



Message from the Head Teacher

This September marked a very momentous time for Ashmole Primary School - we are finally a full school! Since we opened our doors to our very first cohort of 60 pupils in 2016, our school continues to go from strength to strength. We are one of the most popular primary schools in the whole of Barnet. I have a dedicated team of teachers and support staff who all share the same vision for excellence. At Ashmole Primary School we want all children to enjoy school and have a love of learning. We encourage them to persevere, to have self-belief and the determination to succeed in all they do in order to be the best that they can be. We are very proud of our 'Outstanding' rating and will continue to offer your children the very best education possible.

I would like to warmly welcome our new Reception pupils and their parents/carers to Ashmole Primary School. I hope that your journey through Ashmole is positive and fun. Thank you for your support during the staggered start intake. The children have settled into school life really quickly and I look forward to getting to know them all. If you ever have any issues regarding your child, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

All pupils have had a wonderful start to the year so far and we are excited to share in their journey throughout the year.

It was lovely to see many of our parents and carers during the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings at the beginning of term. Reception meetings will take place in October. Orion Class parents and carers will meet with the Orion Class Team at 9am on Thursday 13th October and Calypso Class parents and carers will meet the Calypso Class Team at 9am on Friday 14th October - these meetings will be held in the school hall.

Year 1 - Year 6 Parent Consultations will take place in school next Tuesday 4th October from 4pm - 8pm and on Thursday 6th October from 3.45pm-6.15pm. Meeting your child's class teacher in person is definitely the best way to speak to them and is a great opportunity for you to see your child's classroom, targets and displays. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment as the deadline for bookings is Monday 3rd October at 4pm.

We are very excited to announce that a Head Boy and Head Girl will be elected over the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for pupils in Year 6. As an elected Head Boy and Head Girl you should demonstrate outstanding behaviour, lead by example and set a great example for other children to follow. Further information regarding this has been shared with the Year 6 pupils.

Once again, I am looking forward to working alongside our amazing APPTA Committee. They have so many exciting events planned for the coming year as well as some very exciting projects such as the construction of an outdoor classroom and additional group room spaces. Thank you for all your efforts and support.

I am delighted to announce the recent appointment of our new Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs Toal. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her all the very best in her new role. Mrs Toal will remain as a Year 5 Class Teacher and SENCo, but will now take on a more senior role within the school, alongside my Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Costas. I am pleased to announce that our new Maths Lead and staff governor is Mrs Leo.

As always, if you ever have any issues or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday for another week of fun and learning.

Best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

What a fantastic start to school our new Reception cohort have had! The children have been extremely busy getting to know school routines, making friends, and exploring all the exciting learning areas both in the classroom and outside. During their play, the children have become familiar with their peers and have already started developing brilliant imaginative storylines! We have also been super busy starting maths and literacy carpet sessions. The children have demonstrated amazing counting to 10 and have really enjoyed matching amounts and numerals together using physical resources and interactive games. In Literacy, we have been exploring listening skills and attempting to listen to a variety of sounds in our environment. We all had so much fun wearing 'big ears' and going on a listening walk around the school! We are incredibly proud of all the children in both Calypso and Orion. We look forward to having a fantastic year ahead!

Miss Powell and Miss Popova (Reception Class Teachers)



Year 1

Year One has settled beautifully into their new classes. They have continued to impress us with their resilience as they transition into formal learning. In Literacy, the children have been writing postcards to Barnaby Bear who visited Poole. They have been introduced to adjectives and are starting to use these independently in their writing. In maths, Luna and Nova class have been focusing on place value and have developed their understanding of tens and ones in numbers up to 20. Also, the children have had their first foundation lessons which have been extremely exciting. This has involved a trip to the wildlife garden in which they studied the trees during this season. They then completed a leaf rubbing and a collage. They will revisit the same tree during every season to see how it changes. Well done Year One, we are so impressed with your determination and kindness.

Miss Burke and Mrs Aliberti (Year 1 Teachers)





Year 2

What a whirlwind start to the new academic year we've had! We can't believe it's been a month already. We have been so happy with the way all the children in Year 2 have settled in.

We started off the fun with our camp day where we sang camp songs, studied wildlife and roasted marshmallows over the barbecue. The smell of smoke and sweet caramel filled the air at Ashmole Primary. We have planned and written some beautiful poems about colour and fire to accompany the camp day in literacy.

In maths we have been learning about place value and ordering with lots of group investigations.

In science we have been looking at building materials used today, and how they would have differed from the materials used to build the houses that burnt down during the Great Fire of London in 1666, linking to our History topic.

We look forward to the month ahead where lots more learning and fun will be had!

Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Charalambous and Mr Evaghoras (Year 2 Teachers)



Year 3

It's been a fantastic start to the year in Year 3. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new classes and discovering the talents of each pupil. We've started the Autumn term with Ancient Greece as our topic and the children have been acquainting themselves with all the characters in Ancient Greek myths - as well as writing their own Greek myths in Literacy. Furthermore, we have been learning how to expand our sentences and develop our figurative language skills to help our descriptive writing. In Maths we have been revising Place Value and will soon be moving on to Addition and Subtraction in the coming weeks. In Science we are learning about Plants and Flowers - their functions and how they grow. Our P.E. lessons are on Monday and Tuesday, and as a reminder please remember that we would like children to come into school with their school uniforms on P.E. days. In R.E. we are learning about Christianity and how its beliefs hold similarities with other religions while in PSHE we have been looking at why we need rules (not too many) in a healthy society.

The start to the year has been quite encouraging and there is lots more to tell. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mr Constantinides and Mrs Pavlou (Year 3 Teachers)





Year 4

In Cosmo and Apollo Class, we have been learning about our new topics which we have enjoyed! In history, we have been looking at the Roman Empire, where we have been having debates about whether Claudius should invade Britain, learning about what life was like for a Roman soldier and learning about what the Romans did for entertainment. We have also had African drumming this term, which we have all enjoyed learning how to play the drum, alongside some songs that we can sing along to as we play. We have enjoyed exploring the outside environment, looking at our natural world and observing leaves. We made some predictions about how we think the leaves will change as the seasons change. We worked on labelling the leaves using keywords such as; petiole, midrib and veins. In science, we have then moved onto looking at the different properties of solids and liquids and how these properties change, and how some properties of a liquid can be used for a solid, such as sand, which we have enjoyed debating about. In literacy, we have been looking at different fables. We have particularly enjoyed acting out our own fables, writing group fables and planning and writing our own fables based on a moral. We looked carefully at our work to ensure that we included all of the different literacy features.

Well done for all your hard work Year 4! 😊

Miss Sauka and Miss Yianni (Year 4 Teachers)



Year 5

What a great start to Year 5! Aquila and Vesper class have settled in brilliantly and we have been so impressed with their hard work. We have especially enjoyed learning about the Mayans in History and Art. Using Dan Fenelon's abstract artwork as their inspiration, the children have designed their own Mayan masks and are looking forward to creating clay sculptures this week! We have learnt about key figures in the discovery of the Mayan ruins. In Literacy, we have started our new text, Brian Selznick's 'Wonderstruck.' This beautiful text contains a combination of intertwining stories and pictures. We found similarities between the main character and shared our special objects as a class. Keep up the fantastic work Year 5!

Miss Macdonald and Mrs Toal
(Year 5 Teachers)





Year 6

Year 6 have had an incredible start to the year! Showing all the right Values and using a Growth Mindset, they have worked extremely hard on their learning and are showing excellent presentation and enthusiasm already. We are very proud of them! Amongst their learning has been Place Value up to 1,000,000, planning and draughting a Graphic Novel and learning about Carl Linnaeus and his classification system. It was lovely to meet you all at the Teacher meet and thank you for attending; we look forward to building close relationships with you as the year progresses. It has been a pleasure enjoying our first month together and we look forward to an exciting year ahead with our PGL trip to Wales in March. Year 6 have very exciting news- they are also applying to be Head Boys and Head Girls next week which means they will be working directly with Mr Tofallis amongst many other responsibilities! Watch this space for the announcement next month...

Mrs Leo and Mr Bonallo (Year 6 Teachers)



Reminder for Year 6 Parents/Carers:

If you use the drop off/pick up Zone each day, please DO NOT park in the bays and walk your child to their classroom. The parking bays are solely for school staff only.

The car gate will be open to parents and carers from 8.40am, therefore please do not tailgate members of staff to access the car park early. If your child is dropped off to school before 8.40am, we can not take any responsibility for them. If we feel that the zone area is being mis-treated, we will consider modifying this offer, therefore your full cooperation would be very much appreciated. As a school we continue to stress the importance of walking, scootering and cycling to school and we always support these types of transport.



Breakfast and After School Club

We are back in the swing of things here at Breakfast and After School Club with the introduction of scrambled eggs and beans added to our breakfast menu.

During Arts & Crafts, the children made different sea creatures from a variety of materials.



We were all so very saddened to hear of our dear, Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth's passing, we paid our respects, by all the children signing a photo of Her Majesty & Paddington Bear, along with heart shaped dried flower arrangements, which was taken to Green Park.



As Autumn draws in, the children are making the most of playing outside during this Indian Summer.



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Diary Dates - October 2022

Value for October is Truth

Date	Time	Event
3 rd	All Week	Cycle to School Week
4 th	4pm-8pm	Year 1 - Year 6 Parent Consultations
5 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tours commence from October - December
5 th	7pm-9pm	Governors Meeting (Standards and Curriculum Committee)
6 th	3.45pm-6.15pm	Year 1 -Year 6 Parent Consultations
7 th	2pm-3pm	Reception Disco in the hall
7 th	3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 1 - Year 4 Cycling event around the school
12 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
12 th	7pm-9pm	Governors Meeting (Finance and General Purpose Committee)
13 th	9am	Reception Orion Class Meeting with Miss Popova in the school hall
14 th	9am	Happy Bag Collection
14 th	9am	Reception Calypso Meeting with Miss Powell in the school hall
18 th	All Day - TBC	Ancient Greek Workshop - TBC
19 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
21 st	3.15/3.25pm	End of Term



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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 benches 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

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.

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 lettings@ashmoleacademy.org for more information. Thank you.



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Notices and Reminders

Collecting your child from Extra Curricular Clubs

Due to the increased numbers of pupils attending after school clubs, all children will now need to be collected from all extra-curricular activity clubs from either the bike shed gate or the Early Years/Reception gate. You have received an email with the club's timetable which indicates where your child should be collected from.

The gates will remain locked until a member of staff opens them at 4.30pm. At this point your child will line up in the designated safe area and we ask that parents/carers wait patiently behind the gate and do not enter these zones.

Pupils should always be collected when the club ends and should not be collected any earlier. If you think that your child will need to be collected earlier each week, please consider this when booking them into a club. Thank you for your cooperation.

Request for donations from a Year 6 parent

Hello everyone, My name is Anna and I am the mother of Jenna in Year 6. I am involved in helping many asylum seeker families being housed in North London. They have absolutely no warm coats at all at the moment.

If you are having a clear out over the next couple of weeks, I am asking for donations for coats/jackets/hats/scarves for children and adults.

All donations can be brought to the school office on **Monday 10th October at 3pm** where I will be to collect them.

Thank you so much. Anna

Do you know a child that is due to start school in September 2023?

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 that is due to start in a Reception in the school year beginning September 2023, you should apply for a school place now through

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Donations

We would be grateful if parents and carers are able to donate boxes of tissues to their child's class. Please hand any donations to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

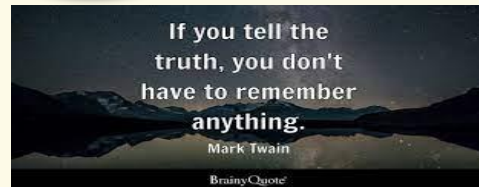


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Celebrating Achievement

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

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Luna - Asli, Kaiden, Elias, Aarasi, George,
Evelyn, Bazil, Torden, Gian-Carlo
Nova - Mya, Alexander, Aaditya, Aria, Eva,
Alexandros, Edwin, Kerim, Sameeha

Year 2

Carina - Callie, Benjamin, Abigail, Sam, Sofia,
Leo
Lyra - Sophia, Leo, Eleni, Ravi, Anastasia,
Beau, Amelia, Brandon, Arrian

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Lynx - Ibrahim, Massa, Mairi, Kaiden, Flo, Elias
Astra - Mabel, Eddie, Luca, Klay, Reya, Olivia,
Dominic, Tia and Orla

Year 4

Cosmo - George, Ria, Sienna, Aun, Amani,
Isabella, Adele, Callum, Roven, Ayla, Lewis
Apollo - Kornelia, Alexander, Mason, Onekie,
Skye, Shaylan, Ben and Elisia.

Year 5

Aquila - Roan, Ellie, Niyan, Gulcihan, George,
Tolu, Nicholas, Poppy and Della
Vesper -

Year 6

Andromeda - Jimmy, Elizabeth, Vivaan, Demi,
Evie, Demi, Evie, Oliver, Max, Jennah, Florrie,
Easa, Sia and Malaika.
Pavo - Kuzey, Kleo, Lily, Henry, Joshua,
Alexandra, Nikolaos, Erin and Seb

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 September was Honesty and the winners are Vivaan, Florrie and Amaya from Year 6. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for October is Truth.