



ARK ATWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

WC 26th September 2016

HAVE COURAGE AND BE KIND

Remaining diary dates for the autumn term first half.

CLUBS have begun.

Clubs began this week and we are delighted so many children have chosen to take some form of after school activity. We ask parents and carers arrive on time to pick up at 5pm for school clubs and 5.15 for clarinet, recorder and violin. The children will all be escorted by their club teacher to the hall and parents will be asked to come up the hall stairs to collect them.

October

3rd Mexico class visit Maida Vale library

5th Photographer in – individual and sibling photographs

7th 8.45 Reception Parent Forum

Happy News printed today

10th 8.45 SEN parent workshop Interventions and support at Atwood

19:00 SEN parent workshop Interventions and support at Atwood

12th 9am Open Morning YR and nursery prospective parents

13th 8.45 Year 2 China Class assembly – Hall

8.45 – 10.45 Triple P Parent seminar – The power of positive parenting

Y2 Visit the Science Museum

14th 8.45

17th 8.45 Parent workshop – KS1 Mathematics calculations

19.00 Parent workshop – KS1 Mathematics calculations

18th 8.45 Parent workshop – KS2 Mathematics calculations

19.00 Parent workshop – KS2 Mathematics calculations

20th 8.45 Year 2 Barbados class assembly

8.45 – 10.45 Triple P Parent seminar – Raising competent confident children

21st 4pm Half term begins

Notes from teachers

Year N Miss Carlota and the team are settling their new pupils in and already the nursery is a calm and happy place. Miss Carlota asks if Nursery parents could bring in a three page booklet containing three pictures of their child at baby stage, toddler stage and present. In addition, please could you bring in a named bag of spare clothes in case of accidents!

Year R – Our younger children have wonderful brain breaks in class – this week children were dancing for 5 minutes to Uptown Funk with all the teachers joining in too! Miss Thomson writes 'We have had such a fantastic start to the year – children are already super scholars and are excelling especially at their phonics.' Please keep practising at home. There is a Reception Parent Forum led by Mr Upfield coming up on the 7th October at 8.45 in the studio.

Year 1 – Children had a fabulous time visiting the London Aquarium to help them understand habitats, sea life and writing non-fiction reports! A request from the teachers is that children bring in egg boxes for their design and technology. When you are home it would be great if you could talk to your child about animals which live in water.

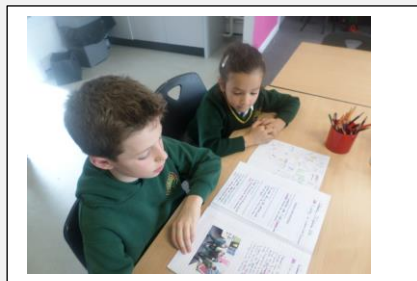
Year 2 – Children have settled in really well and this week, have become grammar soldiers in Miss Capon and Miss Schofield's grammar army. See if they can sing their grammar song to you at home! In PSHE the classes are focussing on kindness and discussions around how we show that and what it means, at home would be great. We have a trip to the Science museum scheduled for the 13th October in support of our learning – please look out for the letters about this outside the classroom.

Year 3 – What a wonderful settled start to the year. The start of KS2 can be demanding and both Belgium and Norway classes have shown true energy and enthusiasm in their learning. The classes are learning about spies and any talk at home about gadgets and secret codes would help their learning. Details of the upcoming trip to the James Bond museum are coming and will be outside the classroom

Year 4 – The classes are incredibly excited about their work on endangered animals – please work with them on the vocabulary to do with endangered species and if possible, find news reports and video clips on how conservationists are

working to help. The trip to London Zoo is organised and the team hope some parents will volunteer to come along to support the group on the day. Please see Mr Kearns and Miss Brown if you think you could help.

Year 5 – We have seen some astonishingly high level writing and mathematics in year 5 and the children are loving the high expectations and challenge their teachers are setting. The pupils will now be starting Unit 2 in mathematics, so the maths mastery homework book unit 1 can be completed at home now. The Forest School trips have been a great success with the children and they are using the information about habitats to add to their knowledge of animals and their environments. It would be great if parents could talk to children about how animals are adapted to their environments. This week Y5 have told their fiction stories to Y2. Here are some lovely pictures!



Usborne book fair

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to tell you that Usborne Books will be on sale in school on the afternoon of Thursday 3 and Friday 4 November from 3 – 4pm. Children will have the opportunity to look at the books during the school day and if you are able to come to school to look at the books with your child, we will be delighted to see you. If, however, you are unable to attend, you can log onto www.quackquackbooks.co.uk and choose a book from the complete online catalogue or fill in the order form on the back of the attached leaflet (put details in an envelope marked “Book Fair”).

We have chosen Usborne Books, not only because the books are excellent, but also because of their generous free book package. If a total of £600 is spent, we will have £360 in free books for our library! So please use this opportunity to stock up on books, not only for your family bookshelf, but also for birthdays, Christmas, new babies or other gifts!

In order that all of our children have the opportunity to look at all the books on offer, the books will be ordered and delivered to school the week beginning 14 November. You can pay with cash, cheque (made payable to Jane Ireland) or credit card.

I hope you will feel able to support this event and encourage your children to be lovers of books and reading.

Miss Baxter and Mrs Dalu-Chandu

Transition Teds and attendance.

Huge congratulations this week to China Class for winning the Transition Trophy. Miss Capon intends to name the Ted's with the class.

KS2 Transition Trophy will be awarded on Friday 7th October.

Achievement certificates KS1 and KS2

Congratulations to the Reception and KS1 children below who received certificates this Friday in assembly. The Value for this week is a special one of courage and kindness. KS2 were given out on the Friday before

Scholar

Year R Noor Aaliyah	Year 1 France Maryam	Year 2 Barbados Rijja
Year R Mexico Jvaughn	Year 1 Italy Shaker	Year 2 China Uran

Value

Year R India Angelos, Rayan	Year 1 France Muhammad K	Year 2 Barbados Sholto
Year R Mexico Elijah, Maria	Year 1 Italy Trixie	Year 2 China Myron

Scholar

Year 3 Belgium Sean	Year 4 Brazil Joshua	Year 5 Greece Ariadne
Year 3 Norway Alana	Year 4 Ghana Hisham	Year 5 Spain Maelo

Value

Year 3 Belgium Maria-Joan	Year 4 Brazil Ayah	Year 5 Greece Lauren
Year 3 Norway Vincent	Year 4 Ghana Deja	Year 5 Spain Bunny

Notes from Miss Baxter

We have had a wonderful few weeks back and the leadership walks around the school show calm and settled classes busily at work on their varied topics.

I have particularly enjoyed all the singing transitions and the high level of writing in each year group – especially in Year 1 about their fish! Just wonderful to see.

I have been asked to give more information about the curriculum on the website, so with that in mind Mr Mackenzie has a new curriculum overview for PE for everyone to see and there will be reading and writing targets for parents in the literacy section to help you with your child at home.

Health

A few parents are still reporting nits and many are combing hair on a daily basis. Please can I ask everyone to check their child's hair regularly? Thank you

Clubs

Clubs began this week and the offer is varied and many children are now in school till 5pm enriching their knowledge and enjoying the longer hours. If you are having difficulty picking up your child it would be really appreciated if you could call the office to let us know. Shirley is there until 6pm.

Collection from all clubs will be from the back gate at 5 (or 5.15 for music clubs.)

School council

Miss Rees met the ambassadors and the prefects today in their first school council meeting. Their agenda included

Winter menu choices

What we like in school

What would make school even better?

Already we have received feedback from several classes about ideas for the menu after half term as well as ideas for making school better. Once I have feedback from all classes I will meet the chef Dani and we will devise a menu which we hope our students will enjoy. To help our youngest children, Y5 prefects will support reception classes in their class school council feedback discussions and Y4 ambassadors will help Y1.

Lunch

I have had a number of children reporting that there are not enough rolls for the older year groups at lunch time.

Dani has now changed the number of rolls ordered and puts aside an amount daily for Y4 and 5 especially as they eat last, to ensure that there are enough, especially on days when the meat is not halal.

Trainers for the daily mile

We have feedback that some parents wish their child to run the daily mile in trainers; that is fine and they should bring them in for that. Children should not come to school in trainers as the daily mile is later in the morning, not at registration for each year group. If, however, you don't send trainers, it is fine for children to run in school shoes (it's not too different to the running about in the playground at break time.) If children struggle to get trainers on quickly, teachers could ask them to stay in school shoes to avoid time wasting as the daily mile is intended to be a fast, low disruption event.

Friends of Ark Atwood dates for the diary

Parent coffee mornings.

Tuesday 27 September: MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4 October: Monkey Music Taster Session

Tuesday 11 October: Maida Vale Ballet School Taster Session

Tuesday 18 October: Usborne Books

Tuesday 15 November: Bake with Maria – Christmas Baking Taster Session

Team Margot news

[Team Margot](#) would like to invite the children from Ark Atwood Primary Academy to our exclusive event that we are having to mark the Team Margot Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Registration Day on Friday 7 October at [KidZania London](#) (located at Westfield shopping centre in Shepherd's bush) **from 4pm to 8pm**.

We have some **complimentary tickets** that are on a **first come first served basis**.

If you have not been to KidZania before, it's a mini city for kids, aged between 4- 14 years old, where they can try out different jobs. For more about KidZania, click here <http://london.kidzania.com/en-uk/> and look out for the [Team Margot Medical Courier](#) activity ! It's also a great opportunity try out KidZania without too many queues!

If you would like to **reserve tickets** for this event, please **email** corporateevents@kidzania.co.uk stating that you wish to attend the Team Margot Foundation Event on Friday 7 October between 4pm and 8pm and please *list the names of who would like to attend along with their ages or state if attendee is an adult*.

We hope to see you there.
Thank you.

Atwood enrichment



RISE & SHINE CLASS 7.50-8.25AM **EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

A unique class designed to stimulate body & mind, including a cardio warm up, full body stretch & flex, team building exercises and a cool down with words of affirmation. An excellent way to start the day! Come and join us!

Christmas plans

Miss Griffiths and Miss Rebecca are going to put on a performance of Nutcracker for streetdance club, contemporary club and ballet club as a combined Christmas show. With this in mind, both teachers ask that if your child is in one of these clubs that they attend regularly to make sure the show is a success. There are only 7 teaching weeks until this!

A message from Mr Upfield

Last week I met with Linda from P3 and we have agreed the following:-

Reduction in fees for two children – the daily rate for one child is £10 and the rate for two is £17
This equates to only a 50p rise per child per session.

For holiday play centre we have removed the need to pay all weeks in advance you will now be just required to pay for the week ahead

We discussed the menu and P3 will ensure that there is variety across the week and there is sufficient quantity.

Nursery children: a number of parents have asked if they can attend P3. In the term that your child turns 4, if you would like them to attend P3, please discuss with Mr Upfield or a member of the leadership team to decide if your child would benefit from attending and be able to manage the extra hours.

The reception parent forum this Friday will be at 8.45 in the studio. The meeting is for reception parents to come along and ask any questions they might have about life at Atwood now that we are a few weeks into the term. In addition it will be a nice opportunity to get to know the other parents in the year group.



A reminder that the Brilliant Parents seminar is being held at Atwood – details below.



Triple P Seminar

The power of positive parenting



Ark Atwood Primary School, 13th October 2016

8.30am - 8.45am: Refreshments
8.45am - 10.15am: Seminar takes place

IS THIS YOU?

Most of the time, parenting is fun. You know you are doing a good job, but sometimes you find parenting demanding, frustrating and exhausting.

Do you know that in order to raise a healthy, well-adjusted child to have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in their relationships with others, they need a safe, secure and loving environment?

Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) reduces the stress of parenting and makes parenting more rewarding and enjoyable by helping you:

- Create a warm, loving, safe environment for your child
- Use positive strategies to encourage your child's learning

- Use assertive discipline to help your child take responsibility for their actions
- Have reasonable expectations of both your child and yourself
- Take care of yourself by looking after your own needs, balancing work and family responsibilities, challenging negative thinking and working as a team

In around 90 minutes, this seminar will leave you feeling more confident and competent and ready to deal with the challenges that raising a child can bring.

Please contact Ms Rees for more information:
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