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Newsletter, Friday 6th September 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have all the children back in school this week and to get fully into the school routine again. We even had a trip on the very first day of term when Belgium Class headed into the centre of the city to see 'The Ship of Tolerance' – a ship with a sail made up of designs by children from Atwood and other schools.

Lots of parent meetings happening in the next few weeks. A number of Year 6 parents have asked me about the admissions process for secondary schools. We have organised for the principals from Paddington and Westminster academies to come and talk to parents about their schools as well as a representative from Westminster who will be sharing information about the admissions process – read on for more details.

Our start of year coffee mornings also begin next week. These messages are a great chance to meet with your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead. Again, read on for more information.

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

*** Reminder ***

Traffic continues to be a problem on the road around the school at the start and end of the day. Please remember that double yellow lines are not for parking and that in a built up area with children crossing, driving at high speeds is dangerous.

Year 7 Transition

The deadline for secondary school applications is on 31st October. We are aware that completing the application form and knowing which schools to apply to can be challenging. To support families with this process, we will be running the following sessions which all Year 6 parents are invited to:

17th September (8.45am): Douglas Shaw, Bi-Borough Admissions Manager, will be coming in to talk to parents about the application process and answer any questions you may have.

19th September (8.45am): Dr Saima Rana, Principal at Westminster Academy, will be here to talk to parents about her school and again, answer any questions you may have.

25th September (8.45am): Peter Jones, Principal at Paddington Academy, will be here to talk to parents about his school and answer questions.

Further information about the Westminster admissions process can be found online at: <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/transferring-to-secondary-school>

Class Coffee Mornings

All parents are invited to our class coffee mornings which are starting next week. These sessions provide a start of year opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn more about the curriculum for their year group, trips coming up, expectations etc.

Dates as follows:

Nursey	9 th Sept
Reception	10 th Sept
Year One	11 th Sept
Year Two	12 th Sept
Year Three	16 th Sept
Year Four	17 th Sept
Year Five	18 th Sept
Year Six	19 th Sept

Sessions start at 8.00am

House Points Board

During August we received our brand new House Points display board which is now on the wall in the Hall. The House Points board has been paid for by the Friends of Atwood – a big thank you to them and to all parents for their generosity at the many fundraising events run by the Friends. Thank you also to Jonny Finch for all the time spent working with the designers – it looks fantastic!





Ship of Tolerance

Belgium class started the year with a trip - on the first day of term - to see 'The Ship of Tolerance' outside the Tate Modern. This is an art project that all of the Year 3 pupils worked on last term in Year 2, taking part in workshops to discuss what tolerance means, how it might feel to be a refugee, and what message they would like to spread to make the world a better place. They then worked in groups to design and paint sails for the Ship, depicting those messages, along with children at other London schools, children living in refugee camps on the continent, and patients from Great Ormond Street Hospital. With this project, the process is just as important as the end result, and there isn't room on the Ship for all the sails - but nonetheless we're delighted to have spotted two or three by our Atwood children!

As well as seeing the Ship, Belgium class met the artist, Emilia Kabakov, and very took part in a photo call for the newspapers that were covering the event! Three of our children even got interviewed for the ITV news, and, put on the spot, overcame any shyness to speak very eloquently about the project - well done Gabriel, Liam and Esmeralda.

We're sorry that we weren't able to take both classes to see the Ship - logistically it was a difficult trip to arrange and we didn't have much notice - but it is outside the Tate for another five weeks, so do go and have a look if you're passing.

Knowledge Organisers

As you will have seen from our Parent Mail, we are in the process of developing the Atwood curriculum. One of the ways we want to improve our curriculum is to better define exactly what our children should know at different points in their education. We have started work on this through the introduction of Knowledge Organisers. These documents capture the knowledge children are taught. These will be shared with the children, referred to frequently and used as an ongoing assessment tool to see what knowledge children have retained. We also believe that these documents should be shared with parents - this will enable you to support your child and discuss topics that are being taught. All Knowledge Organisers include a glossary to support the development of children's vocabulary.

Ark Atwood Year 5 Knowledge Organiser

Glossary	
1 Aqueduct	A masonry channel used for delivering water to Roman towns.
2 Barbarian	A term used by the Romans to refer to people outside the Roman Empire.
3 Boudicca	Led an uprising against the occupying force of the Roman Empire.
4 Centuria	A division of the Roman army made up of 100 soldiers and led by a Centurion.
5 Colosseum	Large amphitheatre in the centre of Rome.
6 Conquer	To overcome and take control.
7 Emperor	The leader of an Empire.
8 Gladiator	A person who fought for the entertainment of Roman audiences.
9 Roman Tribes	A Celtic tribe led by Boudicca into a rebellion against the Romans.
10 Mosaics	Pictures or patterns produced by arranging together small pieces of stone.
11 Pictbook	More educational Roman temple.
12 Rebellion	People joining together to fight against a certain group.

Ancient Rome

The Pont du Gard is an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge in France built in the first century AD to carry water over 50 kilometres (31 miles) to the Roman city of Nîmes.

The Colosseum, built in Rome, is the largest amphitheatre ever built. It could hold 50,000 and 80,000 spectators.

These are in the process of being developed and will be uploaded onto the Atwood website during the course of the year - the Knowledge Organisers for the Autumn term topics are already there.

Library News

The Atwood library is a very important part of our school and we are very lucky to have such a wonderfully dedicated team of parents running it for us. Without these parents volunteering their time we would be unable to allow weekly class visits to borrow books and to enjoy the space. We are looking for some new volunteers to join our team this year to allow us to continue offering this to the children.

If you are interested in helping out and can dedicate one afternoon a week between the hours of 1-4pm please get in touch with Fiona, our librarian. f.dalu-chandu@arkatwoodprimary.org



Karate Club

We are introducing a Karate Club for children in years three to six. This will take place on a Thursday after school. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the office - spaces are limited. Children need to wear their P.E kit/tracksuit for the first term. After the first term and before grading, children will require a karate uniform. There is a cost for this club which is payable in advance - please contact the office.

P3

We have an independent charity that runs a breakfast club and after school play centre on the school site. They have been with us for 8 years. If you would like your children to attend P3's services please ensure you book via your magic booking account. To create an account visit <https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>

P3 accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare. The services run in the morning for breakfast club starting at 7:45am (BOOK BY MIDNIGHT) and the after school play centre is open till 6pm (BOOK BY 11AM) as well as this they run a holiday play centre. Please visit www.p3charity.org (PLAY3) for more information or email linda.hamilton@p3charity.org. Regrettably P3 cannot allow children to use the service without a magic booking account and they are booked in. They allow EMERGENCY bookings for magic booking accounts ONLY.