

# ARK Atwood Primary Academy



## Newsletter

### Value of the week: Enthusiasm

Achieving Success

## International Day

**Next week, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November we have International Day.**

Children can come to school wearing national dress/national team strip/famous person/colours of flag from their country of origin or cultural background. This can be a full outfit or a small accessory.

### How can parents get involved?

We would like to hold a 'food from around the world' sharing event at the end of the school day. If you are able to provide a typical dish of food from your country to share with the school community that will be great! **Ideally we'd like finger food or food that is easy to serve and eat standing-up!** We would welcome some help setting up from 3.30pm. Food will be set up in the studio. We will operate a queuing system through the studio to collect food which can then be taken into the playground for eating. The school will provide paper plates, cutlery, napkins etc. We will not be charging for this event as it will just be nice to 'bring and share' with each other.

**Dishes will need to be brought along during set-up. We can't store food during the school day – sorry!**

**If you prepare a dish please complete the slip overleaf to display alongside. Thank you.**

#### KS2 Parents

Would you like to demonstrate and lead a short cultural craft activity with your child's class (supported by the class team). Ideally, we'd like one parent per class from Years 3 & 4. **If you're interested please email Miss Baxter ([s.baxter@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:s.baxter@arkatwoodprimary.org)) by next Tuesday so that arrangements can be made with the class teachers.**

#### Year R & KS1 Parents

Would you like to come and do a short (maximum 5 minutes) cultural talk to your child's class? It could be in the form of a traditional tale, a song, sharing some information etc. We could accommodate up to 3 parents per class. **If you're interested please email Miss Baxter ([s.baxter@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:s.baxter@arkatwoodprimary.org)) by next Tuesday so that arrangements can be made with the class teachers.**

## Ark Lajpat Nagar

Ark has recently opened their first school in Delhi, India: Ark Lajpat Nagar. Ark is planning on setting-up a formal twinning arrangement with Atwood. This follows the summer break where Miss Evans and Miss Lester went over with other colleagues from the network to help the school in its first month. On international day we're planning on having a live link during our assembly to Lajpat Nagar's assembly! There are many other activities planned in the coming months!

You can see what the school have been up to by following them on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/arklajpatnagar>

We'd like as many children as possible to start work on a home learning project:

#### 'My life in London'

The project can take any form you like and can be as simple as a named picture (maybe family, home etc.) for our youngest children up to a full information text with images for our oldest. The project can be completed using IT or by hand. The plan is to send our projects to Ark Lajpat Nagar. In return we will receive some projects from them entitled 'My life in Delhi'. This promises to be an exciting sharing of information!

**Completed (and named) projects should be handed into the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**



## Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to these children who received their certificate on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Scholar of the Week Certificate

Muhammad	India Class
Mustafa	Mexico Class
Soraya	France Class
Vera	Italy Class
Zain	Barbados Class
Hanae	China Class
Euginia	Belgium Class
Muflih	Norway Class
Lamis	Brazil Class
Marley	Ghana Class

### Values Certificate: Enthusiasm

Yusra	India Class
Indigo	Mexico Class
Kimiya	France Class
Alya	Italy Class
Camille	Barbados Class
L'Oreal	China Class
Amira	Belgium Class
Efriye	Norway Class
Spencer	Brazil Class
Rayhan	Ghana Class

## P3

Christmas is fast approaching! Unfortunately, we are always closed over the Christmas period due to our main office closing. We also will be **closed on the last day of school (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec)**.

P3 Atwood play centre would like to know if you need their service on the school's 2 INSET days (January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>). Please email [linda.cox@p3charity.org](mailto:linda.cox@p3charity.org) by the **30<sup>th</sup> November** for more information/prices or to express your interest.

**The service will only go ahead if the need is high.**

**All payments will need to be paid by the 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Next Week @ Atwood

### Trips and curriculum activities



#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

6.30pm Book Club meets

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Friends of Ark Atwood Coffee Morning – Studio  
Including a talk from an Educational Psychologist

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

International Day  
See all the details below

## House Points

House	Points This Week	Total Points
Aspiration & Achievement	43	127
Scholarship	60	145
Perseverance	80	193
Integrity	58	159
Respect & Responsibility	47	154
Enthusiasm	75	215

**Congratulations Perseverance House**

## Anti-bullying Week

This week Atwood has been participating in anti-Bullying week. We started our week looking at what bullying is and the different behaviours that fall under the act of bullying. We then explored what we can do to be 'Kids against bullying' at Atwood! What do we do if we see someone being bullied or feel we are being bullied? How can we help each other? How can we help the bullies? It is important that at Atwood we understand about bullying and as a team make sure it is not a part of our school. In class we have taken part in various activities around bullying, such as learning about developing empathy, and understanding other people's feelings and perspectives. We have also looked at how to be Anti-Bullying Super Heroes! We are all looking at people's facial expressions, body language, listening to what is being said, and looking at what is happening around us and pledging to be super heroes to each other, making sure our Atwood team are safe and happy!

## Footnote

Children who read daily outside class are five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with those who don't. (National Literacy Trust, 2015)



## Book club

Just a reminder that book club is coming up this Monday 23rd November at 6.30. We are looking forward to seeing new faces as well as our regular members. The book choices will be brought along for the month. Hope to see you there!

## CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

The children will be judged by an impartial judge, our sponsor Coo (lovely prizes for Best Tree, Craziest Tree and Runner-Up)

Please bring them with you on Friday 4 December or, better yet, to the market so they can be displayed in all their glory and entered into the competition.

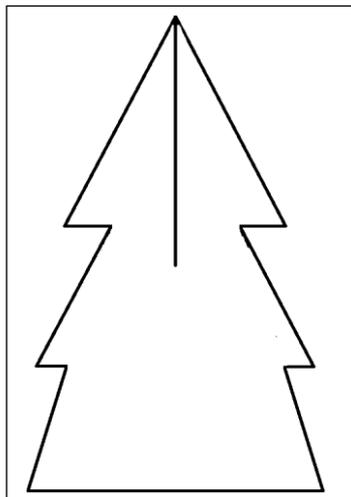
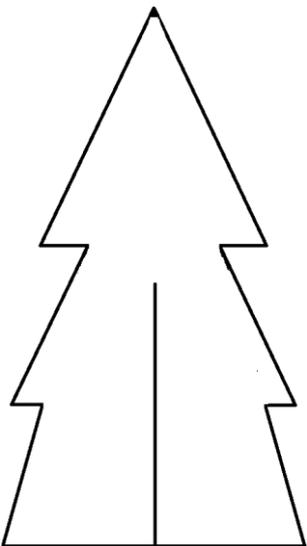
As always, any queries or ideas and offers you may have please approach your class reps or indeed come directly to us, Friends of ARK Atwood Committee.

Thank you in advance for your time, help AND commitment!

### Instructions for the Christmas Tree

Using the designs here to help you see the shape you need

1. Draw 2 big trees outline on some plain card (A4)
2. Cut out the card
3. Cut out the slots
4. Decorate



## This Week's Attendance

### Reception

India 97.8%  
Mexico 97.1%

### Year 1

France 99.2%  
Italy 99.6%

### Year 2

Barbados 97.1%  
China 96.3%

### Year 3

Belgium 99.1%  
**Norway 100%**

### Year 4

Brazil 95.4%  
Ghana 96.7%

Whole school attendance this week  
**97.5%**

Congratulations to Norway Class this week for 100% attendance

### Late Arrivals

The gates open at 8.25am and are closed at 8.35am. Thank you for the huge effort you are making to get into the school before the gates close. The register in class is taken at 8.40 so children not in the classroom then will be entered as late.

Class	Rank	Points
<b>India</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>
Mexico	=3	12
France	=5	0
Italy	=5	0
Barbados	2	5
China	=8	0
Belgium	=5	0
Norway	=3	4
Brazil	=10	0
Ghana	=8	0

## Friends of Ark Atwood

COFFEE MORNING WITH EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST: Tuesday 24 November at 8:45 in the Studio

INTERNATIONAL DAY: Friday 27 November

Children may wear traditional dress / national team / famous person from their country and parents/carers will share food from around the world. Parents of Key Stage 1 will be invited to come into school to say a few words about their country of origin. Activities for Key Stage 2 are being finalised

ATWOOD CHRISTMAS MARKET: Saturday 5 December 3-6 pm

The market is really shaping up, with stalls (owned by parents and/or local businesses) selling beautiful gifts such as jewellery, textiles, books, accessories, jams, textile garlands and hair accessories, as well as customised gift bags. For the hungry there will be hot dogs, merguez, Moroccan food, Swedish cinnamon buns, Atwood cakes, hot mulled drinks. While the parents browse, the children can attempt to hook a bauble, decorate gingerbread biscuits, have some henna done, try their luck with chocolate jam jars, make faces in the photo booth, or drop the coin on Rudolph's nose. And much much more, including... see Santa! (tickets for this are FREE and will be available during the week before the market)

**Market Stall Rotas:** the way Atwood raises funds at the market is through the stalls where all profits go to the school (as opposed to the external vendors who pay a fee for their stall). The sign-up sheets are in the playground, on the yellow stairs. Please do sign up if possible for an hour (or two!) on a stall or contact [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com). Children are welcome to help their parents/carer on the stalls as well, especially by helping with the gingerbread biscuits the Y3 children are making and the braided christmas hearts the Y4 children are making. There's lots of different options and all help very gratefully received! The more people help out, the more fun it is for everyone!

There are other ways to help as well:

We desperately need a **man and van** to pick up gazebos a few streets from the school. Contact [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com) if you have a largish car and can help

**Christmas Lights** (indoor and outdoor): please bring these to the school **by Friday 27/11**

Wrapping Paper, sticky tape, ribbon, etc. Please bring this to school next week, from **Monday 23/11**

Christmas Decorations: anything you might have at home you no longer need, or any multi-buys from the local poundshop  
Make a chocolate/biscuits jar for the Snowy Jar Stall: fill a clean empty jar with chocolates, biscuits, or small toys and seal with a lid. Remember **no nuts!** You can make more than one, your child can help you by decorating the jar if you like.  
Bring these into school from **23/11**.

Declutter your child's room and find some good condition puzzles, toys and games that we can use for the Knock'em Down stall. Bring these into school from **23/11**

Bake a cake for the cake stall (bring it with you when you come to the market)

Distribute flyers where other local families might see them. It's an event open to the whole community (school office can provide flyers)

Y3 and Y4 children are invited to sing carols at the market at 5 pm. It would be fantastic if as many as possible of them could be there at that time! Please let us know if your child will be able to attend, so we know how many LED lights we need to provide

Our sponsor, Coo, will also be at the market to show you what their app can do, how useful it is for parents to connect with each other and make sure we don't forget any of the many things connected with our children's busy lives. You can download their app here <http://coo.social>

### TEA TOWELS

The children have done such an amazing job with their portraits for the tea towels which have now arrived and are at the front office. If you have pre-ordered, please pay and collect them there. If you didn't pre-order, there is a very small amount of extras that can be purchased for £5 each, first come, first served. Thanks.

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Friends of ARK Atwood comprises all parents and carers of ARK Atwood Primary Academy and coordinates fundraising and social events for the school.

<https://www.facebook.com/AtwoodFriends>

<https://twitter.com/FofArkAtwood>

# PLEASE COMPLETE AND PLACE ALONGSIDE YOUR DISH

**Name of dish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution from:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's name/child's name*

**Suitable for vegetarians** Yes/No

**Halal (if applicable)** Yes/No

**Contains nuts:** Yes/No

**Contains gluten:** Yes/No

**Contains dairy:** Yes/No

**Contains eggs:** Yes/No

**Contains fish:** Yes/No

**Contains celery:** Yes/No

**Contains soya:** Yes/No

