



Message from the Head Teacher

The run up to Christmas is always a busy time at Ashmole Primary School. Thanks to Chef Ellie, the children and staff all enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch together last week. The Christmas class parties were a huge success and the children had so much Christmas fun!

Reception and Year 1 performed their Christmas Nativity to their parents and carers. They had been so busy rehearsing over the last few weeks so it was a pleasure for them to perform it to you all. We hope you enjoyed it as much as they enjoyed performing it to you. With thanks to the APPTA Media Team, recordings and photographs of the performances will be available very soon.

Thank you to Year 6 for their wonderful carol singing this morning - what a lovely start to the day and a wonderful end to the Autumn Term!

This month, Year 5 visited the Chocolate Museum in Brixton and Year 3 went to the Natural History Museum. They had so much fun; thank you to the many parent and carer volunteers that joined us on both days.

Thank you to the APPTA for yet again a hugely successful Christmas Fair - we raised around £6,000. It was lovely to see everyone come together for the first time in two years. The work that goes into making these events so successful should never be underestimated. All the money raised will go back into the school for your children to enjoy for many years to come. We have lots of creative projects for each year group planned and many playtime and lunchtime resources that we would like to purchase,

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Ballantine, but we wish her and her family our very best wishes for the future. Welcome to Miss Dogantimur and Mrs Christoforou who have joined our wonderful team of SEN Teaching Assistants.

The week got off to a 'fun' start, with the surprise of a snow day. As a school, we will always try our very best to open, keeping the safety of the children and staff at the forefront of any decision we make. If there are any future closures due to snow or icy conditions, you will always be informed by text as early as possible. If you have recently changed your mobile telephone number, please notify the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for your contribution in making Ashmole Primary a fun and positive place to be. Our team of many unpaid volunteers (and even Beau the reading dog), means that your children get a much richer and enjoyable experience at school.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Please note that due to the coronation of King Charles III, Monday 8th May 2023 is a Bank Holiday and therefore school will be closed on this day.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Breakfast and After School Club

This month at Breakfast and After School Club, we focused on Christmas!

Children used different materials to make Christmas tree decorations. We used stamps made from potatoes; Christmas trees and stars made of cardboard, decorated with strings and fresh foliage and many more different materials.

Painting is the most favourite activity, by far - for all the children. We decorated cookies and the children had so much fun making their own designs.

Our last competition of 2022 was making Christmas tree decorations. Mr Tofallis was our head judge. This time, to keep things with the Christmas spirit, all children were winners and were rewarded for their creativity. Lots of effort was put into this competition. Well done, everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year 2023.



Donations

We welcome any kind donations for our school and for our Breakfast and After School Club as well as for playtimes and lunchtimes-

Board games, soft footballs, used pool tables, air hockey and table tennis.

Thank you.



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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 were named in last month's newsletter. However, in addition to that, Demi in Andromeda Class was the winner for Year 6. Well done Demi, your story box creation is fantastic!

****Cost of Living Crisis****

Although the Christmas period is a very exciting time for most families, please spare a thought for those in our school community that are struggling to support their families this winter. If you are a low income family and in receipt of Universal Credit (not working tax benefits), please speak to Mrs Andrews in confidence. As well as supporting families with our very own school Food Bank, the Southgate Mosque Food Bank welcomes all guests in the Southgate and surrounding area. The Food Bank is open every Monday from 10am - 12pm.

FOOD BANK
All welcome

Southgate Mosque Food Bank warmly welcomes ALL guests who need to use the food bank in the Southgate and surrounding area

WE ARE OPEN EVERY
MONDAY 10AM - 12PM

THERE IS NO NEED FOR A VOUCHER OR REFERRAL.
PLEASE BRING BAGS WITH YOU.

**SOUTHGATE HOUSE, HIGH STREET,
SOUTHGATE, N14 6BS**
(DURANTS SCHOOL ENTRANCE, OPPOSITE BARNET
& SOUTHGATE COLLEGE)

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Food donations needed!!

The cost of living has reached an
time high and has been declared a national crisis! In response
Eco-warriors have decided to bottle back and have organised
the very first

"ASHMOLE PRIMARY FOOD DONATION STATION"

Families all over England are feeling the pinch as food and fuel prices
set around us. The Eco-warriors have decided it is time to try and
issue head on and do all in our power to help those who need it more
with Christmas fast approaching, we would like to ask all the parents
of Ashmole Primary to give as generously as you can to our
the goods collected will be re-distributed to the many families
it within our own Ashmole Primary community. The food bank will
ring and continue throughout the year.

welcome donations of dried goods, pasta, tinned foods, juice, cart
coffee, jams/preserves, cereals and any other non-perishable
if you wish to donate. *Please note we are a not free school.*

OUR responsibility to help those who need it! Please give generously
those families can have the help they so desperately need.
look forward to receiving your donations

Eco-warriors and the Eco-warriors

Too Good To Go

Too Good To Go is a great place to get delicious food for a third of the cost! The purpose of Too Good To Go is to reduce food waste worldwide. It connects restaurants and stores that have unsold, surplus food, with customers who can then buy whatever food the outlet considers surplus to requirements — without being able to choose — at a much lower price than normal. The food on the app is priced at one-third of its original price. Download the app from the App Store on your mobile device.



December Fun!



Sports at Ashmole

We have had two fantastic football matches this December! Our first match was against Danegrove Primary on the 2nd December. Although we lost, the girls played with excellent defence and teamwork and all of the spectators were impressed with their sportsmanship. On the 9th December, the boys played Goldbeaters as part of the Dick Bailey Cup. We won 2-0 with goals scored by Jimmy and Elias. We look forward to our next game in this Cup. We would like to thank both Coach Nathan and Coach Kojo for their great coaching this term and look forward to continuing within our leagues and cups in the Spring term. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year!

Miss Powell - PE Lead





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Diary Dates - January 2023

Value for January is Positivity	Date	Time	Event
	3 rd	8.50am	First day of Spring Term.
	4 th 5 th 6 th	9.30am All day 9am	School Tour for prospective parents. Year 1 History Day - Victorians. Year 1 Phonics Screening check meeting for parents in hall.
	11 th	AM	Year 5 - 10 week swimming programme begins.
	13 th	9am	Year 6 assembly for parents and carers in hall.
	15 th 23 rd	All day	Deadline - Admission to Reception for September 2023. Choir - O2 Concert
	26 th	PM	Road Safety Show in the hall
	27 th	6-8pm	Year 3 PTA Party for children
	30 th	8.30pm	APPTA Annual General Meeting

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 December was Determination. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for January is Positivity. The winners this month are Demi in Year 6 Andromeda Class and Leo in Year 2 Lyra Class.

Drop off and pick-up times

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.



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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 - Sovereign, Ares, Sumayya, Alex, Esteban and Enzo

Nova - Aaditya, Aarian, Alexander, Artemis, David Gabriel and Layla

Year 2

Carina - Ayla, Abigail, Caspar, Suendam, Sofia, Elsa, Ella and Sam.

Lyra - Rheya, Brandon, Camellia, Yoanna, Alice, Ravi, Leo and Aiden

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Astra - Inaya, Ollie, Evie, Emilia, Pariza, Nikol Johnny and Maya

Lynx - Ryka, Mira, Ayden Cara, Olanna, Emily, Aria and Ayda.

Year 4

Apollo - Kieran, Anna, Alexander, Lucas, Neve, Maria and Henry

Cosmo - Riki, Ayla, Lewis, Nora, Aun and Ashok.

Year 5

Aquila - Mishika, Ashwin, Leyla, Arman, George and Mishika.

Vesper - Abigail, James, Dimitar and Alyssa, William and Iza.

Year 6

Andromeda - Zahir, Elizabeth, Andy, Amaya, Zahir and Demi

Pavo - Kiki, Ankit and Lily

House Points Champions

The House Points champions for this Autumn term are the Red Team.

Reds: 38 Points

Yellow: 28 Points

Green: 25 Points

Blue: 19 Points



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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.

• APPTA news



- We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped pull off a fantastic Winter Fair. Fun was had by all with an amazing £6k raised for our school! Thanks again to our Art Deco team who created an amazing Grotto, Mick Lee who did a superb job filling in for Santa and not forgetting everyone who volunteered, performed, baked, donated, and visited!
- It was a very difficult choice for Mr T to choose the Best Hamper from our classes, they were all so amazing. The winning class was Andromeda, congratulations! A gift will be provided to each child.
- Dale kindly organised our annual Year Group songs and photo (costs of prints only) with a donation requested of each child for £1. So far this has raised £168. If you didn't get round to donating, it is not too late, please refer to the email from the school with a link to the digital video and photo.



- Thanks to those who attended our bi-monthly PTA meeting this week, our AGM is taking place on Tuesday 31st January. If you would like to put yourself forward for any of our roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Vice Secretary and Elected Trustee), forms will be sent via the school early in the new year.
- It's all go for our new outdoor learning zone, formal confirmation now provided to Timotay Playscapes.



- Unfortunately, our bid to the Barnet Community Fund was not successful, they had 70 applications and the panel agreed to full or part fund 40 applications, spreading the funds across locations within the borough, across target age groups and various community groups.

- PS Don't forget.....



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great holiday, wonderful Christmas, and a prosperous new year.

Best wishes from Andria, Caroline, Dale, Nina, Roza, Sonal and Vinnie.