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Newsletter, Friday 11th January 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you a very happy new year and a warm welcome to 2019. It has been great meeting so many of you over the last couple of days and when I visited the school back in early December. I'm delighted and feel greatly privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead the school and its fantastic team into its next chapter. I have worked at Ark for just under five years previously and know from my knowledge of the network just how highly Atwood is regarded. The school's story is a proud and successful one and I fully intend to build on its many successes as we look to the future.

One of my main priorities is to get to know the parent community. Good relationships are at the heart of a successful school so please come and say hello. I intend to be very visible and am keen to hear your thoughts on all aspects of school life.

With my very best wishes,

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood

2017/18 Year 6 Results

You may have seen in December the government published the year 6 results for primary schools in England. Atwood's results for our first ever cohort exceeded even our very high expectations. The children really did themselves proud. Congratulations to all the children and their fantastic teachers!

| | % reaching age related standard | % reaching greater depth standard |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reading | 86 | 40 |
| Writing | 93 | 46 |
| Maths | 95 | 39 |
| RWM Combined | 82 | 25 |

Atwood Christmas Card Winner

London's primary school children were invited to design a Christmas card for Syed Kamall (Member of European Parliament for London). We were delighted with the news that Isabella Harris (Brazil class) came overall second in the competition! With the only preference being the presence of an iconic red bus, children were free to come up with their own design. Isabella's card featured on the back of Dr Kamall's annual Christmas card for 2018 – the picture on the far right shows him sorting through the entries. Well done Isabella!



Parent Volunteers Needed

Playground: We are looking for a couple of parent volunteers to support 12.30-14.00 in the playground, promoting positive play and play support. If you are interested, please contact Miss Rees on j.rees@arkatwoodprimary.org

Chess Club: We are hoping to start a Y5 Chess Club ideally twice every week from 1.00 to 1.30. If you are interested, please contact Miss Lester on s.lester@arkatwoodprimary.org

Times Tables: We are starting a Times Tables Club to supporting children in developing their understanding. We are keen to run sessions from 8.30 – 9.15 and 3.00 – 4.00. If you would like to support with this, please get in touch with Elly Vidal indicating which dates and times you can do. Parents from all year groups are welcome to support. Email: e.vidal@arkatwoodprimary.org

After School Clubs

The time has come for allocation of after school clubs for this term. The letter was sent out yesterday via ParentMail and should be returned via email or to the school office no later than **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. We will be as fair as possible, but if your child does not get a club this term, their name will be added to a list for next terms club allocation and, providing there is space, he/she will have priority for these places.

Atwood's Published Authors

We have two published authors at Atwood! Ridhwan and Sabira Miah both had their books published on Amazon back in November. They also spoke at an event in front of 50 people to promote their books which was very exciting, and, described by Ridhwan, as the 'best day ever'. If you are interested in buying 'I can do anything' and 'Beginner's guide to Space' and helping them rise up the bestseller list, please log onto Amazon.



Diary: Spring Term (1st Half) 2019

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|--|----------------------|---|
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Money Factor Workshops Year 5 | Year 1 Swimming Starts (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6 | Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5 | | Achievement Assembly resumes KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 Year 3 Tate Project |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 8.45 London Marathon Assembly (KS2) Clubs begin | 8.45 London Marathon Assembly (Rec & KS1) Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6 | National Theatre Shakespeare project Year 5 Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5 | Italy Class Assembly | Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 I can be trip (Kerisha and Elliot plus 8 pupils) Author Visit Non-Uniform Pyjamas day to raise money for UK Children with Cancer |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 February |
| Reception Balance Bike Training all week (1 class) One Voice Choir at Young Voices Performance at O2 Arena | Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6 | The Healthy eating assemblies 8.45 Year 5 and 6 9.05 Year 3 and 4 9.25 Year 1 and 2 Year 5 National Theatre Shakespeare project Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5 | | Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| <u>Safer Internet Week</u> Parent Zone with Google Internet Safety Assemblies Year 3 / 4 – 9am – 9:30 Year 5 / 6 – 10am – 10:30 Year 1 Swimming Ends (France Class) Reception Balance Bike Training all week (1 class) | Ark Music Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6 | National Theatre Shakespeare project Year 5 Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5 | Spain Class Assembly | Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 Year 5 Visit to watch A Winter's Tale I can be trip (Kerisha and Elliot plus 8 pupils) Year 2 trip to the V&A |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6 | Diabetes Awareness Assembly 8.45 Year 5 and 6 9.15 Year 3 and 4 9.45 Year 1 and 2 Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5 | | Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 Break up for Half Term |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| HALF TERM | | | | |
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