



### Head Teacher's Message

This has been a very busy and exciting new term for our children at school. We have many clubs running after school which are a great experience for our children. Certainly as we continue to grow we will be able to offer even more clubs for our children. I am delighted to announce that Spanish lessons are proceeding very well on a weekly basis. We will be monitoring the pupils' progress in Spanish by the end of the year and plan to host a Spanish themed day in the summer term. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn a modern language at a young age. This will certainly have a positive impact on the children's learning in all areas of the curriculum.

I am so pleased with the children's overall progress and learning and with continued hard work by the pupils and staff along with the excellent parental support, I know that this progress will continue.

### Celebrating Achievement

#### Calypso

##### Values

Natalie  
Elias  
Lily

##### Merits

Eren  
Arabella  
Muzeeba  
Henry  
Aston  
Eliza

#### Orion

##### Values

Ediz  
Andy  
Eisa

##### Merits

Amaya  
Zahir  
Elizabeth  
Laurence  
Jimmy  
Erin

### Attendance:

Calypso Class	96.31%
Orion Class	96.92%



### Notices

#### Update Reports

Mid Year pupil reports to parents  
– these reports will be given to  
parents at their child's Parent  
Consultation at the end of March.

#### Parent Consultations

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm –  
8.00pm

and

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3.45pm –  
6.15pm

### Value:

Humour

Our Value for  
March is

RESPECT





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## Spanish

The Reception children have been very receptive to learning a new language. The children have quickly picked up basic simple words and started using them outside of their Spanish lessons. The children are gaining a great sense of accomplishment from learning to speak some words in Spanish. The pupils have worked with enthusiasm and they will certainly build on their own understanding and knowledge over the year ahead.

### Some of our Spanish Spring Term Targets include:

- To recognise the names of 5 Spanish animals.
- To identify different Spanish colours.
- To sing the "Animals song".
- To use Spanish numbers to count animals.
- To use Spanish colours to talk about animals.
- To group Spanish animals into pets and farm animals.
- To use adjectives to give sizes of animals.
- To colour in animals by listening to the different colours in Spanish.
- To understand key parts of a Spanish story.
- To describe an animal and say its colour in Spanish.



## PE



Every Wednesday morning from 9.30am till 10.30am our Reception children will be using the Sports Hall and Gym facilities at the Academy. This is a great opportunity for our children to participate in lessons involving ball skills, hoops, stretching exercises, balance work, climbing and obstacle courses. All our primary staff will be leading these lessons. In addition to this we will also be having some extra PE lessons delivered by specialist PE teachers from the Academy, to follow very soon. Please ensure the children have their PE kits, navy tracksuits and plimsolls every Wednesday. Thank you.

## Book Week

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

We will be dressing up as our favourite Book Characters on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to celebrate Book Week! We look forward to seeing your outfits!

We are delighted to welcome Swapna Haddow to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Writer of the fantastic 'Dave Pigeon' books, Swapna will be reading to the children and running a workshop, which will be a fantastic experience for us all.

## Recruitment



We are delighted to inform you that we are in the process of appointing two new class teachers to start in September. We are also appointing our very own caretaker to start in the next month.



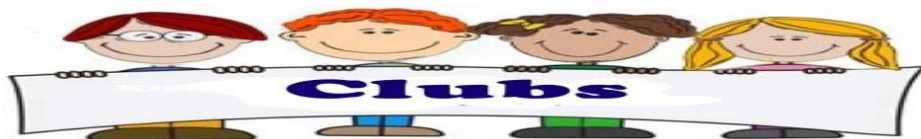
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### **Permanent Building Update – Meeting**

We have agreed with the Education Funding Agency, to hold a meeting at the primary school in Calypso Class on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00pm – you are all very welcome to attend but we regret that we will not be able to accommodate children at the meeting. At the meeting, we can talk through how parents can help us with the planning process, news about the permanent construction and an update on the plans for the temporary buildings in the short term. Mr Tofallis, Mrs Daniels - Chair of Governors and David Fullman (MBE) Project Manager from the Education Funding Agency will be there. We are very happy to answer all questions for our parents in regards to the building of our new school and the upcoming Planning Committee meeting that will be held in Barnet. We will be present to answer all questions to ensure our parents are fully informed. We are also available to see any parents arriving a little later to answer any of their questions too.



### **After School Clubs**

Not only are our clubs a great help for our working parents, they are also an important part of the development of our school community. Most importantly, these clubs give our children the opportunity to experience different activities and to enhance their own skills outside of the school curriculum.

#### **Tennis Club**

Tennis Club takes place after school every Monday and Thursday and is led by Paul Rock. This session is not only a great introduction to tennis for children, but also teaches them fundamental hand-eye coordination, flexibility, balance, and ball skills. Basic technical training and footwork will also be developed through fun games, which vary weekly to maximise every child's development.

#### **Football Club**

Football is held every Tuesday after school and is run by Soccer Revolution. Led by Stelios Ekkeshis and with over 15 years experience, Stelios's focus is on ensuring children learn, develop and have fun at the same time.

#### **Drama Club**

Drama Club, led by Stage Coach, takes place on Fridays after school. Stage Coach's emphasis is on raising confidence and self-esteem, trying new things and working with the children to create a different story each week. Most importantly, they promote training for the biggest stage your child will encounter; life!

#### **Art Club**

Art Club takes place after school every Wednesday, for ten pupils only. These ten pupils have been chosen as they have shown a keen interest in Creative Arts. We know that lots of children would like to take part in this but due to space, the class teachers could only pick a handful of children for this activity this time round.



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### Diary Dates

March	3rd	Book Character Day – children to dress up as their favourite book character
	4 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Ashmole Primary PTA - Fence Painting Days
	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with David Fullman - Education Funding Agency from 5pm in Calypso Class. Meeting with Mr Tofallis, Mrs Daniels (Chair of Governors) and EFA, to discuss permanent building, temporary building and Q & A session
	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
April	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Ashmole Primary PTA - International Food Day
	28 <sup>th</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations – further information to follow

### Websites:

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

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

Tennis [www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com](mailto:www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com)

Chinese School [www.huahsia-chinese.org.uk](http://www.huahsia-chinese.org.uk)

Drama Club [www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate)

Football Club [www.soccerrevolution.co.uk](http://www.soccerrevolution.co.uk)

ParentPay [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

If you are having difficulties with anything, please speak to Mrs Andrews in the School Office.

### Uniform

Should you wish to order items of school uniform, please see Mrs Andrews in the School Office.





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Spanish with Mr Barnes



Calypso - Cookie  
Decorating



Orion – Building a Den



Spanish with Mrs Moon

