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#### Message from the Head Teacher

What an extraordinarily busy month it has been here at Ashmole Primary School!

The children have worked so hard this term! Year 1 completed their Phonics Screening Test this month. The children in Year 2 completed their SATS last month and Year 4 children did a Times Tables test. All results will be published and shared in due course.

All year groups have or will have enjoyed at least one trip by the end of this term. The children in Year 5 had a wonderfultime on their very first residential trip to Hastings. Thank you to all the staff that spent time away from their own families to ensure the children had a safe and positive trip. All the children conducted themselves impeccably and their behaviour was outstanding; I personally was very proud to say that I am their Head Teacher. It was an amazing first residential for Year 5!

Thank you to Mr Osman and Mr Constantinides for organising yet another fantastic Arts Week. The week concluded with our very own Ashmole's Got Talent - thank you to Miss Costas for organising this. I was completely blown away by the amount of talent we have at Ashmole! Everyone did so well and although we could only chose one winner from each Key Stage, everyone that took part is a winner in my book!

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for yet another successful Summer Fair. The turnout was absolutely brilliant. Everyone had a fantastic day and the rain even held off! We raised over £8,000 which is amazing! Thank you to everyone that came along on Saturday. The money raised will be going towards more resources for the children as well as an outdoor classroom, which will give us some much needed extra space for our pupils. We are also looing at building some extra group rooms for work and music lessons.

We are looking forward to PE Week next week. You will have received a letter from Miss Powell detailing all the wonderful activities that she has planned, as well as Sports Day for all the children.

Year 1 and Year 2's Sports Day will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, Reception will also be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am. If parents/carers wish to attend, we ask that you arrive at the school gate 15 minutes prior to the start time of their child's Sports Day. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school every day next week and on the day of their Sports Day, they must wear a top that is the colour of their House Team.

At the end of this term we sadly say goodbye to Miss Clearly, Mr Osman and Miss Curtis. I would like to personally thank them all for their dedication and commitment since joining Ashmole Primary School. I wish them all the very best for the future.

Miss Ballantine (previously Miss Stavri), will return from maternity leave in July and Mrs Charalambous will also be returning in September and we all look forward to welcoming them back.

Please do join us on Monday 11th July for our Open Day 4pm - 6pm. This will be a great opportunity for parents and carers to look around the school and see all the wonderful work the children have done this year - there is no need to book an appointment. School reports will be sent home during the week commencing 11th July. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please speak to their class teacher. I know that many of you are keen to find out who your child's teacher is going to be next year. This information will be shared with parents and carers before the end of next week. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's new class teacher at the upcoming Open Day on Monday 11th July 4pm - 6pm. We will also have meet the teacher meetings in September.

The children in Year 5 voted on the new Year 6 class names linked to constellations – the winning names are Andromeda and Pavo.

Please note that the vehicle drop off and pick up area will only be available to Year 6 from September- this will be reviewed in November. Please remember that drop off is no earlier than 8.40am and pickup is 3.25pm. Please do not park your vehicle in the car park, this zone is purely a pick up and drop off zone only.

Please remember that tomorrow, Friday 1st July is an INSET Day so please do not send your child into school. Wishing you all a lovely long weekend.

Best wishes.

Mr Tofallis Head Teacher

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# Reception

Orion Class have had a wonderful month of June. We enjoyed learning about animals and habitats during our topic lessons and we were so excited to visit Paradise Wildlife Park on a school trip! The children were so well behaved and enjoyed exploring and learning about the different animals. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers for their support on the day. Orion class have really enjoyed taking part in art activities last week. We have loved exploring with different colours, textures, shapes and materials. The children all helped to make their own Egyptian painting.



We have had a very exciting month in Calypso class! In maths, we have been exploring adding coins together and impressed Miss Powell so much with all of our learning. We have also been exploring making numbers above 10 using numicon and dienes. We concluded our animal topic with visiting Paradise Wildlife Park. We all had so much fun exploring all of the different areas in the park and observing the animals. We also really enjoyed Art week, where we participated in a fun Egyptian dance workshop and created fantastic Egyptian art. Tiana and Elsa performed in the Talent Show and made everyone in Calypso class very proud with their amazing performances. We are really looking forward to Sports Week and our last few weeks in Reception.



# Year 1

Luna Class have had a very busy but exciting month. Last week, they had the opportunity to experience what a Victorian school was like. They all dressed up in their Victorian outfits and participated in various activities such as baking, playing Victorian playground games and finally they created their own cup and ball. The children enjoyed their day however, they did not agree with the rules that boys go first! Luna Class have also been very busy with their phonics, all of them completed their phonics screening and we are all very proud of each and every one of them.



It's been a fantastic month in Nova Class. The last few weeks have seen us create Egyptian Portraits using oil pastels and digital media as a part of the whole school Art Week focus. We've also been learning the story of Aisha The Superhero Princess, creating comic strips and developing our own stories based on the superhero character. In Science we've had a focus on plants that included a nature walk on the school grounds, whilst in Geography we've looked at Zanzibar and made comparisons to Southgate.

To finish off the month, we're all really looking forward to London Zoo and seeing many of the animals that we learnt about in our Science lessons of late.



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### Year 2

Lyra and Carina have had a busy month. They have been enjoying our new text in English all about the wonder of magic. They enjoyed being a class orchestra performing a sound scape to one of the scenes of the story. In Maths we are continuing to work on one and two steps word problems involving fractions. We also had Mrs Charalambous visit our classes with her baby! This enriched our Science learning about the development of babies as the children prepared and asked her questions about how her baby has changed over the months. In D&T the children have been learning about picture frames and are preparing to make their own next week. The children are looking forward to Sports Day and are beginning to prepare for all the upcoming events.





# Year 3

Astra Class have had a wonderful month of June! We have been practising very hard for our Ukulele concert with Mr Jones. We had a fantastic trip to the local Synagogue where we had the chance to learn more about the Jewish religion and we even sketched some of the religious symbols and the beautiful stained-glass windows. We really enjoyed Art Week when we created our own Egyptian style jewellery. We made some cartouches in the workshop and used clay to make some pendants for our necklaces. We have also started presenting our presentations for our oracy project. In Literacy and Geography we have been learning about the water cycle and we have been learning how to write an explanation text with diagrams and labels. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time and to work out worded problems relating to the duration of time. We are also going to be learning how to complete addition and subtraction pyramids. We hope you enjoyed the Ukulele concert this morning and are looking forward to Sports Day next week.



What a month it has been in Year 3!! We had an amazing trip to the Synagogue to compliment our RE lessons on Judaism. The highlight of the trip was when the Rabbi counted down from 3 and revealed the Torahs from behind a curtain. Every child (and adult) in the room let out a gasp in what was a fantastic wow moment. Year 3 even got to see a Torah up close for the first time. We sketched the gorgeous stained glass windows in our art books and were back in time for lunch. A special thanks goes out to all the parent volunteers for making the trip possible. Carrying on with our Ancient Egyptian theme we had an amazing workshop, where the children created a Cartouche of their names in hieroglyphics. We used acrylic paints to give the Cartouches a beautiful metallic gold look. Art Week saw us create wonderful necklaces, neck collars and amulets made of clay. In Maths we have begun telling the time and will be revisiting money once again. In Geography we have learnt about how rivers start and their features, and in Science our rock work continues with a fascinating experiment on soil!



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# Year 4

Cosmo had an amazing month with lots of fun and exciting activities. We enjoyed our trip to Christ Church. We got to ask lots of interesting questions related to what we had learnt in RE last term and we also got to try on different parts of the Vicar's clothes! We had a lot of fun at the Finchley Arts Depot where we sang beautifully to all the adults and enjoyed our rehearsals. We have also been busy during Art Week, where we have been looking at Egyptian Art. We have enjoyed making sarcophaguses with a partner and cartouches. In Science we have been looking at electricity and circuits, where we have enjoyed exploring how to make a light bulb work using different tools within a circuit. Well done for all your hard work Cosmo Class!  $\odot$ 





This month in Literacy the children have been super imaginative and creating film trailers on the I -movie app. They have been looking at different types of music that we could add to generate different emotions and effects for the audience. We have also been using sound effects and working on timing to ensure a smooth transition from each part of the trailer. In Maths the children have been looking at multiplication and division and have been exploring multiplication and division two-step word problems. We have also been looking at the similarities and differences between analogue and digital

# Year 5

What a brilliant June we have had in Year 5. We have worked so hard on our History topic, we've learned all about the Vikings, their food, their settlements, why and how they invaded England. We learned about Viking weaving in Art and will be learning about their food before the end of term.

Keeping our theme of history in June we had the most exciting few days. We all went on Ashmole's first school residential-we spent 2 nights away from our parents visiting, Bodiam Castle, Battle Abbey, Newhaven Fort, smugglers adventure and the lovely beach at Seaford. We stayed at a Youth Hostel, ate and slept over together and made lots of amazing memories with our friends and teachers. We were shattered when we came home but had a fantastic time. When we got back there was no time to relax though as we had Art Week where we made beautiful Egyptian death masks and had the school talent show. We were so proud of all our Year group but especially Kuzey, Rohan, Kiki, Erin, Gabriella and Evie, for representing us in the final- Kuzey was runner up too which was fabulous!

I wonder what else we can squeeze in before the end of the year?







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# Breakfast and After School Club

Our luck with the fantastic weather carries on. The children are enjoying spending lots of time outdoors playing different games.

In art and crafts we focused on making cards for Father's Day. We hope all the dads were spoiled by their children.

Reception children enjoyed walks in our Wildlife Garden where they were collecting sticks, leaves and cones, which they are going to use later on for arts and crafts.

A big thank you to all the children for their help serving breakfast each day.













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# Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event	
4 <sup>th -8th</sup>	All week	PE Week	
1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	INSET Day - no school for pupils	
5 <sup>th</sup>	3pm - 5pm	Uniform Pop Up Shop in the school hall	
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Reports home	
11 <sup>th</sup>	4pm - 5pm	Food Taster for parents and carers in the school hall	
11 <sup>th</sup>	4pm - 6pm	Open Evening for all parents and Carers – appointments not necessary	
12 <sup>th</sup>	3pm - 5pm	Uniform Pop Up Shop in the school hall	
14 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Art/Fashion Exhibition for parents and carers	
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 1 Recorder concert for parents and carers	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	BBQ lunch for pupils	
19 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term - finish at 12.45pm	
20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	INSET DAY - First Aid Training for all staff	

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# Reminders

#### **Lost Property**

If your child has lost any of their belongings, please speak to their class teacher or take a look through the lost property bin which is located outside the school office.



We are a **NUT FREE** school. This also includes Sesame Seeds. Other banned items include, Pesto, Kinder Bueno, Peanut Butter and other nut spreads, including Nutella.

#### Keeping Children Safe

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For your information, our Designated
Safeguarding Officers are:
Miss Costas - Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Toal - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Tofallis - Deputy Safeguarding
Lead
Our School Safeguarding Policy is
available to view on our website:

#### School Uniform

Please be reminded that pupils should be wearing uniform as per our Uniform Policy <a href="https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26">https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26</a> Girls should be wearing appropriate footwear and **not boots**. Pupils should also be wearing the correct Ashmole Primary PE kit. School coats should be black or navy ONLY and hairbands should also be school colours.

#### <u>Belongings</u>

Please remind your child to bring all of their belongings with them at the beginning of each school day. It is extremely time consuming for the office staff to distribute belongings such as coats, musical instruments, packed lunches, snacks, after school kits, water bottles etc. Thank you for your support.

#### Drop off and Pick up

Children should not be running or riding on their bikes/scooters in the school grounds during drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Lettings and Hall Hire

A variety of facilities at Ashmole Primary school are available for hire to clubs and organisations, both in the evenings and at weekends. Facilities include a hall, a 5-a-side football/ basketball/ netball multi-use games area (MUGA) and outdoor space. In certain circumstances classrooms may also be let for educational activities. We are also happy to take bookings for birthday parties etc. Please contact Mrs Arvstrand - ear@ashmoleacademy.org for more information. Thank you.

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"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." Our Value for July is Independence

#### Celebrating Achievement

Well done to all the children that have received an achievement award this month. We are very proud of you all.

#### Values Competition

Thank you to all our pupils who have followed the value of the month and worked hard to be top role models. Our Value for June was Generosity and the winners are Amelia in Year 2 and Freya in Year 5. Our Value for July is Independence. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!

#### Ashmole's Got Talent

# SHOWTIME



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Ashmole Primary School held our very first Ashmole's Got Talent! So many incredible acts auditioned but we could only select four acts from each year group to perform in the final.

Each and every performance was amazing which meant that the judges had the really difficult task of selecting the winners and runners up. However, the following acts stood out for various different reasons and the winners each won a £5 Smyths Toy Shop gift card! Our worthy runners-up each received a special medal and a certificate.

#### Reception/Key Stage 1

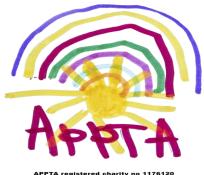
Winning act - Dream

Runner up - Emilia Key Stage 2

Winning act - Elexa, Abigail, Sofia, Tanishka, Rory, Ariyan, William, Tami, Iza Runners up - Skye, Maria, Annabelle and Kuzey

Well done to all the children that took part - performing on stage in front of your peers www.ashmoleprimary.org is a really brave thing to do and we are so proud of you all. ©





- Here's a guick overview of PTA activity over the last couple of months!
- May:
- Morning of Fun community event: We had a great start to May, with fabulous weather and all the children getting together
  for what we hope will be an annual event, the Ashmole primary fun run. The Lego competition and exhibition was also
  fantastic, and showed off the creativity of our children. Well done to the winners and everyone who took part. We raised
  over £600 for this event! Thank you so much for making such a huge effort.
- PTA Meeting We held another hybrid meeting in May thank you to everyone who joined us online and in person it was particularly lovely to be able to meet in person at the school! Our sub-team (Andria, Same & Claire) are continuing to work on the Outdoor Learning Space, and we hope to have timelines for this very soon.
- lune:
- Jubilee Party: Thanks to Claire who made the last day of the spring term an extra special event, raising £358.
- Happy School Bag: We raised £151.50 thank you to everyone who supported this.
- Summer Fair: A huge thank you to everyone who attended the fabulous Summer Fair on Saturday 25th June! It's always a highlight of the year for us, and it was fantastic to be able to hold this event after being unable to for the last couple of years.
- We raised over £8,000, which is amazing! In particular, a massive thank you to our 132 + volunteers who helped make it
  happen without you, there would be no fair. The decor, food and stalls were excellent as always. Thanks also to Reception
  parents for holding a cake sale to support the raffle!
- Thanks also to our generous sponsors, and those who donated raffle prizes.
- Dates for the Diary July:
- PTA meeting: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th July, please join us if you can.
- Cycle ride: please look out for details of a group cycle ride planned for July.

As always, a special big thank you to our lead sponsors, Rash & Rash for their ongoing support with our events.

We would also like to thank you all for your continued support.

Finally, if you would like to get involved, please email us (ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com) or speak with your class rep.

APPTA Team.











# ASHMOLE SUMMER FAIR 2022

# **THANK YOU!**

132+ volunteers (we always need more!)
850+ people attended
Raffle prizes worth over £2,000 given away
One big happy community!



# Over £8,000 raised!

The money raised will be used to fund the external learning space as well as resources for the school.

