?
2. If you must drive to school to only park your car legally
3. Drive carefully around the school. We have over 400 children coming to our school and they need to be able come and go safely. Remember that many children can't be seen because of their height.



### Big Battery Hunt

Having launched our Big Battery Hunt a short while ago, we have already filled three whole tubs! This is three whole tubs that will not be eroding in landfill.

Please keep up the marvellous work you are doing – if you need a replacement box, please visit Brazil class where there are lots of spares.





### Norway Class Assembly

Yesterday, it was the turn of Norway class to perform their assembly. They are a very energetic group who love to perform. Miss Ana and Miss Thomas have been truly impressed at Norway's dedication to



learning all the lyrics and their confidence in performing for an audience. It took most of the class only days to learn their lines and add in some acting to help tell our story. Using the class book, Harry Potter, we decided to let Harry, Ron, Hermione and Dumbledore take the students to parts of history that show how important it is that we learn from our past as well as having a deep respect and understanding of all people - wizarding or not!

### Friends of Ark Atwood - Update

#### Summer Fair - We need your help!

We are in full Summer Fair planning, as always it promises to be a fantastic event for the children and our wonderful Atwood Community.



However, we are short of volunteers and need your help to make this day amazing!

Please get in touch if you would like to get involved, you can email us on: [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com). We are looking for help to run the activities stalls, food and drink, and the bouncy castle.

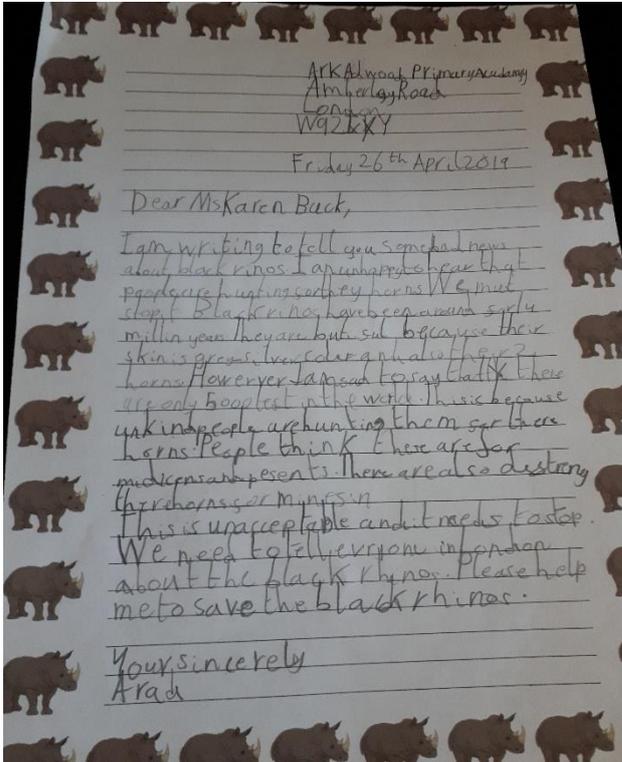
We are also looking for parents who work in the food industry or supermarkets to help us source donations.

Thanks in advance, your Friends of Ark Atwood team



### Who is in the Spotlight this week?

This week the spotlight is on Arad Zarei-Sharg in Year One. Year One has been learning about African animals as part of their topic 'Amazing Africa'. They particularly focussed on the black rhino and were shocked to discover that they are critically endangered. The children decided to write a letter to our local MP, Karen Buck, to share their views on the matter. They are looking forward to showing her the letters when she comes to Atwood for the opening of the roof garden.



### Library News

Our library has had such a busy year and I wanted to thank everyone for their support with all of our events to date. I hope the children have enjoyed the author events that we have been able to provide this year, they were very inspirational and so much fun for the children. I was so happy that we were able to have all of our children from nursery up to year 6 involved.



We have just had the fourth Scholastic Book Club this year, these clubs have raised over £500 for new books which is amazing! The Usborne Book Fair in October raised over £400 in free books and as it is always so popular, we will be having another one on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. Your support for these events is so appreciated and it's so great to always see the children excited about reading for pleasure.

There is an annual competition for a National Book Tokens prize of £5000. Please take some time to nominate Atwood for this, the more entries we get, the greater the chance of winning. The winning person also gets £100 for themselves! <http://nbt.gift/schools>

Please follow the link and get nominating and please share the link.

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