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**Achieving
Success**

Newsletter, Friday 8th November 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, we have made some changes to our lunchtime arrangements this week to make best use of our space and enable more playtime opportunities for each key stage. The kind donations of soft toys for key stage one are being put to good use in the playground along with more structured PE games at the pitch for those that want to participate. These changes have already been beneficial for friendship building and we have seen lower levels of knocks and bumps during the busy lunchtime period.



Please have a look further down the newsletter for upcoming dates for your diaries. Next Thursday, there is a parent session focussing on Purple Mash – the software that supports our Computing Curriculum. Dates for Rhythm Studio and end of term performances have also been confirmed.

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Reminder: Atwood Inset Day on Friday 22nd November. School Closed.

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: **96.79%**

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

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



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Year 6 at the Houses of Parliament

On Monday, Year 6 took a trip to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour around the House of Commons and the House of Lords to learn about how laws are made in the UK. They were lucky enough to be accompanied by Liam's grandmother, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, who is an Independent Crossbencher member of the House of Lords and could give us extra insights into the day-to-day workings of British Parliament.

The pupils also took part in a debating working shop in which they created a new law that they felt our country would benefit from. One group were debating whether homeless people should be provided with card readers to increase the likelihood of raising enough money to get off the streets, while the other debated whether low-income families should be given more money to support them by the government.

It was an interesting and informative trip for both adults and children - who all left feeling inspired.





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	Eneo	Mila
India	Ziyad	Heebah
France	Iqra	Nova-Lei
Italy	Chloe	Joud
China	Adam E	Mia
Barbados	Kayla	Kanon
Norway	Yaseen	Santa
Belgium	Vesa	Hakim
Brazil	Jamie	Hayder
Ghana	Muhammad	Eric
Spain	Vihaan	Rosabella
Greece	Reina	Teo
Australia	Maria	Gabriel
Canada	Ruby	Haidar

Dates for the Diary

14 th Nov	8.45am	Computing at Atwood: Parent Workshop
19 th Nov		Y4 British Museum Trip
22 nd Nov	Academy	Inset Day: School Closed
26 th Nov	2.30pm	Y6 Rhythm Studio Performance
28 th Nov	2.30pm	Y5 Rhythm Studio Performance
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	KSI 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

Wacky Hair and Hat Day

As always, the Atwood children went above and beyond today with their creative skills and raised a brilliant £227.03 on Wacky Hair and Hat Day!



Who is in the Spotlight this week?

This week, the spotlight falls on Lucas in Barbados Class. Not only is his poem seasonal and creative, make sure you also appreciate his wonderful handwriting.

B

Bonfire night starts booming in the night sky.

O

On my cheeks the colorful night skins.

N

No one sees the fireworks ^{only} as they explode fiercely.

F

Fizzing fireworks in the sky and some snore and squeak quietly.

I

I am enjoying the show peacefully.

R

Rears are flying across but I don't see them.

E

Exhilarating fireworks pop.

N

Night time is getting darker.

I

I cannot believe what I just saw.

G

Gingerbread men are running across my head as I look into the hot bonfire.

H

Have you ever seen such a dramatic show

T

Time to go to bed I thought.

Friends of Ark Atwood Update

Thank you to everyone involved with the Halloween Bake Sale, we raised £202. Below are some of our favourite cakes! And a big thank you to Iman and everyone involved in making the Halloween Disco happen!



Coming up

Tea Towels: Please make sure you bring in your forms by [Monday 11th](#).

Winter Wonderland Fair

When: Save the date! The Winter Wonderland Fair is [7th December from 12-3](#).

We're planning amazing activities like festive arts & crafts, biscuit decorating, bouncy castle, hook the duck, knock em down, Lollypop tree and new games like Frosty Snowball toss and a Snowman sticky dart game.

Stall organisers: we're looking for 4 people to organise the arts and crafts stall, biscuit decorating stall and the cake sale stall.

We also need **prize donations**, please do get in touch if you can help.

Please contact atwoodfriends@gmail.com if you would like to be involved or let Mr. Evelyn know.

Don't forget the Penny Jar Challenge has now started. Remember to give your kids spare change, the winning class gets to spend 20% of their total on their class.

Thanks and have a good weekend,
Your FofAA team