



### Message from the Head Teacher

What an incredibly busy month it has been for Ashmole Primary School. The children have enjoyed many wonderful events during the month, including Book Week, Science Week, Red Nose Day, various year group trips, PTA parties and finally the Year 6 residential trip to Wye Valley! Thank you to all the staff that spent time away from their own families to ensure that the children were safe and happy, whilst building long lasting relationships with their classmates.

Pupils in Reception had their Hearing and Vision checks this month and I understand that follow up checks for some children will be necessary. If your child does require a follow-up appointment, you will have already received an email from Mrs Mustafa.

Our school netball and football teams are doing a fantastic job in representing our school. Well done to all the boys and girls in all our teams, we are very proud of you all.

Pupils in Year 2 are working incredibly hard working in their Reading, Writing and Maths, with their final assessments taking place throughout May. Pupils in Year 6 also continue to work incredibly hard during the run up to their SATs. KS2 SATs are due to take place during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support during this time. If you have questions regarding KS1 or KS2 SATs, please speak to your child's class teacher. Pupil attendance throughout May is vital during this period.

Thank you to everyone that managed to see their child's class teacher this week. If you missed your appointment for any reason, please speak to your child's class teacher directly. The children have all worked incredibly hard and the parent consultations are a perfect opportunity for teachers to showcase all the wonderful work the children have done throughout the term.

I hope you have all received your child's school report and my apologies to Year 3 Lynx Class for the delay in sending out your reports. Lynx Class reports are being sent home with your child today. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Thank you to everyone that has walked, cycled or scooted to school over the last two weeks. We understand that driving to school, especially during the long cold winter months, is not always the preferred option for many families, but the health benefits from walking, cycling and scooting to school can never be under underestimated.

Please may I remind all our parents and carers not to park on the zig-zags outside the school and to always consider where you park your car - which should never be across driveways, garages or access roads.

May I take this opportunity to thank the many parents and carers who continue to donate food for our foodbank. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated. A special mention also to a very kind grandmother who, as a celebration of Ramadan, actually cooked some delicious food which we were able to distribute amongst some of our families. I am so proud of the kindness and compassion that is so apparent within our school community - always remember that you are excellent role models for the next generation of young people and the tone you set as their role model, is what they will hopefully carry with them on their journey through life.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on our first day back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

What an exciting and busy month we have had in Reception. At the beginning of the month, we enjoyed celebrating Book Week; meeting some wonderful authors, reading wonderful books and dressing up as our favourite book characters.

During Science Week, the children had opportunities to get involved in experiments and make predictions about what they thought was going to happen. We had an extra special guest, Miss Burke's pony! The children were very excited to learn about how to take care of a pony.

This term we have been learning about 'people who help us' and have enjoyed looking at different occupations such as: Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Police Officers and Postal Workers. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different roles and asking how and why questions. During our topic of Dentists, the children were learning about oral hygiene and had so much fun brushing their teeth at school every day! We also made some lovely cards for special members of our family whilst learning about Postal Workers. We were so excited to put them in envelopes and walk to the post box to post our letters home!

We also wanted to say thank you to all of our guests for coming in and speaking to the whole of Reception about what it is like to be a Doctor and Dentist!



## Year 1

It has been a wonderful month, full of very exciting topics. We started the month with World Book Week. The children loved meeting the authors and learning about how to create illustrations in books. It was lovely to see that we have some inspiring authors in the making! To extend our love of reading further, we created our own play based on Little Red Riding Hood.

Then we had a very exciting Science Week where the children were able to learn about how the body uses muscles to help us move! The children went over to Ashmole Academy to see how the 'big children' conduct experiments. Later on in the week they were then treated by meeting Miss Burke's pony!

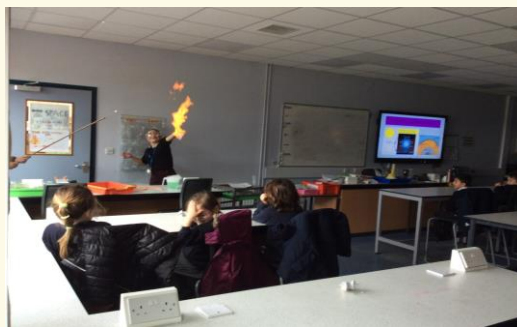
As a whole school celebration, the children learnt all about the Nowruz Festival, where they discovered the importance of the individual items at the Nowruz celebration table. The children then went to a special assembly to learn about how Nowruz is celebrated by some of the families in the Ashmole Community.

We cannot believe that we are going into the Summer term, but we are very much looking forward to discovering many more wonderful topics with Year One!

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful break.

The Year One Team.







## Year 2

What an event-filled month!! Some newsletters can write themselves, and this is certainly one of them!

March kicked off with "Book Week", the children had the opportunity to buy books from our School Fair, giving them the chance to choose titles they are interested in and motivated to read. We had special guest authors Alice Sebag-Fiore and Ndi Achaemi reading their latest books to the children. It was lovely for the children to meet the authors first hand which may inspire them to be authors themselves. And finally, the pinnacle was dress up day! We were scared for our lives as all these amazing villains descended on the school.

Soon after, Ashmole Primary had its first Environmental Charity Awareness Day hosted by the Eco-warriors. Lucy Hollis from the charity 'Grow' visited to talk about the remarkable work she does on the Grow Farm helping disadvantaged children. The children were fascinated by her talk, and cannot wait to visit the farm.

Next up was Science Week! The children visited the Academy to watch exciting experiments. They made their own lava lamps and saw the teachers set fire to bubbles!! We were incredibly fortunate to have the Royal Veterinarian College come into school and talk to the children about animal brains!! Our amazing Year 1 teacher Miss Burke, pulled out all the stops to bring her gorgeous pony into school to meet the children. The children were so excited to meet Tommy and asked lots of questions about him. The week ended with a chance to dress up as scientists, all the children looked fabulous in their lab coats and goggles!!

Our next amazing assembly was about Nowruz, a celebration to welcome Spring. Our RE Lead, the lovely Mrs Aliberti, invited parents to talk, and children placed special items on the Haft-sin. Happy Nowruz to all celebrating!!

After all that, the cherry on the cake to what has been a fantastic month, was our Year 2 Glockenspiel assembly! Curated by our music supremo the effervescent Mrs Pocock. All those in attendance I'm sure will agree, were treated to an aural delight as the children played their hearts out!! Well done to all of them for such a fantastic performance!

Everyone in Year 2; teachers, teaching assistants and support staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an incredibly restful and peaceful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for our Summer term with renewed vigour and recharged batteries.

Have a great break! Mrs. Charalambous, Mrs. Pavlakos and Mr. Evaghoras



## Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing month! We participated in Book Week when we had the chance to visit the Book Fair and meet some famous authors. We studied a book called 'The Journey' which is an interesting book as it has no words but it has some realistic illustrations which brought the book to life! During Science Week, we dressed up as scientists and had the chance to meet Miss Burke's pony. The highlight of the week was our visit to the Secondary School where we learnt how to make lava lamps and we saw some unbelievable chemical reactions which took our breath away. Last week, we went back in time to the Stone Age at the Celtic Harmony Camp. We had a fantastic, fun filled day where we had to work for our lunch and hunt the Great Woolly Mammoth!! We learnt all about Stone Age tools such as flint and obsidian, how to make a Stone Age soup, how to build a shelter and how to make fire. We will definitely go back there again!!





## Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting and busy couple of weeks, with lots of different activities. We have enjoyed our new English topic 'Cloud Tea Monkeys', where we have been looking at retelling the story using S-maps, thinking like authors to create alternative solutions and endings to the story and then retelling this as a whole story. We have also taken on the role of the main character, where we have empathised with the character during different events of a story and taken on the role of the character to create a diary entry.

We had a lot of fun during Science Week and we particularly enjoyed going over to the Academy to watch the Science experiments that were taking place. We enjoyed making our own lava lamps mixing together water, oil and food colouring. It was also extremely fun watching the Science teacher carry out some amazing experiments with methane and fire!

We enjoyed our trip to the local church, where we got to understand a lot more about Christianity and how the Church helps Christians to worship and support the community. We listened to the Vicar talk about the different things that happens in his church to support the community. We then got a chance to explore the different features of his church and link this to the features that we have learnt about in RE. We also enjoyed learning about Nowruz which is all about the Spring Equinox. We enjoyed learning about who celebrated Nowruz, and looked at the different symbols that are used during this celebration. We looked at the coloured egg, which symbolises new life at the beginning of spring. In D&T we have been previously looking at Tudor pastries. We really enjoyed making our own Tudor pastry; mixing the different ingredients together to make the dough and then forming the shape of our pastry to add in our filling! In Maths we have been extending our knowledge of fractions and have been using this to help us understand decimals. We have been looking at tenths and hundredths as fractions, converting them between fractions and decimals by looking on the place value chart.

Well done for all your hard work Year 4! 😊



## Year 5

We have had a fantastic month of March and can't wait for the Spring sunshine to warm us up at last.

In March as usual we have been very busy, we had a wonderful trip to the British Museum in Russell Square, we walked around the whole museum and saw lots of interesting artefacts from all over the world.

We had a fantastic Book Week culminating in a fabulous dress up day and we laughed hard at the Wanted poster entries.

We also had a brilliant Science week where we had a visit to the Academy, an assembly where we saw real brains brought in by the Royal Veterinary College and we met Tommy the horse, who was kindly brought in by Miss Burke.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to all the exciting things ahead next term!







## Year 6



Year 6 have been having an absolutely amazing month! Visiting the Wye Valley for our Year 6 Residential was an unforgettable experience. We rock climbed, caved, participated in archery, fencing, hiking amongst many other incredible adventures; we were so proud of how mature and sensible Year 6 were and how well they participated in the activities. Mr Bonallo and Mrs Leo even climbed to the top of the cliff too- well if the children could they had to also! It was so much fun. We have also had an enriching and stimulating month visiting Ashmole Academy to enjoy taster lessons in Drama, Music and RE amongst many other lessons. Working incredibly hard, they have also done an outstanding job getting ready for the SATs- well done Year 6!





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## Celebrating Nowruz

We had a wonderful time learning about the celebration of Nowruz. We would like to thank all the parents and carers for your time and helping to plan the activities and assemblies across the school. If there are any other special religious events that you would like the school to celebrate please contact Mrs Aliberti via email at [office@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:office@ashmoleprimary.org).



## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Thank you for your kind donations. The money we raised this Red Nose Day will help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives, both here in the UK and across the world. Thank you!



## Year 6 Charity Crafts - Jewellery Sale

Thank you to Florrie, Erin M, Freya, Lara, Naima and Malaika for helping to raise some money for supporting Cancer Research and for also helping fund some Year 6 end of year events for some of our disadvantaged families. A full breakdown will be reopened next month. Well done girls!

## Writing Competition

The winners of the competition are as follows:

KS2 - Arden in Year 6 £10 Amazon voucher. Runner Up and special mention - Aara in Year 5.  
KS1 - Rory in Year 1 £10 Amazon voucher. Runner Up and special mention - Amelie in Year 2.

## House Points for Spring 2023

1. GREEN EMERALDS - 35 POINTS
2. YELLOW DIAMONDS - 34 POINTS
3. RED RUBIES - 29 POINTS
4. BLUE SAPPHIRES - 25 POINTS

**WELL DONE GREEN TEAM!**

## Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023!

Over the two weeks we have made 2,944 total journeys by foot, scooter or bike to and from Ashmole Primary School!

80% of our school pupils have taken part in this event.

We have been placed 83 out of 998 large schools nationally for making the effort to walk, scooter or cycle to school. Well done everyone. That is a great achievement!

In London we have been placed 39 out of 204 large schools for the best effort for this event over the two weeks. Amazing!

Well done everyone and let us keep this attitude up in the coming Summer months. Thank you.







# Breakfast and After School Club

What a busy month in BASC! We had lots of exciting events during March.

Mother's Day - where children made beautiful cards for their Mums. They enjoyed painting colourful flowers and hearts.

Another exciting event was Book Day, which gave a great opportunity to take fantastic photos of the children in their costumes. When it came to costumes, some of children in the club tried their skills and created some fashionable clothes for dolls.

Also very popular with the children was clay, which brought lots of fun and children made small objects which they painted.

In the last two weeks of term, we focused on Easter. As usual, children enjoyed the Easter-Card-Making Competition. Our head judge, Mr Tofallis, had the difficult task of choosing 3 winners. All the children were rewarded for their hard work and fantastic ideas.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.







## Sports News

### Osidge Netball Match - 3<sup>rd</sup> March

A great game played by our amazing Netball team! Score Ashmole 4 - 8 Osidge.



### Dance Festival Monday - 6<sup>th</sup> March - By Elodie

On Monday, nine Ashmole Primary girls went to the Barnet Dance Festival. This was our first time taking part in this event and we were so excited. We did practice every Friday morning with Coach Anna preparing our dance. At the dance we caught a glimpse of all the other dances during the rehearsal and they were all thought through and amazing. We all wore matching costumes and were so excited to go on stage. When we went on stage we had such a great time. We are looking forward to many more of these events in the future. We also performed our dances to all the children in our school!



### All Saints Netball Match - 14<sup>th</sup> March - By Serena Fraser

It was at 3pm on a Tuesday afternoon when Jenna, Evie, Elizabeth, Gabriella, Andy, Maxi, Elodie and I gathered around Miss T and Miss Powell to discuss our match. We had come back from a match against Osidge with the score 8-4 but we were ready for this one. We were eager to win. Our opposing team arrived but they were intimidatingly tall, which worried a few of us.

Five of us stepped onto the sunlit pitch (Maxi, Elodie, Evie, Gabriella and I) as we took our places.

Sweat was already trickling down my forehead due to the glare of sunlight. The whistle blew, the game begun. The ball was in the air as it landed in our hands. Ashmole had the ball! We raced down the

pitch towards the goalpost, the sun's glare hovered on the rim of the net. Gabriella and Evie were great defenders and held off our opposing team from catching the ball. Maxi and I sped towards the semicircle where we could score a goal. Maxi took a shot on goal as it teetered on the rim of the net but unfortunately didn't get in. I took the rebound and passed it back to Maxi as he took another shot... GOAL! We were overjoyed as the parents broke into cheers and claps.

Our winning attitude didn't end there. Elizabeth, Evie, and Gabriella each scored a goal. Their confidence was inspiring to watch. The final score was 4 all and whilst All Saints had managed to equalize in the last half, that didn't dampen our spirits. A win is on the

horizon.

### St John's N11 Football Match - 17<sup>th</sup> March

The boys played an excellent football match as part of the East Cup. They won 5-0. The next

match (the semi-final) will be played in April.



### Alma Netball Match - 16<sup>th</sup> March

Our netball team played a very fantastic match with great team work and sportsmanship. Unfortunately, we lost this game but the spirits remain high!







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### Diary Dates

Diary Dates 2023

Date	Time	Event
17 <sup>th</sup> April		First Day of Summer Term
21 <sup>st</sup> April	AM	Year 5 and Year 6 - trip to Oakhill Park to see Met Police Dog Unit/Mounted Unit 
24 <sup>th</sup> April		PTA event - Spring Bake Off - cake sale after school
25 <sup>th</sup> April	All day All day	Class Photos Year 2 Dinosaur Day in the Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Year 4 Assembly for parents and carers
28 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Cycling event on school grounds - further info to follow
1 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	Bank Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Year 2 SATS all month. Please ensure the children attend school daily. Thank you.
5 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm - 8pm	PTA event - King's Coronation - further info to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
9 <sup>th</sup> May - 11 <sup>th</sup> May	All day - over 4 days	Year 6 SATS. Please ensure the children attend school all week. Thank you.
10 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm - 9pm	Finance and General Purpose meeting for Governors
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Tbc	PTA event - Lego exhibition/family picnic
15 <sup>th</sup> May	All Week	Walk to School week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Year 2 Mr Egypt WoW Day
17 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm - 9pm	Standards and Curriculum meeting for Governors
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All week	Maths Week
26 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am 3.15pm/3.25pm 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Reception Year Assembly Last day of Half Term Cycling event on school field - further info to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> June		First Day of Half Term
W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Year 10 Work Experience students from Ashmole Academy
7 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm - 9pm	Full Governing Committee meeting for Governors



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## Diary Dates continued

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Date	Time	Event
12 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Year 1 Phonics Screening check
5 <sup>th</sup> June	2 weeks	Year 4 Multiplication check
14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 5 Residential trip to Hastings
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening	Year 6 parents and carers catch-up
19 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Arts Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	AM	Ashmole Academy Trust Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Cycling Event - Community Ride at local park.
25 <sup>th</sup> June	12pm - 4pm	PTA event - Summer Fair
30 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All week	PE week* - weather permitting
6 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Sports Day for Reception, Years 1 and 2 - weather permitting
7 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - weather permitting
8 <sup>th</sup> July	6-9pm	Year 6 Leavers party held at the Academy
10 <sup>th</sup> July	4pm-6pm	Open Day for all parents and carers. End of Year Reports sent home.
14 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm - 8pm	Year 6 Fun Eve: School BBQ and games
17 <sup>th</sup> July	All week	*Reserve PE week
19 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm - 9pm	Year 6 Leavers show in school hall
20 <sup>th</sup> July	12.45pm	Last day for pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> July	All day	Inset day - last day for staff

## 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 February was Humour. There is a £10 book token winner for KS1 and KS2. The winners for the best and funniest story in our competition were :KS2 - Arden in Year 6 £10 Amazon voucher. Runner Up and special mention - Aara in Year 5.

KS1 - Rory in Year 1 £10 Amazon voucher. Runner Up and special mention - Amelie in Year 2.





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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.

### Reception - EYFS

#### Orion Class

Ayub, Cleo, Arun, Sebastian, Anson, Hera, Skye, Ellis, Saad, Chelsea, Matia and Estelle

#### Calypso Class

Baz, Aayah, Jasmine, Eren, Sara, Ethan, Miray, Edmund, Rowan, Gabriel, Elida and Alby

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

##### Luna -

Nova - Jay, Noah, Eva, Amaanah, Dream, Yasemin Aiden, Alexandros, Layla, Leyna, Nate, David, Achim, Maria, Mya, Aarian, Artemis, Alexandros, Zimal, Alexander

#### Year 2

Carina - Yusuf, Vihaan, Ella, Maxwell, Arianna, Mayra, Sofia, Suendam, Mya, Millie, Christopher, Abigail, Alice, Elsa, Conor, Ella and Jushn

Lyra - Anastasia, Maria, Beau, Noah, Alice, Marco, Anna, Alexis, Azra, Ravi, Amelie, Yoana, Evelyn, Sophia and Oliver

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

Astra - Eddie, Michael, Nicol and Inaya

Lynx - Anastasia, Maria, Beau, Noah, Alice, Marco, Anna, Alexis, Azra, Ravi, Amelie, Yoana, Evelyn, Sophia and Oliver

#### Year 4

##### Cosmo -

Almira, Nora, George, Alborz, Adele, Ria, Isabella, Arynian, Sienna, Roven, Lewis, Johan, Natalie, Simeon, Ria

Apollo - Alfie, Jansu, Neve, Arya, Mason, Anabelle, Onekie, Michael, Aron, Onekie, Alaz, Georgia and Alaz

#### Year 5

Aquila - Aaryan, Gulchihan, Della, Rocco, Mishika, George, Nathaniel, Kaner and Niyan

Vesper - Rory, Sara, Timofei, Tami, Dimitar, Liyana, Alyssa, Ben, Charlie, Kenan, Elexa and Jayden

#### Year 6

##### Andromeda -

Evie, Max, Florrie, Zahir, Andy, Jenna, Keana, Jasmine and Ted

Pavo - Arden, Ediz, Alexandra, Eren, Lily, Natalie, Kiki, Rahi and Ediz



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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 that are located outside the school office.



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](http://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](mailto:lettings@ashmoleacademy.org) for more information. Thank you.