



### Message from the Head Teacher

We hope that the Easter break has allowed your children to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and loved ones.

Our pupils have returned to school with a positive attitude, and our teachers are working hard to provide an engaging environment. We will continue to work closely with you to ensure that your child receives the best education and support possible throughout the term.

Thank you to Miss Burke for organising the fantastic DJ workshop, which was a huge hit with our pupils. The workshop was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to learn new skills, explore their musical interests and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

We would also like to thank the Year 2 team for organising an incredible Dinosaur Day! The pupils had an amazing time and were thrilled to learn more about these fascinating creatures.

A special thanks also to the Year 4 team for putting together a wonderful assembly that we were able to share with our Year 4 parents and carers. The pupils were clearly well-prepared and confident, and their performances were a testament to their talent and hard work. For those who were unable to attend, we will be sharing a video of the assembly with you over the next few weeks. These events are a true reflection of our school's commitment to providing a well-rounded education that nurtures our pupils' creativity, curiosity and confidence.

Thank you to our Year 6 pupils for their ongoing commitment during the run up to SATs week. We understand that this can be a stressful time for both pupils and parents but we are confident that our pupils have received the best possible preparation and guidance in order to achieve well in the SATs. Regardless of the outcome, we are extremely proud of each and every one of them for their hard work, dedication, and growth throughout their time at our school. SATs will take place from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May and I must stress the importance of our Year 6 pupils being in school every day during this period. If your child is unwell, please contact the school immediately so we can work together to make alternative arrangements. Year 6 have a detailed plan of what will be happening throughout the week. All our Year 6 will be offered a free breakfast during SATs week. We understand that this can be a busy and stressful time for both pupils and parents, and we want to ensure that everyone is well-informed and prepared for what lies ahead. Our goal is to create a supportive and positive environment that encourages our pupils to do their best and feel confident in their abilities.

We are incredibly proud to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on receiving offers for their first choice of secondary school. The vast majority of our pupils will be continuing their educational journey to Ashmole Academy. Additionally, we would like to recognise the achievements of those pupils who pursued a selective route and have secured places at Latymer School, Q E Boys, and other prestigious schools. These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils, as well as the support and guidance provided by parents and carers.

Year 2 SATs will take place throughout the month of May. We kindly ask that all Year 2 pupils be in school every day during this period to ensure that they receive the best possible preparation and support. Please ensure that your child is well-rested, has a nutritious breakfast, and is ready to learn each day. We appreciate your continued support in helping your child to achieve their full potential, and we look forward to working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

Due to the National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action, school will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May to all pupils except for our Year 6 pupils. We understand that this may cause some disruption and inconvenience, and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please note that there will be no Breakfast Club or After-School Club on this day. We will keep you informed of any further developments or strike action that may take place. Our priority remains the safety and well-being of our pupils and we are committed to ensuring that they receive the best possible education and support.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the PTA for organising the Junior Bake-off Competition. This event was a huge success, and we are grateful for the PTA's hard work and dedication in making it happen. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the expert panel of judges, Mrs. Mustafa, Mr. Di Francia and Mr Bonallo, for their time and effort in testing all the tasty bakes and selecting the winning entries. The competition was a great opportunity for our pupils to showcase their baking skills, and we were amazed by the creativity and talent on display. The winners and runners up were announced in a special assembly this morning - well done to everyone that took part, you made our job of selecting winners very difficult!

The PTA have many more exciting events planned for the remainder of the academic year, so please make a note of these dates from the 'diary dates' section within this newsletter.

With my very best wishes

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

Calypto have had a lovely couple of weeks back at school after the Easter break. We have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the children have been very busy writing food lists and learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Both Reception classes are incredibly excited for the special visitors that we now have in both classrooms - Caterpillars! We will be observing these each day and noticing how they change. We look forward to watching how they develop into butterflies and releasing them into the Wildlife Garden! We have started exploring doubling and halving in Maths and using resources to find out what double and half of a number is. We are looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation next week!



## Year 1

Year 1 has had a fantastic start to the Summer Term! We have been busy reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. In our Literacy lessons, we have been focusing on embedding adjectives to add detail to our sentences. In Maths, we have become multiplication mathematicians! We have been using the mathematical language "groups of" and "lots of" to share objects into equal groups. On Wednesday, we went on a Geography field trip to Brunswick Park. We completed three tasks which involved investigating physical and human features, how we could improve the park and finally, we completed a travel survey. Our favourite part of the trip was having some free time to explore the playground!







## Year 2

The children returned to school in really high spirits and the start of the Summer term kicked off with massive enthusiasm. It was lovely for everyone to be back in school after our two-week pause!

In Literacy our focus text has been Meerkat Mail, which is all about Sunny the meerkat who visits different places and writes postcards back to his family about them. The children studied the features of a postcard and then wrote their own postcards about Sunny's visit to Ashmole Primary! As you can imagine a meerkat's visit to a Primary School could only end up as a disaster and the children wrote some hilarious postcards about what Sunny got up to. Think about Sunny being used as a paintbrush and having his tail stepped on by Year 6 on the way to assembly, and you'll start to get the picture!!

In Maths we recapped on the use of the column method for addition and subtraction with exchanging and the children showed great confidence with this skill. This method will be especially helpful when it comes to the upcoming "special quizzes" (SATs) we have next month. Preparation for the SATs have started with earnest and the children have been busily practicing questions in class. We have such high hopes for them and we know they will do brilliantly!!

On Tuesday we had our "DINO DAY"!! Henry a Palaeontologist brought three special friends into meet the children; Trixie the Triceratops, Penny the Parasaurolaphus and Tony the T.Rex!! The children were so excited to meet the baby dinosaurs and were overjoyed to be able to get up close to them and pet and stroke them too. They got to be Palaeontologist in the afternoon and excavated rare fossils and categorised them into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The children really enjoyed the day and it was amazing to see them so engaged in their activities.

As always many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs. Charalambous, Mrs. Pavlakos and Mr. Evaghoras



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to the Summer term. We have been learning all about Ancient Egypt in History and Literacy. We are really looking forward to our WOW day on the 15<sup>th</sup> May when Mr Egypt will be taking us on an epic adventure to learn fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt. In Literacy, we have been reading a suspense story and learning about all the features so we can write our own. In Science, we have been looking at different types of rocks and identifying their characteristics using a magnifying glass. In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and to find fractions of amounts. We had a fantastic time learning how to DJ with a real-life DJ. We also had a great time learning how to play the Ukulele and we are looking forward to our performance in the Summer term.



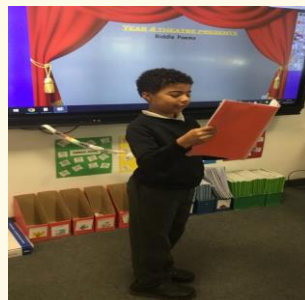


## Year 4

Since returning back to school, Year 4 have had a very exciting first two weeks. We have all enjoyed working together whilst rehearsing and performing our Tudor assembly. We took great pride in learning our lines as well as all the songs. It has been great fun for Cosmo and Apollo class.

In Literacy, we spent the first week learning all about riddles. We all wrote our very own riddles on different animals. We made sure to include many different linguistic techniques, such as metaphors and similes, onomatopoeia, personification, rhyming and much more! We also performed our riddles individually to the rest of the class in our very own Year 4 theatre. As well as this, in Maths we have been learning all about money! So far, we have identified the difference between pounds and pence as well as being able to compare different amounts of money. We look forward to carrying on learning about this very important topic.

As the season is changing, in Science we took a trip outside to see how the trees have changed over the seasons. We compared how the trees looked in the winter term and what they look like now. We discussed the differences as well as making predictions on what the trees may look like in the next season.



## Year 5

Can you believe it's the Summer term already?

Even with 2 weeks off for holiday we have still managed to squeeze so much into April.

Before the holiday we had a fun Easter Egg Hunt around the school, chocolate prizes for all!

When we came back, we started our new History unit on Vikings, this period in History links nicely with our upcoming residential which we are so looking forward to.

We had a visit in the pouring rain to Oakhill Park but even wet and cold we enjoyed meeting the horse and seeing the Territorial Support unit. We got to hold the shields, wear the helmet, explore the van and stroke the horses which was worth getting wet for.

We have also had an amazing DJ workshop organised by Miss Burke. We had great fun listening to the DJ in an assembly and then having a go ourselves. We have had lots of fun in April despite the showers - we can't wait for the month of May. Don't forget we have Drama in the Woods where we perform A Midsummer Night's Dream.







## Year 6

Over the past couple of weeks, the Year 6 pupils have devoted their efforts towards preparing for their SATs week (commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023). They have come back from a well-earned two weeks rest with excellent focus and resilience - eager to improve their scores again and again in multiple practice papers. Despite the looming assessment week, these pupils are still smiling and continuing to demonstrate an ever-growing air of confidence in the classrooms!

Outside of preparation for SATs week, Year 6 were lucky enough to meet with staff and animals from a range of London-based police units! Even the rain could not stop them from having a great time trying out the riot-control equipment with the TSG (Tactical Support Group), as well as meeting mounted police officers and their enormous four-legged companions.

We are excited to see Year 6 bring their A-game to the week of SATs and look forward to the adventures awaiting them afterwards!



## Mosque Visit

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March representatives from Ashmole Primary School were invited to the Mosque on Wightman Road by President Bibi Khan.

During the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, trees were displayed as part of the green canvas initiative and one of them was presented to the Mosque.

Maya, Kayden, Joseph and Gabriella attended the tree planting event with Mrs Toal and had a lovely morning, helping with the planting, meeting dignitaries and local Police Officers.

It was a privilege to be part of this special day along with two other Primary Schools.





## Sports News

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, the boys 'A' team played a semi-final match against Akiva Primary. Although the end score was 1-0 to Akiva Primary, the boys played really well and we are so proud that they reached the semi-final. We wanted to congratulate the boys on their fantastic matches that they have played and look forward to arranging more friendly matches for the Summer term for both the 'B' team and girls teams.

### **TCS Mini London Marathon 2023:**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, all the children at Ashmole Primary School are going to take place in the TCS London Schools Mini Marathon! This is an event that is taking place across different schools with the chance of achieving a Guinness World Record title for 'the most pledges for an exercise campaign in one month'. The children will be encouraged to run/jog/walk for 1 mile and we really look forward to completing this as a school!



## Britain's Got Talent



We are incredibly proud to hear that Onekie from Year 4 has appeared on ITV's Britain's Got Talent last Saturday with the Chicken Shed theatre group and received the golden buzzer! This is a significant achievement for Onekie and we are so proud of her. We are excited to see them progress further in the competition and wish them the best of luck for their upcoming performance at the semi-final!

Everyone at Ashmole is so proud of Onekie and we are sure that this experience will be a memorable and fulfilling one for her. If you have not yet had an opportunity to see the performance, please click on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqt9pzj3V-g>







## APPTA Junior Bake-Off Competition

Well done to all of the entries of the ASHMOLE PRIMARY JUNIOR BAKE-OFF 2023

You can see all the entries here: <https://clipchamp.com/watch/UPaCFXXcw7n>

Thank you to our expert panel of judges - Mr Tofallis, Mrs Mustafa, Mr Bonallo & Mr Di Francia who gave out the following awards:



### Winners:

RECEPTION: Elida

YEAR 1: Edwin

YEAR 2: Sofia

YEAR 3: Darcey

YEAR 4: Aryan

YEAR 5: Mara

YEAR 6: Anson

All our winners received a £10 voucher from Sugar Shack.

### Runners up:

RECEPTION: Ellis

YEAR 1: Rory

YEAR 2: Piya

YEAR 3: Zoya

YEAR 4: Lucas

YEAR 5: Sophie

YEAR 6: Vivaan

All our runners up received a £5 book voucher which was kindly donated by Rash & Rash.

Luna Class won the prize for the most entries! Well done - you've won your entire class some cupcakes!

Thanks again for all of the wonderful submissions!  
The APPTA Team.



# Breakfast and After School Club

In BASC, we cannot wait for Summer! We are trying to spend as much time as possible outdoors. Football, bike rides, and the climbing frame are the main attractions for the children.

In preparation for King Charles' Coronation, we are doing lots of arts and crafts within this theme, like making crowns, swords and shields using recycling materials. Painting different crown designs was messy but fun at the same time.







## Diary Dates

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Diary Dates 2023

Date	Time	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	Bank Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	All Day	<b><u>NEU Strike Action - school closed to all pupils except Year 6</u></b>
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.
4 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	Class Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Year 5 Aquila Class WOW Day
5 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day All Day All Day All Day 6pm - 8pm	King's Coronation special lunch and non uniform - to wear red, white and blue Mini Marathon! - Please bring trainers Year 5 Vesper Class WOW Day Year 5 Aquila Class - Drama in the Woods PTA event - King's Coronation -
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 daily. Thank you.
10 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm 2.30pm 7pm - 9pm	Eid Assembly in Hall - Reception and KS1 Eid Assembly in Hall - KS2 Finance and General Purpose meeting for Governors
12 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Year 5 Vesper Class - Drama in the Woods
14 <sup>th</sup> May	12-4pm	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 3 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
24 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Year 4 Frameless Trip
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	8.50am	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
5 <sup>th</sup> June	2 weeks	Year 4 Multiplication check
12 <sup>th</sup>	All weeks	Year 1 Phonics Screening check
14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June 14 <sup>th</sup> June	All Week All Day	Year 5 Residential trip to Hastings Year 3 trip to the British Museum
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 Evening: 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 April was Appreciation and the winner is Sia in Year 6. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for May is Self Belief.

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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, Estelle

#### Calypso Class

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

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

Luna - George, Aliza, Alex, Daya, Jasmine, Sovereign, Enzo, Aarashi, Kaiden, Ares, Evelyn, George, Amaya, Zaynep, Elias

Nova - Olivia, Dimitri, Edwin, Mya, Dream, Christine, Aria, Aiden.

#### Year 2

Carina - Serra, Vihaan, Jushn, Millie, Benjamin, Ayla-Nicole, Sam and Saara

Lyra - Aiden, Anastasia, Maria, Demir, Evelyn, Leo and Alice

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

Astra - Anya, Klay, Eddie, Emilia, Pariza, Frankie, Tia, Johnny

Lynx - Ella, Mira, Ryka, Elias, Arianna and Aria

#### Year 4

Cosmo - Ayaan, Berkin, Akwasi, Almira, Denis, Nora, Roven, Sienna

Apollo - Elisia, Ayden, Olivia, Lucas, Alexandra and Kieran.

#### Year 5

Aquila - Kaan, Ariya, Poppy, Arman, Mara, Alaena

Vesper - Alyssa, Ben, Zach, Charlie, Jayden, Sara

#### Year 6

Andromeda - Eisa, Demi, Armin, Sia, Amaya and Lewis

Pavo - Ankit, Arabella, Erin, Henry, Dante Joshua



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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.

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](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.