



### Message from the Head Teacher

Although this has been a very short term, it has been an incredibly busy term at Ashmole Primary! We have been extremely busy recruiting new staff for September. All this information will be shared with parents and carers in due course.

A huge congratulations to the children in Year 2 who have completed all their SATS papers and quizzes! You have all been amazing.

Thank you to Miss Burke for organising some fantastic music events this month, including The Queen's Jubilee Concert at the O2 Arena and a trip to St James' Church in Barnet to take part in their Jubilee Choir celebrations. The children have had so much fun and their behaviour at each event has been exemplary.

The children in Year 5 have been rehearsing their performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at Bounds Green Scout Park, with their final performance to parents and carers on Friday afternoon. I know all of your parents will be very proud to see all your hard work come to life.

Thank you to Mr Evaghoras for organising a fun packed Egyptian Day for the children in Year 3. The children had a thoroughly wonderful time and they even came to school dressed as Egyptians!

In May, the Director of Education for Barnet visited our school for the day. He was extremely complimentary of our school and its practices. Thank you to all the children and staff for their support that day.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our School Uniform Policy. Please be reminded that all children should be wearing black sensible school shoes. The only exception to this is that if your child has a medical reason. If this is the case, then it must be supported with a note from your doctor and sent to the school office.

We have enjoyed a fun packed day today in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; I have seen some wonderful outfits throughout the day! Thank you to Chef Ellie and her wonderful team for organising our very own Ashmole Street Party! The children have had so much fun throughout the day, and with thanks to the APPTA this culminated in a cake sale at the end of the day.

Whatever your plans are over the half term, I hope that you have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all on our first day back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, for what will be a very busy Summer term!

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

This month in Calypso, we have been very busy exploring sharing, doubling and counting in 5's and 10's in our maths lessons. Many of the children have particularly enjoyed practising this new maths learning during their choosing time. We have read 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Owl Babies' and produced fantastic pieces of writing, retelling both of these stories. We watched our caterpillars come out from their cocoons and turn into butterflies. We then released the butterflies outside! We are so excited to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! We have thoroughly enjoyed making flags and crowns, and writing invitations and shopping lists for our party. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term.

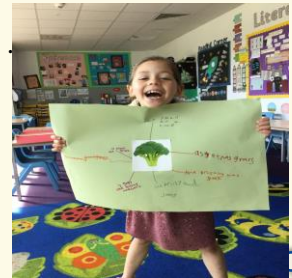


Orion class have really enjoyed learning all about different types of animals this half term. The children looked after our caterpillars, watched them turn into cocoons and then we had so much fun releasing the butterflies into our wildlife garden. Orion class are becoming more confident with reading and writing independently and in maths they have enjoyed counting in 5s and 10s and learning how to double and halve. The children have been so excited whilst learning about the queen's jubilee and they have loved taking part in all of the preparations for our celebration. We have made flags, crowns and painted pictures of the queen and now we are looking forward to a big party to celebrate!

## Year 1

This month Nova class have been developing their vocabulary and figurative language skills through the Supertato series of books which they have thoroughly enjoyed. In our maths lessons we have extended our learning in measure, looking at mass and capacity and having lots of fun with water and weighing scales! We've also given ourselves a little push in our phonics lessons in the run up to the screening tests next term. The children have done brilliantly to keep up the learning of their sounds and digraphs over the last few weeks and should be proud of the progress they have made. Lastly we would like to thank Dave and Phil, fathers of Noah and Leo in Nova Class, who came in recently to give Year 1 a presentation on the Jewish celebration of Shabbat. Both children, and staff, found their talk entertaining and insightful and we all enjoyed trying the challah bread at the end.

Mr Constantinides



Luna class have had a very exciting month at school. In Literacy, we received a letter from Mr Tofallis asking for our help. The Evil Pea had escaped from the schools freezer and was committing lots of crimes. All the children had to create a wanted poster to help capture the menacing pea before he could create more chaos. In Science, we have been learning about different animal groups and had an interactive lesson which involved the children investigating the different body parts of a fish. Although this was a very smelly and slimy lesson, the children all loved it. Keep up the amazing work Luna Class and have a wonderful half term break.



## Year 2

It has been a very eventful term, the children have worked very hard completing their SATs. We are incredibly proud of them and all of their achievements. The children have had some great fun learning in the nature garden and discovered first-hand the lifecycle of insects. They have planted, made and observed nature in its truest form and have shared their wonderful thoughts and ideas of how we can preserve nature. We have learnt all about Buddhism and the life of the Buddha. We have discovered lots about Christopher Columbus and his discoveries in the 'New World'.



Lyra Class have had a great month with lots of fun activities! We are enjoying our new Humanities topic focusing on the voyages of different explorers. We are using maps, atlases and globes to map their journeys and looking at what they have discovered along the way. We are also learning lots about Buddhism in our new RE topic. We have learnt about the story of the Buddha and are now learning about the festival of Wesak. We can't wait for many more exciting activities throughout the summer term.

## Year 3

The highlight of the year so far has been the visit of Mr. Egypt!!! The children heard wonderful stories about Ancient Egyptian civilisation, Pharaohs, gods and secret buried treasures! Mr. Egypt is a 31-year veteran Egyptologist and is head of the antiquities department in Luxor, and we were fortunate enough to have him come in to talk about his life's work. The children were on the edge of their seats as he revealed he is one of only a handful of people to have held Tutankhamen's famous death mask. The 23-kilogram solid gold bejewelled artefact, is considered the most priceless piece of art on the planet! As well as all the learning the children got to Walk like Egyptians (queue The Bangles 🎶) and wrap themselves up like mummies! A great day was had by all and we have continued the theme in our computing lessons where the children have been designing a Mr. Egypt PowerPoint. In History we discussed the process of mummification, and we even mummified a toy in class complete with death mask and sarcophagus!! In Literacy we have started writing to create mood and emotion with our story called Home Sweet Home. And in maths our work on fractions goes on... Please enjoy your half-term break and I look forward to seeing you in the second half of the Summer term. Mr. Evaghoras



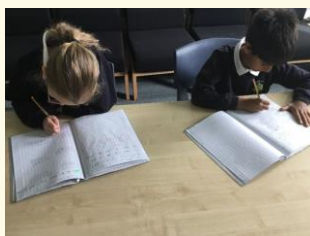
Astra class have had an amazing month of May. The highlight was definitely our visit from Mr. Egypt when we learnt lots of fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt and we even had a mummy making session!! We got the chance to do some Egyptian maths, we wrote our names in hieroglyphics and we even did some Egyptian dancing! In art, we have been designing our own hieroglyphic so we can do some Egyptian block printing. We have been really enjoying our music lessons where we have been learning to play the ukulele and we are looking forward to our upcoming concert when we will perform to you. In maths we have been learning all about fractions and in literacy we have been writing some very imaginative suspense stories. We are also looking forward to making power points of all our knowledge of Ancient Egypt in our computing lessons and of course our Jubilee party on Friday!





## Year 4

In Cosmo Class, we have been very busy learning our songs and actions for our Barnet Music Festival concert in June. We enjoyed going to Monkfrith School to sing with lots of other schools and creating a harmony. Our favourite song at the moment is Mr Blue Sky. We have also really enjoyed our new PE topic athletics, where we are learning about how to run effectively to increase our speed, how to run on a track and how to run in a relay race. We hope you all have a lovely and relaxed half term! 😊



This month in Apollo Class, the children have been looking at non-chronological reports and identifying the features such as: headings, subheadings, facts linked to subheadings, rhetorical questions and embedded clauses. In Maths, the children have been learning to multiply two digit and 3-digit numbers by a one-digit number, dividing using formal written methods of short division and adding and subtracting money in pounds and pence. The children will be attending Barnet Music Festival next month and have been singing beautifully in rehearsal. Well done Apollo!

## Year 5

We have had a fantastic May. So many wonderful activities but our favourite by far is spending time at Bounds Green Scout Park with

Drama in the Woods Company, putting on our version of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The weather was absolutely awful but it didn't dampen our spirits. We ran, we hid, we scavenged and we learnt the drama techniques needed to put on a play in the woods!

We have been busy learning the song and have worked hard on the 2 part harmonies.

As well as this we have been working on sprinting in PE and have been assessing each others stride, gait and speed to help each other to improve.

We can't wait for sports day now to see how much it's helped.

We have been making our own adventure games in computing and realising how much hard work goes into coding even a simple game.

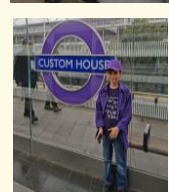


In May, Vesper class have loved participating in Drama in the Woods! We are very excited to perform this at the end of term. It is based on our Literacy text, 'Midsummer Night's Dream' where they have enjoyed retelling the play, writing a setting description and discovering what old Shakespearean terms mean. The children have worked hard practising their lines for their drama performance and it has been lovely to watch them encourage and support each other throughout. I wanted to say a HUGE well done and thank you to the newsletter crew who worked hard to prepare an assembly to KS2 all about our value this month, Excellence. They explained what the term excellence means, how to be an excellent role model in school and how to say excellence in different languages, including British Sign Language! They also observed KS2 the week before and chose 2 children from every class who showed excellence in class and awarded them with a sticker. Have a great half term all! 😊



# Jubilee Celebrations

A huge thank you to our amazing catering team for organising the Jubilee Street Party on Friday. The children had a lovely time celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 70 year reign.



## The Elizabeth Line - By Kuzey Year 5 Aquila Class

On 24<sup>th</sup> May I woke up at 3:30am in the morning to get ready to leave the house. I wore my purple train t-shirt and a purple shirt as a sign of the Elizabeth line colours. I went by car to Shoreditch and then took the train to Abbey Wood via Woolwich Arsenal with the DLR (Docklands Light Railway) and the South-Eastern. When I arrived at the station it was packed with people waiting for the Elizabeth line. I was speechless and starting to lose hope that I would miss the first train, so I asked a member of staff if the first had departed and it had! I wasn't too disappointed because 10 minutes later I was on the third train which is one of the first trains in the top three, so I was grateful. I went via Woolwich, Custom House, Canary Wharf, Whitechapel, Liverpool Street, Farringdon, Tottenham Court Road, there was also Bond street which will open in October because it is still under construction so the train whizzed through it. The final station was London Paddington which has another Elizabeth Line so the Abbey Wood branch has 2 more platforms at Paddington. What's cool about the stations except for Custom House and Abbey Wood, is that the rest of the stations had Platform doors which avoid passengers falling on the tracks. When I got off at Paddington I went in the lift to the first floor and I was surprised to see a stand selling Elizabeth line items like a laptop case or a pen, rubber, poster and even bags. I got a poster, an Elizabeth line keyring and a purple pen. I was interviewed by a lady who works for PA (collects news and then some news companies e.g. The Guardian). She asked me why I was there and also how much I enjoyed it. She also asked what changes would impact London. I said people will get to central London faster by at least going 4km in 2 minutes. I went to all the stations to have a look and took a photo at all of them! On the return I did a little tour at Canary Wharf then when I was riding the lift something disappointing happened! A fire alarm activated at Paddington so services terminated at Tottenham court road for 10 minutes. That's disappointing on the first day but it was a very quick deal and solved in 10 minutes. After I took all the photos I needed, I went back on the train to Paddington to get a sandwich because I was hungry. I had one last thing to do and that was to ride the diagonal lift at Liverpool Street. IT WAS AMAZING!

I felt like I saw everything I needed to see, so I took the 149 bus from there to Shoreditch and I then returned to school.  
By Kuzey - Year 5 Aquila Class

## Here are some interesting facts about Queen Elizabeth II

- Queen Elizabeth II was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926
- She was crowned Queen on 2 June 1953
- She is the longest reigning monarch ever in Britain
- As Queen, she has been served by 14 UK Prime Ministers
- Her favourite dogs are corgis
- She's the only person in the UK allowed to drive without a licence!







## Sports News

### Netball

We have been so impressed with the children who attend Year 5 Netball Club. Their confidence in the rules and understanding of the game has really increased and we are so proud of them all. The children all work together very well as a team, supporting each other with words of encouragement and good suggestions on where is best to position themselves on the court in order to pass the ball successfully between one another. Although the school netball season has come to a close, we hope to have a few more friendly matches with local schools before the end of the year. Have a great half-term, enjoy the Jubilee celebrations and we look forward to commencing netball training on the first week back.

Miss Powell



### Football

It was very tough going against Brunswick Park but we just pushed through and worked together, eventually beating the other team! I was battling with a defender for the ball and somehow we scored! I passed the ball to our striker and it was one-on-one and Max scored the winning goal. The crowd was going wild and at the end we celebrated so much. I had completely lost my voice by the end of the day!

By Andy Chambi -  
Year 5 Vesper Class



### Football - Match Report

The Ashmole B Team played against Brunswick Park School for a much anticipated Southgate derby!

Throughout the first half there wasn't much energy in the midfield, however we didn't concede any goals. They penetrated the defence a few times but their shots either went wide or straight into the goalies hands. The defenders kept tackling and didn't commit a single foul. In the second half, they still couldn't get past the goalie. They were mostly dribbling outside of our penalty box but they got past the 1<sup>st</sup> line of defence. Andy and the number 8 were having a battle in midfield and Andy won! He booted the ball up the pitch and Max ran into it, BOOM! He netted it, bottom corner! Everyone erupted with cheers. After that, they were desperate for an attack but Henry (the goalie) kept kicking it out.

After the match, everyone chanted Max and celebrated! The team went to the Coach and he told us about what we could have done better and gave Max man of the match.

Everyone went home happy from the win - 1-0.

By Henry - Year 5 Aquila Class



# Breakfast and After School Club

For the past few weeks we have been very lucky with brilliant weather and the children have been enjoying outdoor activities, including a picnic on the grass, badminton, football etc.

The children have been enjoying our healthy food activities, painting, decorating and various other arts and crafts using nature (flowers, leaves, sticks etc) to make amazing dress designs by using pressed and fresh flowers.

A big thank you to all the children who help serve breakfast each morning.



The children have worked hard in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, crafting amazing art work using different materials. We made beautiful crowns and all the children won prizes for their hard work.







# Ashmole Primary School KS2 Choir

Choir have had a very exciting term with lots of amazing opportunities to perform in special venues.

Their first performance as a choir took place at the O2 Arena in which they performed with 7000 other children at the annual Young Voices Concert. It was a very long day which started with an early packed lunch and a very excitable coach journey to Greenwich. They had time to practice with all of the other schools before the evening performance. The children opened the concert with a powerful performance of 'O Fortuna' which was spine tingling to hear. All the children of choir behaved exceptionally and were a fantastic representative of Ashmole Primary School. This was an experience the children will forever remember and we are looking forward to performing there next year. A glimpse of this incredible day can be found on our school website for everyone to watch. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Tofallis, Miss Powell, Miss Macdonald and Dale Wightman who supported the choir throughout the day.



On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, choir went to St James' church in Muswell Hill to perform in their Queen's Jubilee Service. They were part of four schools that performed and sang a beautiful a cappella rendition of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' in which they incorporated British Sign Language into the chorus. They also sang 'Rise Up and Serve' which is a song written by the Commonwealth choir to celebrate this incredible memory of the Queen's 70 years of reign. Finally, they stood up proudly and sang the national anthem with huge pride on their faces. Once again, choir represented Ashmole Primary School and made every single person beam with pride and admiration.



Choir are now learning some new songs to perform at the Summer Fair on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for your support with choir, helping your children learning the lyrics and for coming to watch them, perform at these special events. I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tibbs for helping us each week.

Miss Burke ☺





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## Diary Dates

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Date	Time	Event
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	<b>Half Term</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Foundation Sports Camp
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Year 1 Phonics Screening checks Year 4 Multiplication checks
8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Class Photos
8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm - 9pm	Governors Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 5 parents/carers
10 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Year 4 Trip to Christ Church in Southgate
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon, Tue, Wed	Year 5 pupils - Hastings Residential trip
16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm - 9pm	Barnet Music Festival - further information to follow
17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Reception trip to Paradise Park
20 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Arts Week
21 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Year 3 trip to Synagogue - further information to follow
24 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non uniform day - bring sweets for the Summer Fair
25 <sup>th</sup>		Summer Fair - Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am All Day	Year 3 Ukulele Concert - further information to follow Year 1 trip to London Zoo - further information to follow



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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.

### **THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

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**

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:

[www.ashmoleprimary.org](http://www.ashmoleprimary.org)

### **School Uniform**

Please be reminded that pupils should be wearing uniform as per our Uniform Policy <https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26> 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.

### **Belongings**

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 Mr Georgiou at [gge@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:gge@ashmoleprimary.org) for more information. Thank you.

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Real generosity  
is doing  
something nice  
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### Celebrating Achievement

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

### Lego Competition Winners

Well done to the following children for creating some amazing lego structures, the winners are:

**Animal/Character** Winner: Anoushka in Year 4 Cosmo Class

Highly Commended: Callum in Year 3 Astra Class

**Building/Environment** Winner: Arrian in Year 1 Nova

Highly Commended: Ellie in Year 4 Cosmo and Jasmine in Reception Calypso Class

**Small Creatures** Winner: Arden in Year 5 Aquila Class

Highly Commended: Aron in Year 3 Lynx Class

**Vehicle** Winner: Aron in Year 3 Lynx Class

Highly Commended: Arthur in Year 2 Lyra Class & Johan in Year 3 Astra Class



### 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 May was Excellence and the winners are Kuzey in Year 5 and Frankie in Year 2. Our Value for June is Generosity. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!