



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Moore

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Excellent SATs results

Once again, our pupils have done really well in their SATs test results in Years 6, 2, 1 and Reception. Thanks to the great work of our staff team, we are proud to say that pupils have achieved better results than many other local schools and above national averages. This is brilliant and pupils attending Aston Tower continue to get an excellence start to their education to prepare them well for secondary education. Well done to the pupils, staff and our families who support us so well.

Building work

We have won over £500,000 of government money to further improve our buildings. We put a bid into the Department for Education and are pleased to say that we have won such a large sum of money. The money will be used to replace most of our roof with a new one. We have also have money to replace our fire alarm and make other improvements. This work has started but in September you may see scaffolding around the building.

Wild Flower Area

We have created a wildflower meadow along the path to the office area. This summer, a colourful range of plants have grown and flowered. We have done this to improve this area, create an area for learning for our pupils and also to improve the biodiversity of our grounds.



Bikeability

Pupils in Years 4 and 5 have been taking part in cycling lessons. They practised their cycling and road safety skills along Tower Road and in the playground. It also has encouraged them to exercise. The instructor who led this session was so impressed by our pupils' behaviour and good manners. He said that it has been a pleasure to come to Aston Tower, and our pupils were some of the best he has ever worked with.



Year 5 Science session with Warwick University

Pupils in Year 5 enjoyed learning about human digestion. A science student from Warwick University led the practical sessions about how we eat and digest our food. This special visit was arranged by one of our trustees, Amanda Bishop, who works at Warwick University.



Visit to Singapore

Mr Moore was invited, as one of 10 UK head teachers, to visit Singapore as part of a UK and Singaporean Government project in partnership with the British Council. He spent the week visiting schools and attending lectures given by senior education officials from Singapore. This visit also included meetings with ten principals of schools in Singapore. The aim was to find out about why schools in Singapore are so successful, but also, what lessons their schools can learn from us.

Mr Moore was delighted to visit Wellington Primary School. He met with the principal, Mr Albert Alcantara and his staff (see below) who talked about schools in Singapore, and then asked Mr Moore lots of questions about Aston Tower.



Mr Moore then visited lots of classrooms, including the school's early years department. In Singapore, they still have strict controls against Covid-19. All children and staff have to wear face masks to keep the virus from spreading.

The children wore either a yellow uniform (Years 1 to 6) and in the nursery, blue. The children all learn English, but then they also learn their 'mother tongue language'. These are languages used in the children's homes which are Mandarin, Malay, Tamil or Punjabi. Like at Aston Tower, reading is really important in Singaporean schools.



Lessons begin much earlier than in England. School starts at about 7:15am and finishes around 2, to 2:30pm.

Mr Moore also met a number of important education officials in Singapore and who explained how the education system works, along with help from the 10 school principals.

Kids eat for free or less during Summer 2022

MORRISONS—Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ADSA CAFÉ—Kids eat FREE every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July—4th Sept, 2022.

IKEA—Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA—Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DUNELM—One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the instore café.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE—Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

CAFÉ ROUGE—Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday

Term Dates

School will break up for the Summer holidays on **Tuesday 19 July at 3.30 pm**. School will reopen on **Thursday 8 September at 08:30 am**.

Autumn Term 2022

Term Starts: Thursday 8 September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022