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Success**

Newsletter, Friday 29th November 2019

Ark Atwood's Winter Wonderland Fair

**Saturday 7 December
12 - 3PM**



**£1 entrance fee for adults,
including a raffle ticket**

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Suddenly we are heading into December! There is lots happening at school over the final few weeks of 2019 including assessment week, parents evening and, of course, all the end of term performances. Please see further down the newsletter for dates and times of these performances.

Also don't forget that parents evening is starting at the earlier time of 3.15pm on Monday and Thursday. Children should be collected at 3.00pm. Please speak to the office if you still need to book a slot for Parents Evening.

Just one week to go until the Winter Fair. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Again, I know the team are still on the lookout for volunteers so if you are able to help, please get in touch.

Have a great weekend.

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

*** Parents Evenings – Next Week ***

On Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th December, we will be holding our autumn term parents evenings. Please note that **school will close at 3pm** on these days with parent sessions taking place from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. We will be running the usual crèche where you can leave your children during your appointment. P3 will also be running as usual.

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.

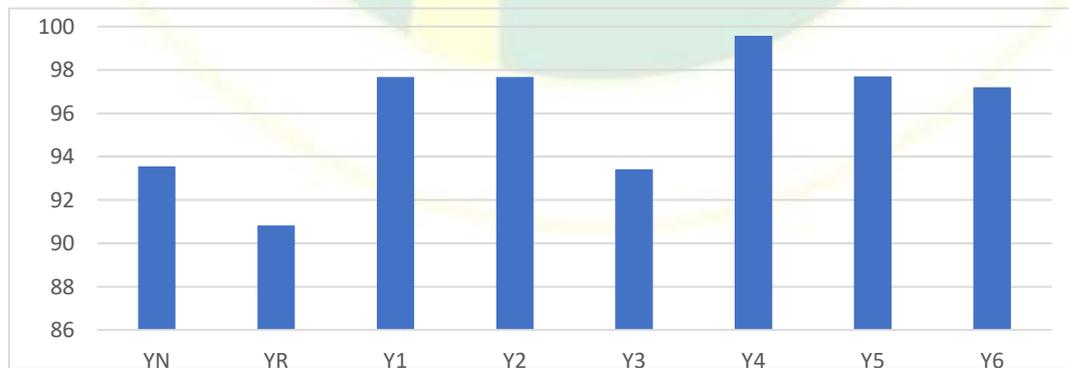
The whole school attendance figure for this week is: **96.16%**

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

The Key Stage **Two** classes with the highest attendance this week is: **BRAZIL & GHANA**



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Year 6 at the Rhythm Studio

On Tuesday Canada Class had their final performance after spending 10 weeks at the Rhythm Studios. The performance was in two parts; with the producers showcasing the wonderful instrumental pieces they have created on GarageBand first and then the pop choir sharing three beautiful songs. Everyone shined in their roles and left the audience feeling wowed - what a fantastic way to end their time at the Rhythm Studios.





Atwood teachers keep learning

Over the past two weeks the teachers at Ark Atwood have been keeping their professional development high on the agenda with some after-hours visits to some museum 'lates'. Last week we visited the Wellcome Collection in Euston to see the new Play Well exhibit. It was intriguing to see how important play is and how it has changed over time. Have you ever shown your children your favourite game or toy? This week Atwood teachers visited the Science Museum in

Kensington where they learnt about the building blocks of atomic physics through juggling. The Science Museum's new top floor has opened and has a beautiful exhibition on medical objects from around the world. The London museums are right on our door step and such a fun day out, we really recommend some of these new exhibits for your weekends and holiday time.



Celebrating...

Every Friday at Achievement Assembly we celebrate our wonderful scholars who have excelled over the course of the week. We also celebrate children who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating the Atwood values. Winners this week are:



	Scholar of the Week	Atwood Values of the Week
Mexico	Akira	Sally
India	Donnie	Hallelujah
France	Kaissar	Iason
Italy	Kai	Lunar
China	Mia El-Shaz	Arad
Barbados	Edwin	Sofiya
Norway	Zaid	Yousef
Belgium	Sofia	Gabriel
Brazil	Robin	Amira
Ghana	Abbi	Edison
Spain	Nour	Rijja
Greece	Ida	Ilias
Australia	Mya	Sean
Canada	Zain	Haris

Finnish visitors at Atwood

This week we hosted two teachers from Finland who had previous connections with the Ark network. The visiting teachers were incredibly impressed at the work displayed in each Key Stage corridor - for the content and presentation, particularly the handwriting and depth in the writing for their age group. They really enjoyed observing classes throughout the school, complimenting the children on their behaviour and attitude. This visit is designed to promote a link between our schools and the Year 6 pupils will be involved in a project to share knowledge about our school and the UK with students in Finland.



Dates for the Diary

2 nd Dec	3.15pm	Parents Evening (School finishes at 3pm)
5 th Dec	9.00am	Admissions Morning
5 th Dec		Year 3 Wonderlab Trip
5 th Dec	3.15pm	Parents Evening (School finishes at 3pm)
7 th Dec		Atwood Winter Fair
13 th Dec		Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day / Bake Sale
17 th Dec	9.00am	KS1 Performance
17 th Dec	3.00pm	Y3/Y4 Performance
18 th Dec	9.00am	Reception Performance
18 th Dec	12.30pm	Nursery performance
18 th Dec	3.00pm	Y5/Y6 Performance
19 th Dec	2.00pm	End of Term

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. The children will be enjoying a decorated hall, festive music and a lovely hot roast dinner.

If your child is currently on packed lunch and would like a school dinner of this day, please let the office know **by Friday 6th December**. Cost of a school lunch is £2.30.

Menu:

- Halal Turkey OR Vegetarian lentil and seed loaf
- ALL SERVED WITH
- Roast potatoes
- Seasonal vegetables
- Yorkshire pudding
- Gravy & Vegan Gravy



EExAT Parent Workshop

Thank you to parents who attended the recent EExAT workshop. All Nursery and Reception parents now have their unique codes to access their child's Early Excellence profile. We look forward to seeing your uploaded photos, videos and comments of the fantastic learning you are doing at home. If you have not received your code, please speak to Miss Thomson.

TruLittle Hero Awards

A couple of weeks ago, our very own Ahlam Dechausay (Year 5 Greece class) was entered for the



TruLittle Hero awards! This is an annual event held to recognise, celebrate and reward outstanding achievements of remarkable children. Anyone who has met Ahlam will have been struck by her kindness, integrity and selfless nature. Ahlam reached the finals, having been shortlisted from around 100 applicants. We are super proud of Ahlam's achievements - this will be the first of many!

Friends of Ark Atwood Update

**Ark Atwood's
Winter Wonderland Fair**
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Biscuit decorating Face painting Bouncy castle
Festive arts and crafts Hook the duck
Lollypop tree Knock'em down

New games:
Frosty snowball toss, Snowman sticky dart

Delicious hot food, cakes, hot chocolate and much more!

£1 entrance fee for adults, including a raffle ticket

We are really looking forward to welcoming everybody to the Winter Wonderland Fair next Saturday. As you will see from the flyer, there are lots of fun and exciting events.

The team are working hard bringing everything together for Saturday but we do still need:

- **Volunteers:** we are short of 10 volunteers for the day, please get in touch if you would like to get involved.
- **Donations:** please donate used/almost new toys and toiletries/stationary/gifts for Santa's shop

Tinned meat, fish, vegetables, beans, pulses, tomatoes, fruit & soup
 Cooking sauces
 Rice & couscous (500g-1kg)
 Cereals
 Long-life milk (UHT)
 Coffee
 Sugar
 Biscuits & crackers
 Jams, peanut butter & spreads

Soap
 Toilet roll
 Shower gel
 Shampoo
 Toothpaste
 Nappies size 4,5, 6 & up
 Formula milk

We do not currently need:
 Teabags
 Sanitary products
 Nappies size 1,2 & 3

WE CANNOT ACCEPT: ITEMS PASSED THEIR USE BY DATE; ITEMS WITHOUT CLEAR INGREDIENTS LISTS; ALCOHOL; OPEN ITEMS; PERISHABLES AND FRESH FOOD

Atwood Christmas Tree

Our school Christmas tree is up and ready for the start of Advent on Sunday. This year, we will again be running a reverse advent calendar from Monday until the end of term, collecting donations for the North Paddington Foodbank, which helps so many families in our local area. Children can put any items that they bring in under the tree, and we will deliver them to the Foodbank on Elgin Avenue. Please see on the right for a list of what the Foodbank need - and thank you.

The tree, meanwhile, is from Pines and Needles, and is a sustainably-farmed Scottish pine (the company has strong eco-credentials, and is even in the process of switching all their delivery vehicles to electric!) There is a Pines and Needles pop-up outside the dry cleaners on the corner of Shirland Road and Elgin Avenue should anybody wish to get their tree there - and all Ark Atwood families are invited to take advantage of something extra for this special season: say FESTIVE19 when you go to choose your tree and you'll receive some holly or mistletoe.



Who is in the Spotlight this week?

Our Atwood Approach to RWE - Religion and Worldviews Education

Miss Nair writes: "In Year 4 Ghana class, we have been piloting our updated Religion and World Views education curriculum. The current unit explores the question - 'How do religious worldviews and art interact with each other?' Through this unit we will be analysing several pieces of art from different religions. We've kicked things off with a famous Renaissance piece of art. Students have followed the structure of: observe, reflect and analyse. The class took a really thoughtful approach to the lesson content, noticing details, investigating the source, its background and building towards a conclusion. Our goal is to promote and embed philosophical skills which students can utilise to understand the world around them. We are very proud of the respectful, tolerant and inclusive approach our students demonstrate and we look forward to sharing some of their outstanding work with the parent community." In the spotlight this week is Astrid who has produced some wonderful, thoughtful reflections:

1) I think the setting is Heaven and Earth the top half is Heaven, because there is the father, (god) the Son (Jesus Christ) and the holy spirit (represented as a dove)

2) I see people crowding around and holding Bibles. They are holding them because this reminds Christians of how God wants people to live their lives. I can also see a dove that represents peace and it is also part of the Trinitarianing which represents the father the son and the holy spirit and the dove also represent the holy spirit.

3) I noticed that Jesus Christ sitting upon a throne so surrounded by cherubs and angels also Mary ~~Jesus~~ the mother of Jesus was sitting next to him in a blue ~~skirt~~ ^{mantle} ~~skirt~~ ^{mantle} I like this part because of its size and colour.

Further analysis:

This painting is called Disputation of the Sacrament. This painting was made by Raphael a young painter who painted a fresco for the

Pope's library.

In the painting the ^{Theologians} people were having a debate about the catholic ritual

This painting was one of 4. One was law, pi one was philosophy, one was religion, and one was poetry.

At first we thought that the painting was just based on religion, but now we know it represented just one of the branches of knowledge that Raphael thought was important.