



**ATLAS ACADEMY**

Astrea Academy Trust  
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

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## Atlas Academy Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Parents Evenings

Thank you very much to all of our parents and family members who attended last week's Parents Evenings. It was lovely to see so many of you and to hear how positive you are feeling about your child's progress at our school. We look forward to continuing to work very closely with you throughout this year to ensure that your child gets the very best education at our school.

I would also like to thank all of you who completed a Parent Survey last week. We had 81 responses and the main results are below. We will be using the outcomes of this survey to look at how we can further improve the ways in which we work with our families to support every child at Atlas.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
<b>My child is happy at school</b>	76	3	2
<b>My child feels safe at school</b>	81	0	0
<b>My child is learning at school</b>	78	3	5

### Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

As part of Parents Evening you will have received an overview of your child's progress and achievements so far this year. This included an update on your child's attendance so that you can see our sky-high expectations around ensuring that they come to school every day.

**Did You Know? 83.9% of pupils with no missed days of school achieved the Year 6 expected standards in Reading, Writing and Maths compared with only 40.2% of pupils with an attendance of 90% or less.**

Coming to school allows your child to access the wonderful learning opportunities available at Atlas, and will give them the best chance of being successful in the future. Please speak with Mrs. Thackeray, Mrs. Grant or Mrs. Nicholson if you need any support in ensuring your child comes to school every day.

### Keeping Our Children Safe Online

The COVID-19 pandemic means that our children are now online more than ever. For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet, and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

It is so important that we know what our children are doing online and who they might be speaking to. Talking regularly with your child at home is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. The NSPCC has produced some fantastic guidance to support parents and carers in talking to their child about online safety (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>). There is **always** help available in school; please speak with your child's classteacher or Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Nicholson or Mrs Hildreth from our Safeguarding Team if you need any further advice.

## Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week** in school. We will have a range of events and assemblies taking place to encourage and remind our children to reach out and show each other the support we need to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

The week will begin with an **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. We invite all of our children, staff, parents and family members to wear odd socks next Monday to help raise awareness of bullying.

On **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** we are delighted to welcome Brian Abram, a paraplegic and full-time wheelchair user, and better known as 'Grandad Wheels' to school. Brian will be spending the day with our pupils to raise awareness of aspirations, equality and disabilities as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Brian writes funny stories about his disability and his adventures with his grandson. His books are available to buy at a discounted price of £6. Please speak to your child's classteacher for further details, and for more information about Brian please visit his website – [www.grandadwheels.com](http://www.grandadwheels.com).



As ever, we will be sharing photographs from our Anti-Bullying Week events on social media. Please follow us on Twitter (@AtlasAcademy1) or Facebook to see more of the exciting things we are doing in school.

### Dates for your Diary

**Odd Socks Day** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Flu Vaccinations** – Forms back by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November; vaccinations on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**INSET Day** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – **school closed to all pupils**

**School Photographs** – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you for your continued support for your children and our fantastic school. **#WeAreAtlas #GREAT**

**Peter Sturgess**

**School Principal**