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**Newsletter, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is lots happening as we enter the final week of term. Yesterday, France Class performed their assembly sharing all of their learning about London. Thankfully, great weather meant that their Thames river cruise was bathed in sunshine. The sun also shone on the Y2 Kew Gardens trip. On top of this, there have also been performances at the Rhythm Studio where plenty of new skills were on show.

A big shout out to Viviane and the newly assembled Friends of Atwood team. Ideas and plans are coming thick and fast, they are very generous with their time and there is lots of enthusiasm – see further down for all the details including an Easter Egg decorating competition next week. Thank you!

Finally, Parents Evenings are taking place on Monday and Thursday next week. They provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss learning. Please sign up on Parent Mail or through the office.

Have a great weekend.

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 class with the highest attendance this week is:

**GHANA CLASS (Year 4)**

School	YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>96.6%</b>	93.7%	94.9%	94.9%	98.5%	98.2%	99.1%	95.6%	96.4%

### Parents Evening – 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April

Please don't forget to sign up for the upcoming parents evening. This can be done on Parent Mail or through the school office. Parents Evening timings:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 4.15pm – 6.30pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 4.15pm – 7.30pm

### Last Day of Term

Parents are reminded that as usual, school finishes at **2pm** on the last day of term (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April). There will be **no P3 club** after school on this day. Please ensure children are collected promptly at 2pm.

### Next Term

Thinking ahead to next term, please don't forget that there is an inset day on our first day back so children will return at 8.25am on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**.



### Year 2 Rainforest Adventure

On Tuesday this week, our intrepid Year 2 scholars ventured to Kew Gardens to explore the vast variety of horticulture. Linked to our learning this term on rainforests around the world, we examined the different flora and fauna as well as enjoying the fantastic outdoor space! We were fortunate to have superb parent

helpers and the Year 2 team would like to say thank you to everyone who came. It was an active day in the glorious sunshine, where everybody discovered something new, got to experience first hand the wonders of nature and challenge their head for heights with the 18m treetop walkway. It gave real context to our topic and also gave everyone a very solid night's sleep, due to the ground we covered. Well done Year 2!





## Year 1 All Around London

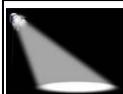
Year 1 have been learning all about London and discovering lots of cool facts through research, songs and a very special river cruise along the Thames.

Yesterday saw all the great work coming together with a fabulous assembly from France class complete with a cool new London song that got everyone moving.



## Y6 Children Performing at the Rhythm Studio

Canada class have been working hard at the Rhythm studios all this term to prepare for our fantastic performance on Tuesday! Using Sonic Pi, some children worked together to produce a piece of music using code. They then stepped into the roles of DJ and performed their pieces using live code. The rest of the class treated us to renditions of 'Yellow' by Coldplay, 'Portugal' by The Man and George Ezra's 'Shotgun'. The choir were full of sunshine and energy and had the audience clapping and singing along. A particular well done to all those who performed solos and duets! Parents thoroughly enjoyed the performance and it is safe to say that Australia class definitely have talent!

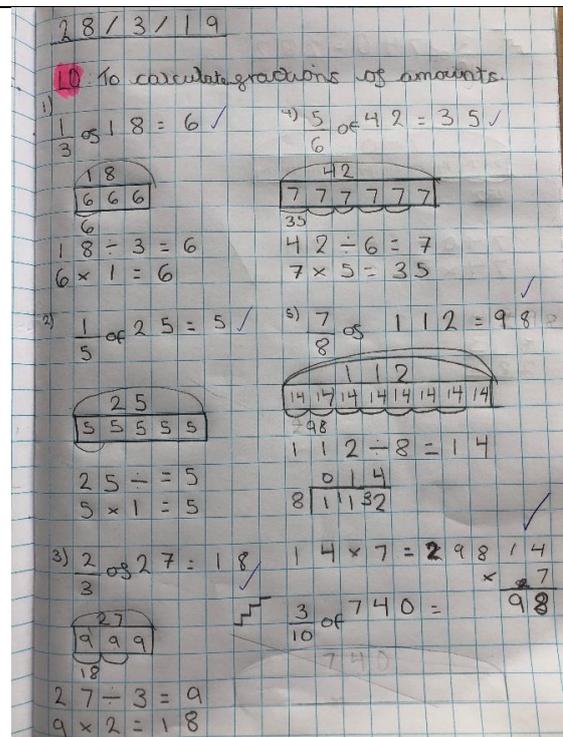


## Who is in the spotlight this week?

This week it is the turn of Maths and specifically Aneesa in Y5 Spain. We have been learning how to calculate fractions of amounts. The working out and presentation is excellent. Also her bar models show a great representation of what is really happening when we do this. At Atwood, we follow the Mathematics Mastery programme which is designed to give children a deep understanding of Maths; concepts like 'bar models' support with this. Well done Aneesa!

### Question for Parents

There are 120 counters in a bag.  $\frac{1}{6}$  are yellow.  $\frac{1}{4}$  are red. The rest of the counters are blue. How many counters are blue?

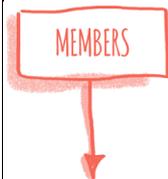


## Friends of Ark Atwood Update

Our new Friends of Ark Atwood (FoAA) committee has been up and running, and we have got lots of fundraisers and events for our lovely Atwood Community. Below is an update to bring you up to speed with all things FoAA!

### Who are we - Meet the committee members:

(Current committee runs until March 2020)



- Chair: Viviane (Jean-Thierry, Y2 Barbados)
- Treasurer: Ionny (Iesse, Y1 France, Gabriel F, Y5 Spain)
- Communication: Viviane & Fiona (Esmeralda, Y2 Barbados, Sholto Y4 Ghana)
- Sabine (Sienna, Nursery, Liam Y2 Barbados, Vince, Y5 Greece)
- Ana (Matteo, Reception Mexico, Sophia Y2 Barbados)
- Iryna (Alexei, Reception India), Sylvia (Molly, Y4 Ghana), Cheryl (Anton, Y5 Spain, Travone Reception India), Sabina (Boz, Y2 China, Vishal, Y6 Australia)



Our goal as a committee is to coordinate fundraising and social events for the school, with your help!

## Our Fundraising Target **£12,000**

### Examples of school initiatives we'd like to support:

- Sand and Water play Area: experiential resources for children to learn through play in Reception and Nursery
- Mud Kitchen: Outdoor play kitchen area for early years
- Wet play boxes: new games and resources for children to use in their classrooms on wet days when there is no outdoor play
- Outdoor Play equipment: upgrade playground and sport sports resources
- Enrichment activities including transport costs and entry fees
- Sensory Room equipment for the proposed sensory room providing support for children with sensory needs
- Annual Library support, Y6 Leavers Celebrations



We also provide financial support for ad hoc needs throughout the year. We will be keeping you all updated on progress and achievements.

### How to get involved and stay in touch:

Our committee is inclusive, all parents and carers are welcome to join the FoAA meetings, and we work with the class reps to communicate activities.

The role of a class rep is super easy but very important one! There are no meetings for the reps, we communicate via whatsapp and your role is to pass on the communication to your class.



**We are currently in need of class reps for the following classes:** Nursery (globe 1), Year 1 (Italy), Year 3 (Belgium & Norway), Year 4 (Brazil), Year 6 (Australia and Canada).



Please email us [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com) if you are

able to volunteer. Great communication is important in order for us to run smoothly and achieve our goals.

### Coming up

#### Easter Activities

A chance to win a delicious Easter egg! Egg decorating competition, eggs to be brought in on the 4th of April for judging on the 5th. There will be one winner per class, £1 donation per entry.



**Easter Bake sale** on the 5th of April after school, with a prize for the creative Easter themed home baked cake! Cake can be dropped off in the morning or just before pick up.



The Summer Fair will take place the **15<sup>th</sup> June** - we need lots of volunteers to help us! There will be a meeting on the **26<sup>th</sup> April** (8:45-9-30am) in the studio to start planning. Our theme will be an eco/sustainable fair (as much as possible!).



#### Other activities in the works for 2019:

Westminster Mile Atwood Team, Quiz Night, talent show, non-uniform Wacky hair day, movie night, backgammon/games night, art exhibition, bake sales, school calendar, fundraising sports day, Christmas tea towels, international day and given there are so many fab cooks in the school - we are even thinking about a cookbook! Please feel free to reach out if you have any ideas or feedback!

We hope to see you at the next meeting on the **26<sup>th</sup> of April at 8:45am.**

#### Your Friends of Ark Atwood TEAM!

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