



Message from the Head Teacher

The month of November concluded with a trip to the ChickenShed Theatre to watch an adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk - Jack!...Playing is believing! All the children and adults had so much fun. Even the weather was kind to us which meant we enjoyed a crisp, dry walk to and from the theatre. Thank you to Miss Costas for arranging this annual event and to all the adults who volunteered on the trip.

The run up to Christmas is always such a busy few weeks in school. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the PTA Winter Fair this coming Sunday 4th December. Did you know that this is the first winter fair in over two years! Thank you as always to the PTA for all their hard work and to all the parents and carers for your donations and contributions. A special thank you must also go to the Décor Team who have been working at weekends and evenings decorating our school thus making it as festive as possible.

Thank you to Miss Burke for organising and hosting this years Barnet Infant Music Festival. It was great to see the children in Years 1 and 2 perform with other schools.

Thank you to all our Reception parents/carers that were able to attend the recent Curriculum Evening. If you were unable to attend for any reason, the PowerPoint from the evening will be shared with you all in due course.

With the ever increasing rise in the cost of living, we understand that many families may be feeling the pinch, especially at this time of year. If you are a low income family in receipt of Universal Credit (not working tax credit), you may be entitled to additional funding to support your child at school. This may include free school meals, help towards breakfast and after school club, instrumental lesson, extra curricular clubs and school trips. We have attached a form to this month's newsletter, so if you think you may be entitled to this funding, please complete the form and return it to Mrs Andrews at office@ashmoleprimary.org. Please do not feel embarrassed to come forward, we really do want to help! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Andrews in confidence.

Our wonderful team of Eco-Warriors are also putting together an Ashmole Primary School Food Donation Station. We would like to ask parents and carers of Ashmole Primary to give as generously as you can to our food bank. The goods collected will be re-distributed to the many families who need it within our own Ashmole Primary community. The food bank will be ongoing and continue throughout the year. We welcome donations of dried goods, pasta, tinned foods, juice cartons, tea/coffee, jams/preserves, cereals and any other non-perishable food items you wish to donate. As always, please do not send in any items containing nuts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

At the end of December, we say farewell to an integral member of our teaching staff, Mrs Ballantine. Mrs Ballantine has been with us for over three years and has always shown commitment and dedication to her teaching role. We wish Mrs Ballantine and her family every happiness for the future.

December sees the return of Mrs Pavlakos! Mrs Pavlakos has been on maternity leave for the past year and a half and we are very excited that she is joining us once again. She will work alongside Mrs Charalambous in Year 2 Lyra Class. Mrs Athanasi will be re-joining our Reception team once again after maternity leave and we look forward to seeing her from mid-December. We also welcome Mrs Watkins to our Year 5 teaching team. Mrs Watkins will be job sharing with Mrs Toal in Aquila Class and will be in school every Thursday and Friday. We wish Mrs Watkins a long and successful career at Ashmole Primary School.

Please remember that our last day of term is Friday 16th December, with an earlier finish time of 12.45pm. Please note that there will be no after school clubs on this day.

I look forward to seeing you all at Sunday's Winter Fair.

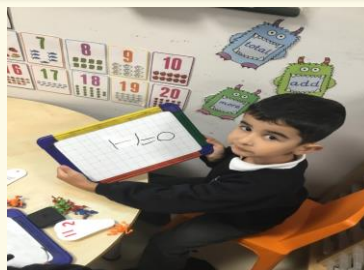
With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

What a lovely month we have had in Reception this November! We have been busy practising all of our learned sounds and are getting more confident with segmenting and blending CVC words. In maths, we have been exploring 'one less and one more' and addition. We have used lots of counting resources to help us with this. We have celebrated anti-bullying week and Children in Need, getting busy with lots of different fun activities. We especially enjoyed icing biscuits! We have also been getting ready for our nativity play by practising our songs and dances and we can't wait to share these with you soon. We are hoping that we may have a special visit from a certain elf over the next few weeks and we are super excited!



Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting month; we have been on 3 fantastic trips. First, we visited Christ Church in Southgate where the children learnt all about the Christian festival of Harvest. The children explored the importance of food banks and why it is important to say 'thank you' for everything we have. Then, Year 1 went on a coach to the Barbican Centre to watch the London Symphony Orchestra perform 'I need my monster'. The children listened and discussed the instruments that they could hear and participated in a group song. Finally, the children went to ChickenShed on Monday to watch a brilliant interpretation of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children in Luna and Nova class have also been working hard to learn all their lines and songs for their 'Nativity Show'.





Year 2

Another amazing month has literally just zipped past! This month we have had a strong musical theme throughout. Starting with our trip to the London Symphony Orchestra in the Barbican. We saw an up-roaring and interactive show about a monster named Gabe. It was delightful to see the children taking part and singing along to the songs.

Then, we had the honour of hosting the Infant Music festival in our very own school hall. The children literally sang from their hearts, and gave a spine tingling performance in front of three other local schools-well done to all the children for taking part!!!

After that, we embarked on our picturesque walk through Southgate to the ChickenShed theatre to enjoy the musical spectacle of Jack! Playing is believing...!! The children were abuzz with excitement whilst watching the amazing show! And finally, we recorded the Year 2 Christmas song "When Santa got stuck up the chimney" for your aural pleasure!! Enjoy!!

In literacy, we explored the emotions felt by the crayons in Oliver Jeffers' story "The Day the Crayons Quit" - and we used this to write about how other stationery items might feel by the way their owners treat them. All this was then used to write a complaint letter to their owners.

In maths, we emphasised the importance of investigations and sought to prove if an odd number, add an odd number, add an odd number always makes an odd number by using systematic and methodical methods. The children were really engaged in this task and proved it does always make an odd number!

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the month ahead and the run up to Christmas!

Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Charalambous, Mr Evaghoras and all the Year 2 team



Year 3

This month, Year 3 have been gearing up for the festive season by rehearsing our Christmas song, Sleigh Ride by The Ronettes, as well as taking a trip to the ChickenShed Theatre to watch a pantomime. In our lessons, we have taken focus on Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake by reading The Twits and The Green Ship. Our Maths lessons see us continue to work with number by revising multiplication and division strategies, whilst in RE we have looked into Diwali (a happy Diwali to everyone that was celebrating). In Humanities we have continued to look at Greece, now studying its geography, whilst in both Science and in D&T, we have looked at Light & Shadow, as we begin thinking out about designing and producing a torch. Last but not least, in November Lynx Class took part in a pilot art project with our Artist in Residence, where the children came together to make a 3D model mammoth, which will be on display outside our classroom very soon! Astra Class is now taking part in the same art project, working on something special that looks impressive already. It's been a great month of learning as we are now looking ahead to the Christmas period in school (the PTA decorations look amazing!). Mr Constantinides and Mrs Pavlou





Year 4

This second part of the Autumn term we have had lots of fun in Year 4. In literacy as well as geography, we have been learning all about volcanoes! We have written our own newspaper articles about the Mount Vesuvius eruption in Pompeii. Linking to our literacy lessons, in Art we have also been creating our very own collages of volcanoes. We have been focusing on different techniques such as tearing and layering in order to create detailed collages. In science, we have been continuing to look at different states of matter, we have been looking at the water cycle as well as conducting experiments to see the quickest way that chocolate can melt! In Maths we have been practicing lots of our times tables by listening to lots of fun songs to help us remember them. As Christmas is approaching, the whole of Year 4 has been getting into the Christmas spirit, both Cosmo and Apollo class will be singing 'Last Christmas' this year as our Christmas song. Well done to everybody for singing the song wonderfully and learning all the actions.



Year 5

November has been a great month for Year 5! Thank you to everyone who donated to the food bank; the local church and surrounding areas were so grateful for our contributions! We also enjoyed our first Year 5 assembly around the theme of homelessness. The children learnt how some people can be less fortunate and the importance of spreading awareness on how to help. We also had lots of fun learning the songs with Mrs Pocock in our weekly sessions. After our assembly, we visited Christ Church in Southgate where the children had an opportunity to take some of the food bank donations in person. This visit not only linked to our homeless assembly but it also consolidated our RE learning in lessons. We enjoyed a talk from the priest and loved looking at all the intricate features of the church. Finally, Year 5 were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Barnet with President of the Mosque, Bibi Khan to discuss their amazing contributions to the food bank. We are so proud of your achievements this month. The Year 5 team.





Year 5 cont'd...

What a privilege it was, on Monday 21st November, to have visitors to Ashmole Primary school from, the local council, The London Islamic Society and the foodbank. President Bibi Khan, The Mayor of Barnet, and Matthew from the foodbank all came to say a great big thank you to the school for their kind and generous donations. The Year 5 pupils arranged a food drive again this year to support the local foodbanks with food going to the Mosque/ Church collaborative community foodbank as well as to the local foodbank at Christchurch in Southgate. The Mayor of Barnet made a lovely speech to thank the pupils and explained her role in the council. The children asked some fantastic questions. Matthew from the foodbank then explained how the donations make such a difference to the many families in need across Barnet. Finally, President Bibi Khan thanked the children for their hard work and said she is looking forward to working

with us on other exciting projects next year.



Year 6

Ashmole's adventurous Year 6 pupils have continued to excel in their learning and explore new opportunities. They have impressed us with their ability to plough through the challenging unit of fractions within maths and understanding the features of writing autobiographies for literacy. Together, they have studied the techniques used in Roald Dahl's *Boy: Tales of Childhood* and attempted to incorporate them within chapters of their own life experiences! Additionally, the children have enjoyed further exploring the human and physical features of Africa's geography; the main components of the human circulation system in Science; completed an eye-opening sequence of violin lessons and tested their skills and teamwork within invasion games such as hockey! On top of all of this, Year 6 were able to embark on an exciting trip to Greenwich to visit and learn all about the famous Cutty Sark ship. We enjoyed an immersive tour and were able to explore the lifestyle and living conditions for its crewmen. Fortunately, no children were forced to walk the plank!





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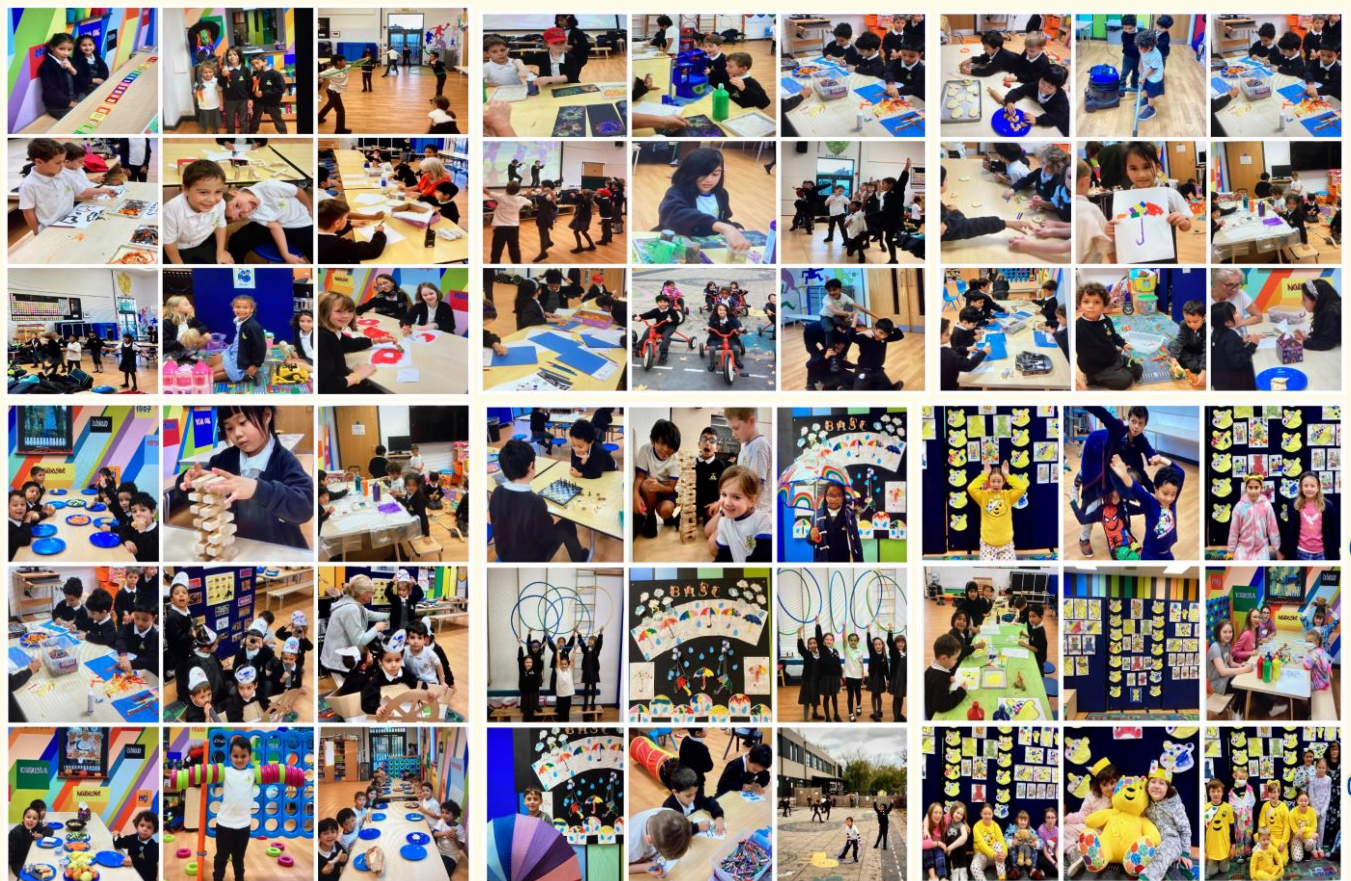
Breakfast and After School Club

This month was very special for BASC as we welcomed Reception children to our club! We also welcomed two new members of staff to our team - Ms Gosia and Ms Magda. We look forward to working with both of them.

With winter upon us, the cold weather, early darkness and rain most of the time has restricted us from any outdoor activity, hence we are spending a lot of the time indoors, but are keeping children active through dancing, playing with hula hoops and skipping ropes etc.

In arts and crafts this month we focused on Remembrance Day when children used different art materials to create poppies.

Our favourite was Children in Need Day - where children came to school in their pyjamas! Beautiful artwork was created of Pudsey Bear.





Sports at Ashmole

Ashmole vs Monkfrith:

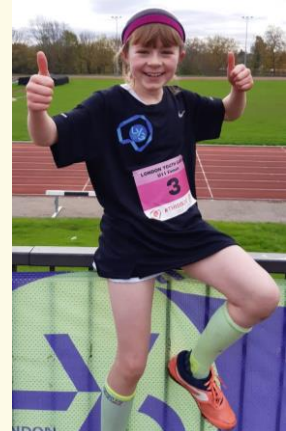
The girls football match was really exciting and we were all looking forward to it. This was our first match of the year against Monkfrith School. The first half started with them scoring a goal, we were really disappointed about this but we pushed through with true Ashmole Spirit. By the second half Erin had scored a fantastic goal and made the score even! Everyone was happy and even the parents were cheering us on. We put all our training into use and worked together to stop the other team scoring. Tilly (our goalkeeper) saved many goals, everyone else did a fantastic job all over the pitch. By the end the score was 1-1 so we all took a photo. In conclusion we all did a great job in our positions. Lily - Year 6 Pavo Class

This year the A-team girls had a match against Monkfrith Primary School. The game started with a bang both sides playing at their best the whole game. In the first half of the match, it was great but it left 1-0 to Monkfrith. We didn't let that stop us from keeping us going. Our energy flew us across the pitch. Our goalkeeper (Tilly) saved so many goals and the boys in football training were cheering us on. During the second half, we came in and ran across the pitch determined to have our best play. As Erin zoomed across the pitch, we saw the ball kicked into their goal. Erin had scored! We were all beaming with joy and the score was 1-1. As the match came to an end, both schools shook hands and congratulated each other. It was so fun! Elodie Year 6 Pavo Class



Sporting Achievements

Well done to Erin and Joe from Pavo Class who took part in the London Youth Games to represent Barnet! Well done to you both!





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*is doing what
needs to be done
even when you don't
feel like doing it.*

Diary Dates - December 2022

Value for November is Resilience	Date	Time	Event
	2 nd	All day	Non uniform - donations for the PTA
	5 th	All day	Year 5 Vesper Class trip to the Chocolate Museum - Brixton
	6 th	All day	Year 5 Aquila Class trip to the Chocolate Museum - Brixton
	7 th	All day	Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum
	7 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
	9 th	All day	Christmas Jumper Day! Christmas lunch.
	12 th	2.15pm	Year 4 Drumming Show for parents/carers
	14 th	9.15am	Reception Christmas Show for parents/carers
	15 th	9.15am	Year 1 Christmas Show for parents/carers
	16 th	12.45pm	Last day of term - finish at 12.45pm

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 **November was Resilience**. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for December is Determination. The winners this month are Amani in year 4 and Jasmine and Daya in Year 1!

Drop off and pick-up times

It has come to our attention, that some children are coming late to school or being picked up late. Please be reminded that pupils in EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2), should arrive to school no later than 8.50am and collected no later than 3.15pm. Children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) should also arrive to school no later than 8.50am and collected no later than 3.25pm. We understand that sometimes there might be unforeseen delays that effect you from collecting your child and if this is the case, please contact the school office. If children continue to be collected late, they will be placed into After School Club and you will be charged the full price of £10.00. Your full cooperation is appreciated.



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Celebrating Achievement

In recognition of their outstanding work this month, the following pupils have received an achievement certificate from Mr Tofallis.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Luna - Jasmine, Aliza, Edward, Amelia, Torden, Esteban, Taran, Elsa, Asli, Kaiden, Arda and Kimon.

Nova - Noah, Yasemin, Jay, Sameeha, Dream, Aiden, Kiyen and Alexandros.

Year 2

Carina - Caspar, Serra, Ava, Mya, Piya, Jushn, Ella, Conor, Max, Amelia, Kvaan, Mayra, Ayla, Jayden and Saara.

Lyra - Maria, Ameila, Azra, Evelyn, Christopher, Anna, Alexis, Alexa, Anastasia, Marco, Azra and Oliver.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Astra - Reya, Ayham, Deniz, Dominic, Gabriel, Anya, Daniyal, Azra, Arthur, Tia, Orla, Rose, Pariza, Lukne, Reya and Frankie.

Lynx - Raf, Victoria, Murat, Aria, Eesa, Milo, Ameilia, Emily, Ella, Ayda, Mira, Milo and Aiden.

Year 4

Apollo - Skye, Edward, Maria, Onekie, Kayden, Anabelle, Mason, Milo, Alexandra, Henry, Jansu, Elisia, Shayan and Alfie.

Cosmo - Amani, Melis, Simeon, Johan, Nihal, Ayaan, Lia, Roven, Denis, Reyyan, Berkin, Almira, George, Lia and Isabella.

Year 5

Aquila - Ashwin, Aara, Aaryan, Kheon, Anya, Ella, Haris, Gulchihan, Alexander J, Freya and Seth.

Vesper - Zach, Marina, Jude, Anoushka, Elexa, Timofei, Jennah, Rory and Aaira.

Year 6

Andromeda - Ediz, Florrie, Ted, Gabriella, Sia, Armin, Lara, Ayaz and Erin.

Pavo - Seb, Tilly, Elodie, Dante, Natalie, Joe and Muzeeba.



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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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Poppy Appeal

Every year, Ashmole Primary School takes part in the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Wearing a poppy represents all those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day.

It also honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

At 11am on Friday 11th November, the whole school joined hands for a reflective two minutes silence and with thanks to your generosity, the children of Ashmole Primary School raised an astonishing £531.75! Thank you so much 😊



Meet Beau the reading dog...

Beau is an incredibly sweet natured calm dog who visits our school once a week to spend time with small groups of children who we feel might benefit most from spending time with him, listening to them read. When Beau is not at school, he enjoys reading Beano, and the Week Junior. He also likes to watch BBC News and Cbeebies!

Beau even has his very own Ashmole Primary School jumper!

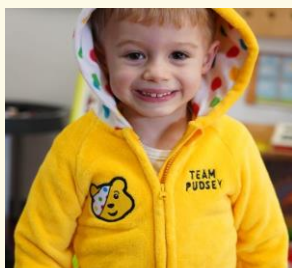


Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, Ashmole Primary School took part in the annual Children in Need Appeal.

Children In Need provides grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. This charitable organisation raises money for young people in all corners of the UK and supports small and large organisations which empower children and extend their life choices.

The children came to school in their pyjamas and donated £1 - collectively we raised £437.00. All the money raised will go directly to Children in Need.





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Who's who!



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)



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



Eco Warriors
Yr. 1: Nate/Leyna and Bazil/Evelyn
Yr. 2: Max O./Amelia and Evelyn/Maxine
Yr. 3: Emily/Zoya and Orla/Klay
Yr. 4: Alborz/Nihal and Ben/Skye
Yr. 5: Anya/George and Jenna/Zach
Yr. 6: Nikolaos/Alexandra and Jenna/Teddy

School Council

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> Niyen 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



Thank you to all the children that play such an active role around the school, your dedication and commitment is very much appreciated and valued 😊



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Story Box Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the library 'Story in a box' competition. Your entries were fantastic and have now been photographed and placed on display in the library for everyone to see!

The winning entries whose story in a box will be kept in the library for visitors, staff and children to admire are:

Nikolas - Orion Class

Inaya - Astra Class

Alex - Cosmo Class

Arrian - Lyra Class

Evia - Calypso Class

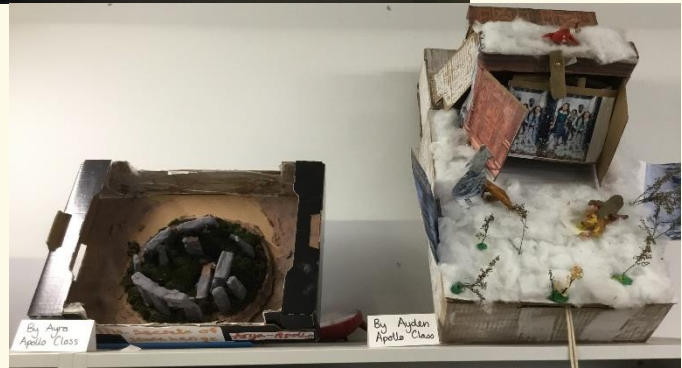
Christopher - Carina Class

Tiana- Luna Class

Maxine - Lyra Class

Ayra - Apollo Class

Ayden - Apollo Class



Thank you once again for your fantastic entries!

Mrs Ballantine





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PTA News

It's been a busy few weeks for us - here is an overview of what we've been up to!



Year 3 organised a bake sale on the 7th November, which raised a fantastic £345! Thank you to all those who organised and supported this event.

Our Friday night parties continue to be a success - Year 1 had a movie night, and Year 2 enjoyed a creative arts & crafts session followed by a disco. We raised over £200, thank you to all the volunteers who enabled this to happen!



Our sub team have completed all research and due diligence, and commissioned an organisation to move forward with our long awaited outdoor learning zone - work will start on this early next year, and we're sure everyone is looking forward to having an outdoor classroom!



We're looking forward to holding our first Winter fair since 2019, and want to say a massive thanks to everyone who has given up time to support this - especially the Art Deco team for spending weekends and evenings to decorate

the school and create the grotto. We hope to see lots of you there on the 4th to kick off the festive season! There are still lots of ways you can help - please speak to a member of the APPTA team or your class rep.

Finally, we have applied for a £7,000 grant from the Barnet community fund. If successful, funds will go towards providing extra classrooms for the school - we will hear back in early December, so please keep your fingers crossed!

Upcoming events:

- 13 December - PTA meeting - All welcome
- January - APPTA AGM - all welcome
- 27 January - Year 3 Friday Night Party
- 2 February - Happy bag collection
- 3 February - Parent's silent disco

Thank you for all your support as always.
APPTA Team.