



Message from the Head Teacher

The children have enjoyed lots of exciting activities and trips this month, including a visit to the London Mosque for our pupils in Year 5; Year 2 walked into Southgate to take some photos as part of their 'we are photographers' project in Computing and Year 3 completely immersed themselves in an Ancient Greece themed day. Thank you to all of our parent/carer volunteers who joined us on our days out. We look forward to many more wow days and trips in November. In addition to this, I would like to remind all parents and carers that trips and WOW days should be paid for on ParentPay. The Finance Team will be sending out debt reminders over the next couple of weeks to anyone that has a negative amount on their account, so if you do have any outstanding payments on ParentPay, please settle the amount as soon as possible (this does not include Breakfast and Afterschool Club payments).

A huge thank you to the APPTA for organising the recent Reception Disco. The children had so much fun, even Buddy Bear made a special guest appearance! The APPTA will be organising lots of events over the year including Year Group Parties. Many thanks to the APPTA for their continuous hard work and dedication to our school. They are already busy planning our next big event; the Winter Fair on Sunday 4th December 2022 from 12pm - 4pm.

It was wonderful to see all of our parents and carers at the recent Parent Consultations. If you did not manage to see your child's class teacher, please speak to them directly to arrange an appointment. Thank you to those of you who completed one of the parent comment forms. The feedback was very positive and it is nice to hear that your children are happy and thriving at school.

I am delighted to announce that our Senior Team have been appointed! A huge congratulations to our Head Boy, Musa and our Head Girl, Keana. Our new Head Boy and Head Girl are responsible for representing the school. They also serve as excellent role models for pupils, and share pupils' ideas within the school.

The Head Boy and the Head Girl share a passion and commitment for Ashmole Primary. They are the link between the pupils, staff and governors. They demonstrate positive behaviours and will act as role models for all years. Well done to Henry and Serena, who are our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. Their role within the school is just as important as the Head Boy and Head Girl. I wish all the children every success in their new roles.

Well done to Mrs Leo on her appointment as Maths Lead, Mr Bonallo on his appointment as Reading Lead and to Miss Macdonald on her appointment as Writing Lead. We have a strong team at Ashmole Primary who continuously work extremely hard to achieve outstanding outcomes for all our pupils.

The run up to Christmas is always a busy term for Ashmole Primary, but we are excited for all the special events that will take place between now and the end of term.

We are always on the look out for extra volunteers to support all our classes. If you think you have the qualities needed to be a committed and dedicated member of our voluntary team, please speak to Mrs Andrews or email office@ashmoleprimary.org

Please be reminded that if your child is in Year 6, the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is **today**, Monday 31st October.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

What an exciting month in Reception! We have been busy learning and exploring now that we have settled in. During their play, the children have created exciting games with their peers both indoors and outside about different topics such as pirates, animals and trains. How inventive!

In Literacy, we have also been using our fantastic listening skills to learn new sounds and to match the initial sounds to different images. We have also been talking about our family and attempting to write who is in our family.

In Maths, we have continued to do excellent counting to 10 and beyond whilst matching numerals to various different physical resources. We have also been looking at different shapes and using them to create a repeated shape pattern using an interactive game. For Black History Month we have been learning about The Caribbean Carnival. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching children celebrating at Carnival and creating their own carnival mask to dance with!

Well done to all the children in both Calypso and Orion! What an excellent half term we've had! 😊

Miss Powell and Miss Popova (Reception Class Teachers)



Year 1

What a wonderful first half term the children have had. They have settled in so well and have started to develop their investigation skills. We have created our own healthy snacks, becoming little chefs, the children demonstrated step by step how they created their wonderful masterpieces. They had a lot of fun making them! We have spent time outside in nature, observing how the natural world is changing all around us. The children shared their findings through different forms of media, from creating natural collages to making autumnal paintings. We shared these as a class and encouraged our positive feedback skills, sharing what we liked about what we had created.

The children have worked very hard on their grammar skills and have begun to develop their vocabulary skills applying what they have learnt into their written sentences. They have developed their mathematical skills through the use of concrete resources and have begun to develop their addition skills.

We have some very exciting trips coming up, please make sure you sign and return the slips.

We are very proud of you Year One, well done for such a brilliant start to the term.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, we wish you a wonderful and restful half term.

Mrs Aliberti, Miss Burke and the Year One team.





Year 2

The fun continues in Year Two this month with the children writing superb diary entries about the Great Fire of London. The children transported themselves back to 1666, and imagined what they would be feeling and thinking as the events of the devastating fire unfolded in front of their eyes.

Our work on place value continues with the children mastering the tricky task of finding missing numbers in calculations. The children had a fantastic time on our walk to Southgate for our computing topic on photography. Once there we took expert photos of St. Andrews Church and the surrounding area using our iPads. These photos were then edited to show off the children's skills. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped on the day. The Year 2 team all hope you had a restful and fun-filled half term! See you in the week!

Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Charalambous and Mr Evaghoras.



Year 3

October has been a fantastic month for Year 3. This week we celebrated all our learning on our topic of 'Greece Now and Then' with a WOW Ancient Greek Day. The children looked amazing in their costumes and they participated in lots of different activities during the course of the day. The highlight was the re-enactment of the famous Battle of Marathon really brought the children's learning to life. Recently, in Literacy the children enjoyed acting out the story of Perseus and Medusa and had the opportunity to develop their journalistic skills by writing some amazing newspaper articles about the story. In maths they have been learning about addition and subtraction using the column method as well as different mental strategies. In science the children have been learning about how to carry out fair tests and how water moves through plants as well as the functions of the different parts of the plants. In art, we have been looking at the designs and patterns on Greek pots and we finally made our own out of clay!

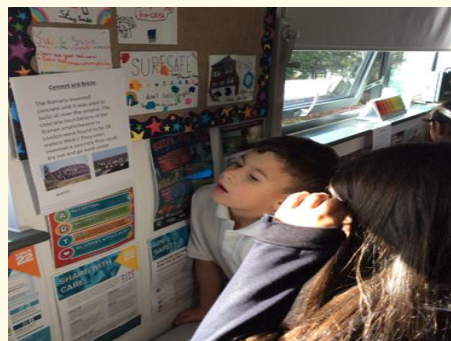




Year 4

In Cosmo and Apollo class we have had a great first half term, full of lots of fun activities! In Science, we have been looking at states of matter and have been conducting different experiments to observe the different properties of solids, liquids and gases and how they change. Experiments included melting ice cubes in different temperatures, weighing air using balloons as well as dropping raisins into lemonade and observing what happens! As well as this, in Literacy we have been learning about many different influential people as part of Black History Month, such as Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Ghandi, Martin Luther King and many more. We have created our own 'I have a dream' speeches on subjects we felt passionate about. Topics included: stopping animal testing, saving the trees on our planet, say no to plastic and many more. In history we have been learning all about the Romans and what they did. We have linked this to our D&T lessons as we have created a moving book all about the Romans using levers and sliders. The books included information about what Roman soldiers did, what Roman life was like and what Roman life was like for children. All the books came out superbly! PE has been another subject where we have been able to express our creative side, we have been creating a sequence of dance moves as if we were astronauts. We incorporated slow movements and actions as well as using lots of different elevated steps. Well done everybody, you all made fantastic astronauts. Super well done for all your hard work so far Year 4!

Miss Yianni and Miss Sauka (Year 4 teachers)



Year 5

This month has flown by! The children have settled into Year 5 beautifully and have already been on their first trip to the London Islamic Cultural Society Mosque in Turnpike Lane. After a few years of uncertainty, we were able to travel for the first time on the tube and even received a police escort from the tube to the Mosque! The children got to see their religious education in practice and consolidate their learning this half term. We can't wait for our next trip to the chocolate factory! The children will be learning about the process of making chocolate and how the Mayans used to hunt and cook their food. In maths, we have worked really hard and learnt all about place value of 6-digit numbers, how to add, subtract and multiply using formal written methods. We have also been impressed with how they have all challenged themselves and worked on really tricky word problems. In Literacy, we have really enjoyed reading Brian Selznick's 'Wonderstruck.' We have been reading as a class and predicting how the intertwining stories and pictures are linked. We have also written fantastic newspaper reports based on the 'True Story of the Three Little Pigs.' The children planned witty headlines, excellent key details and rhetorical questions. We look forward to sharing these with you at the next parents' evening.

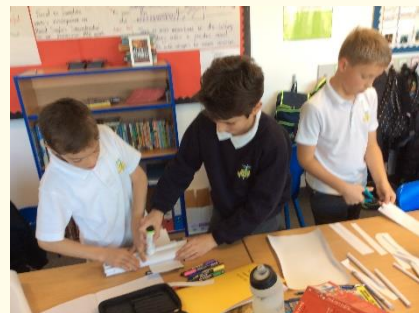
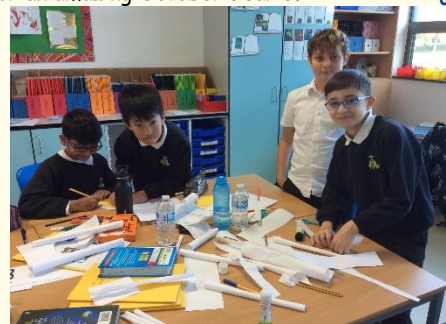
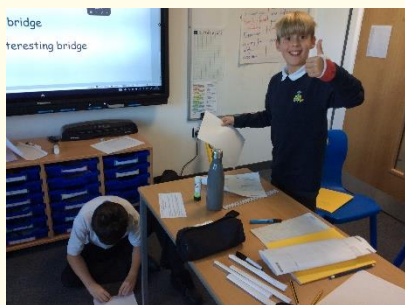
The children have worked extremely hard and deserve a well-rested break. Have a lovely half term!





Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic first month and we have enjoyed our learning in many different areas. One of these areas is Science where we have been classifying animals, plants and other objects. The children have thoroughly enjoyed classifying different objects and making their own systems inspired by Carl Linnaeus! The children have also had an enriching and competitive week presenting their applications to Mr Tofallis, Mrs Toal, Year 5 and their peers in Year 6; we are so proud of the outstanding effort from all the candidates! In Maths, Year 6 have been honing their Multiplication and Division skills and in Literacy we have been writing a Graphic Novel which has produced some incredible work and the children have used Speech Bubbles, Balloon Tails and put their artistic skills to good use (we have such an amazing array of artistic talent in Year 6). In PE we have been using tactical skills to outwit each other and be strategic. Thank you for an amazing October Year 6!



Reminder - Secondary Transfer

If you have not yet applied for a secondary school place for your child, please do so **TODAY!** The deadline for applications is today, Monday 31st October 2022.



Breakfast and After School Club

This month in BASC our focus was on Autumn.

We used a variety of different materials to create many different types of artwork including leaves, acorns, flowers and conkers.

In preparation for Halloween we had our first competition of this academic year.

Our guest judge, Mrs Toal had a difficult task of selecting 3 winners. All the children were awarded for their fantastic efforts.

I also wanted to mention a big thank you to the children of Year 6 for helping to distribute fresh fruit, every morning, to KS1 classes.

Mrs Urso Baiarda - BASC Manager





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Diary Dates - November 2022

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Date	Time	Event
2 nd	AM	Pupil photographs with Good Egg Media - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
3 rd	AM	Year 1 trip to Christ Church in Southgate
4 th	AM	Pupil photographs with Good Egg Media - Year 3 to Year 6
4 th	9.00am - 2.30pm	Years 1 and 2 - trip to the Barbican (London Symphony Orchestra)
4 th	6pm - 8pm	APPTA - Year 1 party
7 th	All Week Monday	Anti Bullying Week Height and Weight checks for all pupils Rec-Y6
9 th	9.30am	Prospective Parents Tour
11 th	9am assembly	Homelessness Assembly at 9am in Hall - Year 5 WOW Day
16 th	9.30am	Prospective Parents Tour
16 th	7pm-9pm	Full Governing Committee Meeting
18 th	PM 6pm-8pm	Barnet Infant Music Festival at Ashmole Primary for Y1 and Y2. APPTA - Year 2 party
21 st	All Week	Road Safety Week
23 rd	9.30am	Prospective Parents Tour
30 th	9.30am	Prospective Parents Tour

Save the Dates - November and December 2022

Date	Time	Event
28 th Nov 30 th Nov	AM AM	Chicken Shed Theatre Visit - Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 am. Chicken Shed Theatre Visit - Years 3-6 am.
4 th Dec	12pm-4pm	APPTA Winter Fair
5 th 6 th 9 th	All day All day All day	Year 5 Vesper Chocolate Museum Visit in Brixton. Year 5 Aquila Chocolate Museum Visit in Brixton. Christmas Jumper Day £1 for charity. Christmas Lunch Day.
14 th	9.15am	Reception Christmas Show for parents and carers in hall.
15 th	9.15am	Year 1 Christmas Show for parents and carers in hall.
16 th	12.45pm	Last Day of Term - Finish at 12.45pm



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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

Appointments

Please ensure that all routine dental and GP appointments are made outside of school hours. Thank you.

ParentPay

If you have any outstanding debt showing on your ParentPay account, please ensure it is cleared straight away. All trips and WOW days need to be paid in advance of the event. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please speak to Mrs Andrews or Mrs Mittins in confidence. Thank you.

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

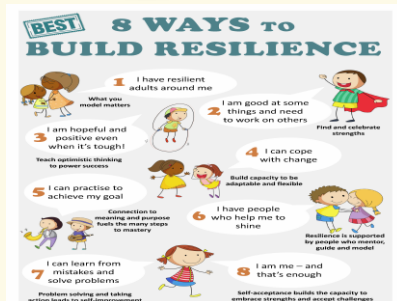
If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 that is due to start in a Reception in the school year beginning September 2023, you should apply for a school place now through <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



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Celebrating Achievement

Key Stage One

Year 1

Elias, Edward, Jasmine, Andrei,
Daya, Kimon, Amelia, Esteban, Leyna,
Maria, David, Dream, Olivia,
Amaanah, Nate, Aarian, Zimal,
Gabriel, Aiden, Christine

Year 2

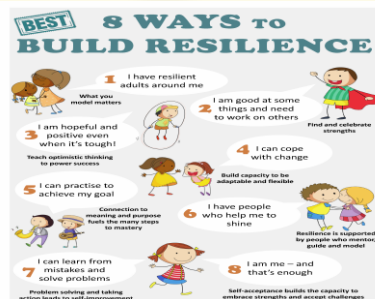
Jayden, Conor, Saara, Alice, Max
B, Mya, Elsa, Vihaan, Serra, Max
O, Yusuf, Millie, Rheyra, Maxine,
Yoana, Amelia, Arrian, Noah, Ella,
Sharne, Demir, Sofia, Evelyn,
Camellia



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Key Stage Two

Year 3

Rose, Inaya, Nikol, Ella, Murat,
Alexia, Johnny, Arthur, Anya,
Darcey, Pariza, Frankie, Karim,
Saanvi, Ayda, Arianna, Deniz, Elif,
Rose, Arjun

Year 4

Georgia, Arya, Hazal, Riki, Seb,
Aun, Neve, Ali, Kayden, Isabella,
Ayla, Alexandra, Ayden, Olivia,
Aron, Georgia, Michael, Almira,
Alaz, Melis, Akwasi, Alex, Natalie,
Callum

Year 5

Kaan, George, Mara, Kheon, Kaner,
Nicholas, Della, Freya, Sophie,
Seth, Aara, Rocco, Roan, Ariyan,
Sophia, Liyanna, Yiannis, Aaira,
James, Timofei

Year 6

Freya, Musa, Erin, Jake, Lara,
Ayaz, Laurence, Ediz, Rahi, Eren,
Arabella

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 October was Truth. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for November is Resilience. The winners this month are Sienna, Isabella and Nihal in Year 4!



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Celebrating Achievement

We continue our theme of 'celebrating achievement' with the following appointments:

Head Boy - Musa (Andromeda Class)
Head Girl - Keana (Andromeda Class)

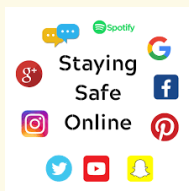
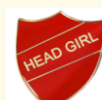
Deputy Head Boy - Henry (Pavo Class)
Deputy Head Girl - Serena (Pavo Class)

Bike It Crew

Rheya and Ravi (Year 2 Lyra)
Millie and Caspar (Year 2 Carina)

Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA)

Jason and Isla (Year 5 Vesper)
Aara and George (Year 5 Aquila)



Bike Raffle

With thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £412.50. This money will go towards the purchase of new bikes and scooters. Thank you. Well done to Ellis in Reception who won a brand new bike!



Cross Country

On Wednesday 5th October, a number of children from Year 4, 5 and 6 competed in a local cross-country competition at Oakhill Park. The children had to run 1500m (which is just under 1 mile!). Despite the miserable weather, each child proudly represented our school and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the event. Overall, Ashmole came 8th out of 18 schools, which was a fantastic result! I would particularly like to congratulate Jo Pocock and Erin Clift from Year 6 who have both been asked to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games following on from their excellent positions at the cross-country competition. We would like to wish them the best of luck for their next event!





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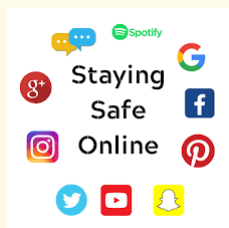
Eco Warriors - Bazil, Evelyn, Aaditya, Leyna, Max, Evelyn Osmond, Maxine, Amelia, Klay, Orla, Zoya, Emily, Nihal, Alborz, Benjamin, Skye, Anya, George, Jennah, Zachary, Nikolaos, Alexandra, Ted, Jenna

Play Buddies - Kaiden, Asli, Dream, Eva, Leo, Abigail, Yoana, Aiden, Johnny, Maya, Murat, Ella, Hazal, Ayden, Sebastijan, Lia, Nicholas, Sophie, Sara, Jude, Sia, Jimmy, Tilly, Joseph

Online Safety Rangers - tbc next week

School Council 2022-2023

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<u>Nova</u> Alexander and Zimal	<u>Carina</u> Christopher and Alice	<u>Astra</u> Arthur and Tia	<u>Apollo</u> Maria and Michael	<u>Aquila</u> Niyan and Freya	<u>Andromeda</u> Vivaan and Elizabeth
<u>Luna</u> Gian Carlo And Elsa	<u>Lyra</u> Alexa and Leo	<u>Lynx</u> Ayda and Raf	<u>Cosmo</u> Ayaan Sienna	<u>Vesper</u> Elexa and Yiannis	<u>Pavo</u> Elias and Kleo





APPTA October News

We hope you all enjoyed the half term and would like to thank you again for all your help and support. Here's a quick round up of the last couple of months!

September

Year 1 Cake Sale - Our first bake sale of the year, and an amazing **£410** was raised for the school. Please note whilst our cake sales are organised by specific year groups, these are open to all to purchase.

October

Reception Welcome Party - We had a great start to the new academic year with our annual event to welcome in the children, parents, and carers to our school community.

Cycling Event - October saw the introduction of our new cycling group, led by Rahul. It was great to see parents getting involved with their children keen to improve their cycling skills. Watch out for news on more cycling events to come.

PTA Meeting - As a group, whilst we appreciate the demands of working parents, we are very keen to encourage a community spirit and have re-introduced in person only PTA meetings which will take place at every other meeting. It is lovely to meet parents in person. Thanks to those who came and also congratulations to Nina Sutera (Luna) who we have co-opted to be an Elected Trustee.

We would also like to do another call out for a parent volunteers to lead on the wildlife garden please. More details on the meeting including an **update** on the outdoor learning zone will be emailed from the school.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 13th December** - please join us if you can. However, this one will be hybrid (Zoom details to follow).

Happy Bag School - Thank you for bringing in your old clothes for recycling. The payment scheme has now changed and is as follows:

*Collections up to 200kg - £0.35p/kg
above 200kg to 500kg - £0.40p/kg
above 500kg to 1000kg - £0.45p/kg
above 1000kg - £0.50p/kg*

We raised **£238** for the school.

Dates for the Diary

November

Thursday 3rd November - Winter Fair planning meeting (1 of 3 via zoom details for follow).

Friday 4th November - Year 1 Friday night party.

Monday 7th November - Year 3 Cake sale. Proceeds to go to the School's Xmas Decorations.

Wednesday 16th November - Winter Fair planning meeting (2 of 3 via zoom details for follow).

Friday 18th November - Year 2 Friday night party.

Wednesday 30th November - Winter Fair planning meeting (3 of 3 via zoom details for follow).

December

Sunday 4th December - Winter Fair (12:00pm - 4:00pm).

January

Tuesday 10th January - Annual General Meeting.

Parents Silent Disco - TBC

Friday 27th January - Year 3 Friday night party.

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

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

APPTA Team.