

# Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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## Media Attention

Some of you may have noticed increased media attention over the past week! A trip to Croydon Mosque was cancelled for one of the two Year 5 classes due to lack of support from parents. The trip was no longer financially viable. This follows my letter in October regarding support for trips and workshops.

Somehow the media were made aware and we have been contacted by a number of newspapers and television programmes. On Friday London Tonight came to school and filmed, but did not run the story. Yesterday Croydon Advertiser spoke to me, and today the story will appear in the Evening Standard and on BBC1 at 6.30pm.

I'm writing this at 11am, and have now just been informed that there may be a live broadcast on the 1.28pm programme too.

I know that a number of parents have been interviewed and I thank you for your support.

I have yet to see the angle of

the story that they take, but the BBC website (and CEEFAX) today has drawn a link with the Newsnight programme on 14th. I don't want to create publicity around this. Our local newspaper rarely publishes good news stories, however often we give them information.

The decision to cancel this particular class' trip in no way influences future trips to the mosque. However, any trips that are not financially viable will be cancelled, which is what I said in my letter.

## Sports

Our netball and football teams have had an excellent start to this term's matches.

### Football:

Greenvale 3-0 to Atwood  
Elmhurst 3-2 to Atwood  
Elmhurst 6-0 to Atwood  
Park Hill 1-1

### Netball:

Croydon High 2-2  
Christchurch 17-1 to Atwood

## Forthcoming Dates

24-Nov-06 Mufti day (bring in a bottle!)

25-Nov-06 Parents' Association Ice Rink

04-Dec-06 Parents' Association Meeting 8pm

06-Dec-06 Nursery/Reception production 10.30am and 2.00pm

07-Dec-06 Y6 visit to Dulwich Picture Gallery; KS1 (Y1, Y2) production 10.00am

08-Dec-06 KS1 (Y1, Y2) production 10.00am

12-Dec-06 Y3/4 Christmas Production 1.45pm and 7.30pm

13-Dec-06 Y5/6 Carols 2.00pm

14-Dec-06 Nursery (3-4pm)/ Reception (4.15-5.15pm) Tumble Tots Party

15-Dec-06 Discos - 3.30 R/1/2, 5.30 3/4, 7.30 5/6

16-Dec-06 Singing for NSPCC outside Fairfield (evening)

19-Dec-06 Last day of term

**I have just heard today that we have been awarded Activemark. This is a recognition of the range and quality of sports and PE that we offer. More details to follow!**

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Use this number to check for school closures in the event of bad weather, or in an emergency. It is also used for giving details of term start dates and other important events.