



**ATWOOD**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY



**NEWSLETTER**

**17 MAY 2019**

## **SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM'S WELCOME**

What a week! Finally we had some sunshine for us to enjoy at Atwood. This meant that I was able to see so much outdoor learning taking place. Year 6 took part in World Orienteering Day on Tuesday and Mr Barnett and I set up a fiendishly challenging route and associated quiz. Year 6 must have run over 2k between checkpoints but had so much fun in the meantime. It was great to see Gardening Club in operation - we are so blessed to have the open spaces and excellent facilities such as the polytunnel and the allotment areas - thanks to all the volunteers who have worked on our various Dig Days to make this resource easy and ready to use for the children.

It's been SATs week this week for Year 6. My thanks to the Year 6 team who have prepared the children for the SATs this year, but also to all of the previous KS2 teachers involved in teaching both 6B and 6BH. KS2 is a measure of attainment and progress across the Key Stage rather than what they have learned in Year 6 and so is a summation of 4 years' hard work. There has been much in the news about SATs and the impact they have on children and families. Whilst I have no issue with schools being accountable for the standard of education and care they provide, my personal opinion is that the formality of the testing regime certainly needs overhauling. Year 6 can now relax at Stubbers and then take a well-earned break over half term and come back re-energised for their final half term at Atwood.

### **T10**

I have been working behind the scenes on developing our sports provision across the school for next year whilst also providing high quality holiday camps and clubs for the children to enjoy. With this in mind, T10 will be working in partnership with Atwood delivering sports coaching during school time from September. T10 have already begun running holiday camps based at Atwood. I look forward to working with T10 in the coming months to make Atwood's sporting provision second to none.

### **Director of Music**

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Swaysland is unwell at the moment. Mr Moore has been teaching classes music during the last few months and my thanks go to him for helping Atwood out at this

difficult time. I am delighted to announce that Atwood has appointed its first Director of Music, Mr Felix Glenn, who will be joining us in September, teaching music for three and half days right across the school. He will also be leading various choirs, instrumental groups, rock groups and overseeing the work of the peripatetic music staff.

Rob Veale, Kate Standing, Nina Gambier,  
Hannah Townsend & Michaela Groves  
*Senior Leadership Team*

## TEAM POINTS

Fire	166
Water	163
Earth	152
Air	128



## FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOL!

Next time you're book shopping online, do take a look at Scholastic's website. They offer a great range of children's books for all ages, and if you spend over £10, Scholastic will donate 25% of the total to the school in FREE books! Alongside our annual book fair, this helps to keep a fantastic stock of books in our library and classrooms and it really benefits the children. For more details, visit:

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/free-books>

## SPORTS DAY T-SHIRT COLOURS

Some of you have been asking about t-shirt colours for Sports Day this year. Below is the list for each class so you can get organised early!

Blue Class	Blue T-shirt
Violet Class	Violet T Shirt
Green Class	Bright Green T-shirt
Orange Class	Orange T-shirt
Jade Class	Light Green T-Shirt
Ruby Class	Red T-Shirt
4D	Yellow T-Shirt
4P	Navy T-Shirt

- 5I White T-Shirt
- 5R Black T- Shirt
- 6B Grey T-Shirt
- 6HB Neon Colour T-Shirt

## YOUNG ARIAS RADIO AWARDS

A group of the Lion Radio Crew went to Broadcasting House in London on Friday to a special awards ceremony aimed at celebrating younger broadcasters. Lion Radio has been nominated in the category of Most Innovative Radio Station of the Year. I know how much both I and the children enjoy our work in Lion Radio and we can't wait to find out how we get on. I will, of course, let you know next week!

*Mr Veale*



## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

There are still a few tables remaining for FOAP's Mother and Baby Tabletop Sale on **Sunday 19th May**. Tables can be booked at [www.pta-events.co.uk/foap](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/foap) until 5:00pm on Friday.

The first 50 paying customers will receive a goodie bag, so book your table today!

The sale runs from 12:00pm until 2:00pm.



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Just a reminder that if you have signed up to Atwood's School Lottery, don't forget to log on and buy your tickets. The next draw is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and as well as local cash prizes, you could be in with a chance of winning £25,000! Tickets cost only £1 each and you can enter at:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/atwood-primary-academy>

## GREEN TEAM NEWS

The Green Team have been delighted with the response from Atwood parents and children to the new recycling schemes – thank you to all of you who have supported them by bringing in your used crisp packets, writing implements and printer cartridges! Eco Champions are being chosen by the classes, and these children will be responsible for collecting the used writing implements in their classes. They will meet regularly with members of the Green Team to share ideas and report on progress.

Ms Tomei has begun a project to create a painted tyre flower display to brighten up the school, getting the children to help plant the flowers. She is also hoping to be able to grow some vegetables with the children that they can harvest themselves and sell. The Green Team will be helping with both these initiatives. As ever, we would welcome help from parents. If you have any of the following items you could donate, they would be very gratefully received:



- Old tyres (outer part only)
- Metal planters/tubs/buckets
- Plants (flowers or vegetables)
- Non-toxic paint
- Wood (eg pallets) to make planters

If you can help, please bring any donations to the office.

Lots more exciting plans are in the pipeline – watch this space for more updates!

## ATTENDANCE

	<b>Week ending 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Infants (highest)</b>	Green <b>100%</b>	Green <b>99.7%</b>
<b>Juniors (highest)</b>	Jade & 6HB <b>99.2%</b>	4D <b>99.3%</b>
<b>Whole School (weekly)</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>Whole School (year to date)</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some useful dates for your diary for the Summer Term. Some of these dates are provisional: we aim to keep the dates as they are; however, there might be reasons why we need to amend dates. If this is the case, we will let you know as soon as possible. **Newly added items are in red.**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May – FOAP Table Top Sale – 12:00pm

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 to Stubbers

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Reception Vision Screening

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Reception Vision Screening

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day - £2 donation in aid of Water Aid

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun – Children return to school

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 2 Wild Science Workshop

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Jun – **Scooter Training (Years 1 & 2)**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jun – **Nursery Wild Science Workshop**

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Reception to Bore Place

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 6 to Chessington

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jun – 4D Class Assembly

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Jun – New EYFS Parents' Meeting

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jun – Sports Day

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jun – Summer Fair

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jul – 4P Class Assembly

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jul – Year 1 to the British Wildlife Centre

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul – Reception Induction Day

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul – Warlingham Induction Day



Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul – Early Years Fun Day

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Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jul – Reception Induction Day

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jul – Riddlesdown Induction Evening – 7:00pm

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jul – Camp Atwood

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Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jul – EYFS Summer Production – 9:30am and 2:00pm

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jul – **Year 5 & 6 Production – 7:00pm**

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jul – Sports Day Backup Date (please note change of date from 8<sup>th</sup> July)

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Jul - **Year 5 & 6 Production – 7:00pm**

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – Year 6 Leavers’ Party

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 9:30am

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul – LAST DAY OF TERM. School closes at 1:30pm. No After School Care.