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Newsletter, Friday 28th June 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well into the busy summer season of trips and end of year performances. This week, there have been wonderful samba performances, Y5 heading to a farm to go fruit picking and, of course, the arrival of our lovely Reception ducklings that are melting everyone's hearts. Lots more on the way including, next week, our Y6 children heading off to the Isle of Wight for the annual residential. I always feel that this is such an important part of the school calendar and is so valuable that children have these sorts of experiences that they will take with them as they move onto secondary school.

I am circulating a parent survey today. Really keen to hear your views about how we are doing – what we do well and where we can improve. Please return the completed survey to the office by **Friday 12th July**.

Have a wonderful 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: **95.7%**

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: **BELGIUM**

Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Year One Phonics Screening Check

On Monday, the government published the pass mark for the annual Year One Phonics Screening Check. This meant that 93% of our Year One children passed the test. This is a wonderful outcome for the children and is down to their hard work, the dedication and commitment of the Year One teaching team and Miss Schofield's superb leadership of Phonics. A very big well done to all!



Y5 Schools to Market

[Written by Qaali and Yahya. Y5 Greece Class]

On Wednesday the 26th of June, Greece class embarked on an adventure to Crockford Bridge Farm as part of our Schools to Market project with Wholefoods. We had to pick from a large variety of fruits and vegetables, but in the end, we selected luscious strawberries, ripe raspberries and tangy rhubarb. Everyone had a great time in the sun,

running in the fields and picking the fresh fruits. We are very excited to make our chutney and sell them at Whole Foods on the 1st of July. We hope to see you there!





Samba!

This week Year 4 and 5 took to the stage to showcase the fantastic skills they have learnt in samba this year. They wowed the school with their amazing instrument playing, rhythm and listening skills to produce such polished performances as whole-class ensembles. It felt like we could have been enjoying carnival! Huge well done to Year 4 and Year 5 and their brilliant teacher, Mr Shaverin.



Quiz Night

On Wednesday evening, parents and teachers gathered in the school hall for the annual Friends of Atwood quiz night. There were eight teams battling it out for the top spot. Parents and staff were quizzed on a range of topics including sport, history, geography and a dastardly 'Wipe out round' which required the teams to hold their nerve and be sure of each answer as one incorrect answer meant a score of zero for the whole round! After two hours of quizzing, the scores were counted and verified and it was revealed that the reigning champions took home the crown again. Well done to everyone who attended and took part for a night of fun and laughter. Huge thanks and appreciation go to Iman (Alya & Zaid's mum) and Owen who not only compered the whole evening but ran the quiz and even sorted out fish & chips for the contestants at half time!



Architect Visit

On Wednesday the I Can Be boys were given the opportunity to visit Tom King (architect at Erect Architecture in Bethnal Green). The children were able to learn about all of the projects Tom is involved in at the moment. The boys were enthralled as Tom told them about the parks, buildings and schools he has helped design and create. The boys represented our schools beautifully and made great contributions to Tom's current park project in King's Cross!



Mexico Class Assembly

Mexico class had so much fun learning the songs and script for their growing assembly. Each child's confidence grew tremendously during the weeks of rehearsals. We are unbelievably proud of how well their performance went and overwhelmed by all the positive feedback the assembly received. Every child tried their best and we cannot wait to see them on the West End!



Y6 Learning Walk

Year 6 embarked on a learning walk around Maida Vale, creating a map containing what buildings we have in our community. We made detailed keys to show housing, businesses, green spaces and cafes/



restaurants for our Topic lesson, comparing the Isle of Wight- the location of our residential trip- to our local area.

Friends of Ark Atwood: Update

Thank you to everyone involved with the ice-cream sale last week, we raised £160! The money will go in supporting a piano for the school.

Our entire community is doing a great job with fundraising and we have already raised £8700. Shortly we will be announcing school initiatives that we will be supporting with the funds.

Thank you to everyone for your support and involvement.

Lastly... We have another ice cream sale today, so please do bring in loose change.

You Friends of Ark Atwood team

Friends of Ark Atwood Fundraising Target 2018 / 2019

