



## Message from the Head Teacher

The last few months of the school year is always incredibly busy for everyone at Ashmole Primary School and this year has been no exception. I am so grateful to the pupils, staff, governors, parents/carers, volunteers, Beau the Reading Dog and especially our PTA who have all worked so hard this month.

As always, our recent Summer Fair was a huge success and the amazing weather helped enormously. Everyone came out in their droves, basking in the glorious June sunshine, enjoying delicious burgers and kebabs, whilst being entertained by our very own Ashmole Choir and dancers - we definitely have some stars of the future in the making! Thank you so much to everyone that got involved in this incredible event. The Summer Fair is our main fundraising event in the school calendar and although the figures have not yet been finalised, a little birdie tells me that we have raised over £10,000! Wow! The money raised will go towards the purchase of new group room cabins, which will create much needed extra space for the children.

There have been so many extra learning opportunities for all the children this month. The children in Year 1 got to witness the hatching of baby ducklings! The ducklings stayed with us for a few weeks - they grew so much in such a short space of time - and then they moved to their new home on a lake in Barrington Hall. Everyone was so sad to see them go, but the children were so grateful for this wonderful learning opportunity. Thank you to Miss Burke for making this happen.

There have been lots of class trips, class assemblies, cake sales and even a car wash! The children in Year 5 spent three wonderful days in Hastings and the children in Year 4 enjoyed a sleepover in school! Thank you to Mr Constantinides for organising some lovely activities during Art Week and we look forward to lots of fun activities next month during PE week.

This month we welcomed our new Reception cohort during the recent Stay and Play sessions. It was lovely meeting all the children and their families and I look forward to getting to know them more in September.

We have completed our recruitment drive for next year and will be announcing our new staffing structure for September 2023 very soon. Please join us at our Open Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm-6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and carers to look at all the fantastic work their child has done throughout the year, to have an informal chat with the teacher as well as meet their new teacher for next year. This is a drop in session so there is no need to book an appointment.

Sadly we will be saying farewell to a few members of staff at the end of this academic year; Miss Yianni, Mrs Chatzovoulou, Mr Ali, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Polat and Mrs Aliberti will all be leaving us to go onto pastures new. We will also be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Pavlakos, who will be leaving us to spend more time with her two young daughters. Mrs Pavlakos was the very first member of staff I appointed at Ashmole Primary School back in 2016, very quickly setting the bar extremely high for future teachers into our school. She was promoted to Deputy Head Teacher in September 2019 and then went on maternity leave for two years! Mrs Pavlakos has always been a very much loved member of staff and the children adore her! She also played a fundamental role in Ashmole achieving its 'Outstanding' status in May 2019. I will always be grateful for her professionalism, hard work, dedication, compassion and commitment on behalf of Ashmole Primary School. She will be incredibly missed by all the children and staff and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and all our leavers the very best of luck for the future. Today, we say goodbye to our Caretaker, Mr Di Francia - we wish him our very best wishes for the future, as he takes on a new opportunity.

Finally, due to the NEU Strike Action the school will be partially closed on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be in school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and children in Year 6 only will be in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The Breakfast and Afterschool Club will run as normal for these year groups only. However, other clubs such as those run by Foundation Sports etc, will not run on these days.

With my very best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

We have had a very exciting month in Reception! We enjoyed learning about animals and habitats during our topic lessons and we were so excited to visit Paradise Wildlife Park on a school trip! The children were so well behaved and enjoyed exploring and learning about the different animals. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers for their support on the day. Reception have really enjoyed taking part in art activities this week. We have loved exploring with different colours, techniques, shapes and materials. The children all worked hard to make their own artwork. In Maths, we have been exploring adding coins together which was very impressive. We have also been exploring making numbers above 10 using numicon and dienes. We are really looking forward to Sports Week and our last few weeks in Reception.



## Year 1

Year 1 has had a very exciting couple of weeks. To consolidate our Science topic on animals, we decided to hatch our own ducklings. The children were lucky enough to observe one of the ducklings hatching from their eggs, it was very egg-citing! We successfully hatched 5/5 eggs and the class named them: Luna, Nova, Evan, Tofallis and Liya. We then spent the next 10 days watching the ducklings take their first swim, grow bigger each day and we even got to hold them. We were very gentle and used our two hands to hold them securely. Mr Tofallis and Mr Sullivan both enjoyed holding Luna and Tofallis while the children shared their favourite stories about the ducklings. We then said a fond farewell to our ducklings as they went to their new home at Barrington Hall, where they are now living with 4 other ducklings and when they are big enough, they will venture onto their own huge private lake! We are very excited to continue to broaden our knowledge of animals at our final trip to London Zoo.







## Year 2

June thankfully saw the return of normality to the timetable in Year 2. In Literacy we have looked at the text "Leon and the Place Between". Our main character Leon, is fascinated by the magic show he sees in a travelling circus. The children used this text to draw and write fantastic persuasive posters, asking people to visit a magic show. We also had our very first 'conscience alley' session, where different opinions are debated and put forth in a fun way (see pictures).

In Maths we have been looking at fractions of a number and the children have seen how they can calculate this using groups and selecting how many groups are important. This was helped by their division and multiplication skills. They even moved into two step reasoning problems to add another layer of challenge.

The Summer Fair was a rip-roaring success and what amazing weather we had too!! It was lovely seeing so many of you with your children relaxing, eating, drinking, playing and having fun in the sun with so many friends around you! The cherry on the cake was the amazing rendition of "Reach" by all the children! The Ashmole community really came together and it was truly brilliant!

Our trip to the Natural History Museum was so much fun! The children were fascinated by the under the sea lecture and demonstration show. They got to look at lots of interesting exhibits in the museum too and loved the rumble of the bumpy tube to get us there and back.

Rehearsals for the Year 2 assembly/end of year show are well and truly underway. This will take place on Tuesday 18th of July - please make sure you're there! It's going to be awesome!

As always thank you so much for your continued support, kindness and consideration. Wishing you a fantastic July ahead to all of you.  
Mrs. Charalambous, Mrs. Pavlakos, Mr Evaghoras and the entire Year 2 team.



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic and very busy month of June. We spent many hours practising our class assembly and we had a great time performing it to the school and to our parents. We also enjoyed our trip to the British Museum where we were able to see amazing Greek and Egyptian artefacts which brought all our learning to life!

In Maths we have been learning all about shapes, lines and angles as well as solving Egyptian style addition and subtraction worded problems. In Literacy we have been writing an explanation text about the water cycle and in Geography we have been learning to identify the features of rivers.

This has been very exciting as it is Art Week and we have been learning about 'cubism' and recreating our self portraits in the style of Picasso.

We've also performed two fantastic productions, Astra focussing on Egyptian archaeology and Lynx performing the story of Perseus and Medusa. The children did brilliantly to learn their lines and perform to a school audience for the first time since they were in Reception - we were all extremely impressed.

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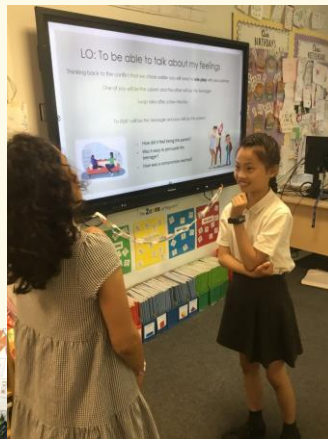




## Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy this month! We have had some lovely trips that have given us lots of lovely memories! We had our very first sleepover at school which was very exciting! We also did a fantastic job at the Barnet Music Festival representing our school!

We have been learning all about electrical circuits and have enjoyed exploring how they work using wires and cells. In English we have been looking at the story Bill's New Frock. We have enjoyed exploring the story and empathizing with how the character feels throughout different stages of the story. Within PSHE, we have been looking at emotions and how we can deal with and manage conflict as our hormones start to change. In History, we have been exploring how the Anglo-Saxons lived and how religion changed in Britain during this Era because of Augustine. Well done for all of your hard work Year 4! 😊



## Year 5

We are finally into the final term and what a term it's been for Year 5 already. We have been on our residential trip to Hastings.

We went from the 14th-16th June and had fabulous weather and amazing trips. We went to Bodiam Castle, Seaford Beach, Battle Abbey, Smugglers Adventure and Newhaven Fort, all in just 3 days!

We stayed at a youth hostel near Lewes, the food was delicious and we had the chance for some late-night fun with our friends in our shared rooms. The first night some of us were up until 1.30am and we woke all the teachers by 5am!

We enjoyed a movie night the next evening with a lolly pop as we just needed to chill after packing ready to come home, Mrs Toal and Miss Macdonald even did room inspections! We arrived home safely and had a restful weekend ready for more excitement.

We said goodbye to Miss Lopez and Miss Cinko and wish them luck with their careers as teachers.

We also had a fantastic Art Week making cubist sculptures. We learned about Cubist art and artists and created our own pieces of cubist art based on a musical instrument. Thanks to our work experience pupils from the Academy for helping us.







## Year 6

This month, Year 6 have been busy catching up on a number of projects within their remaining learning time at Primary School. For example, they have successfully tested the trajectory of light beams, by studying shadows under a wide range of variables. They have also designed creative models of transportation, then revised and assembled components of CAM mechanisms in preparation for assembling motorised vehicles. Then on top of those events, the pupils have been studying and trying to mimic the works of artist Sean Thornhill for Art Week - exploring the cohesion of geometric compositions - to bring maths, the science of light and inkwork together!

Outside of the usual curriculum, Year 6 have also done a sterling job of raising more funds in the Summer Fair and a very entertaining car wash! As well as rehearsing their end-of-year show, the children have had more and more exposure to life at secondary school, thanks to the taster sessions provided by the staff at Ashmole Academy. We are so excited, albeit a little sad, to soon be seeing the Year 6 pupils head off onto the next stage in their lives!



## Chess Championship

Last Sunday, our chess team flew the flag high for our school, coming 4<sup>th</sup> out of 64 schools! It was a sensational debut for us and a spectacular experience for us all. For some of us, it was our first chess tournament!

### **Qualification Tournament 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

We participated in a online tournament and we all had played phenomenally. Despite the fact that it was a protracted 1.5 hour tournament, we took our chances and bagged joint second with 118 total points out of the top 5. We had qualified for the semi-finals of the CCS Nationals and we all were over the moon. This got us all a silver medal each.

### **Semi-finals - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The spirit was perked since the previous round and we played Maple Walk Primary. It was a rather short round as we only played 2 games each against our paired adversary from both sides of the board. Our chess team had enough wins to carry us to the finals. At this point, we were chuffed with our progress. Since we proceeded to the final, we all attained another silver medal which was slightly larger and more beautiful.

### **Finals**

This was the final tournament of this competition and we had the fire running inside us. Even though we had to miss our final fair at Ashmole Primary, we were determined to contribute to our school with some laurels in chess. This tournament was in-person over the board and we battled till the end. The team comprised of Anson, Vivaan, Andy, Agastya, Ayaz and Eisa - all from Andromeda (Y6). This tournament started with a bang with 4/5 wins in the first round! We had missed out on third eventually by 1.5 points, but as a debut tournament, 4<sup>th</sup> place was commendable. Since we came fourth, we got a gold medal as we were finalists. The first 3 teams got trophies for their schools and the 4 kids who won the most games in the tournament got £50 each.

Although we didn't bring a trophy back, we came back with a memorable experience and came very close. It was an amazing debut and we played extremely well. We fought till the end, in Ashmole Primary's first ever chess tournament! Hopefully, our successors would make utter glory for Ashmole in chess next time and I cannot wait to play another tournament with this school - if I get to. By Vivaan - Year 6 Andromeda Class

Well done to all the children that made it to the CSS National Semi Finals - They have all received medals: Agastya, Eisa, Isla F, Joseph, Vivaan, Anoushka, Andy, Anson L, Ayaz, Alexander J and Jude. Well done to all of you!







# Breakfast and After School Club

We are enjoying the hot weather in BASC and are trying to cool down with ice lollies, making artwork with frozen paint, washing dinosaur toys in soapy water and playing with water balloons.

This month, our main focus was on Father's Day. The children produced lots of beautiful artwork, which was displayed in the Community Room. Our competition, the last one for this academic year, was dedicated to all the Dads.

The children competed for 3 main prizes. Our head judge, Mr. Tofallis had a really difficult task of choosing the winners! As usual, all the children were rewarded for their fantastic work.

We are spending most of our time outside on the climbing frames or playing in the field - enjoying this beautiful weather.





## Diary Dates

Diary Dates July 2023

Date	Time	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> July - 7 <sup>th</sup> July	All week All week	PE Week Year 12 Work Experience Students
3 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	Year 6-Year 7 Induction Day at Ashmole Academy
5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	NEU Strike Action - school open to Year 2 and Year 6 pupils only.
6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 1.30pm All day 7pm	Sports Day for KS1 Sports Day for EYFS Year 6 GoApe Trip Choir Theatre Trip to see Matilda in the West End
7 <sup>th</sup>	All day	NEU Strike Action - school open to Year 6 pupils only
8 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm	Year 6 Leavers party held at Ashmole Academy
10 <sup>th</sup>	After school 4pm-6pm	Year 4 cake sale Open Day for all parents and carers - drop-in End of Year Reports sent home.
11 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Reception - International Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	KS2 Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Summer Choir Concert
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - 10am	SEN Coffee Morning
14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm - 8pm	Year 6 Fun Evening: School BBQ and games - Year 6 parents invited from 5.00pm - 8.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	All week 9am	*Reserve PE week* Healthy Eating Workshop for parents and carers
18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Year 2 Class Assembly in the hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	7pm - 9pm	Year 6 Leavers show in the hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	12.45pm	Last day for pupils - finish at 12.45pm

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

From September the school will be using a new booking system, SchoolComms, for Breakfast and After-School Club that will enable parents to book their child's place at the club themselves. The bookings for September will go live on 7<sup>th</sup> July and will close on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

After the 19<sup>th</sup> July, parents will no longer be able to cancel their child's place or book any new slots. This will enable the school to book adequate staffing for the club ready in time for September.

Parents will no longer be able to drop off their child on an ad-hoc basis in the mornings. Also, if a child is not collected on time from their classroom at the end of the school day, they will be taken to After-School Club and a late charge of £15 will be applied to their account to cover the cost of extra staffing to accommodate their unplanned attendance.

From September 2023, there will be a slight increase in the pricing structure for our Breakfast and After School Club. Therefore, the price of the Breakfast Club will be raised to £6.25 and the After School Club will be increased to £12.50. It is important to note that this is the first price increase since the school's inception in 2016.

**Bookings can no longer be made via the office, the BASC email address or by telephone.**

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact us via [basc@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:basc@ashmoleprimary.org)





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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

Ellis, Nikalas, Alina, Jasper, Sebastian and Arin.

#### Calypso Class

Ilyas, Max, Arthur, Sofia, Freya and Ethan.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

##### Luna -

Nova - Sameeha, Dimitri, Aadi, Olivia, Aiden, Dreaan, Mya, Layla, Aadi, Leyna, Noah and Artemis.

#### Year 2

Carina - Amelia, Max O, Kvaan, Sam, Ava, Saara, Conor, Jaydan, Caspar, Mayra and Christopher  
Lyra - Eleni, Alice, Arrian, Sophia, Maria, Leo, Ravi, Sharne, Beau, Rheya and Ameilia.

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

Astra - Well done to all the children in Astra Class - you have all received an achievement award this month.

Lynx - Arianna, Ella, Ayden, Ayda, Arianna and Massa

#### Year 4

Cosmo - Riki, Mason, Alborz, Natalie, Akwasi, Sienna, Melis, Reyvan and Berkin.

Apollo - Elisia, Georgia, Michael, Shayan, Aron, Edward, Ben, Neve, Milo, Michael and Alexandra.

#### Year 5

Aquila - Anya, Kaner, Haris, Nathaniel, AJ, Mara, Anaya, Ellie and Nathaniel.

Vesper - Jennah, Dimitar, Iza, Kenan, Rory, Joseph, Timo, Liyana, Elexa, William, Sofia, Yiannis, Jason, Aaira, James and Sara.

#### Year 6

Andromeda - Amaya, Ediz, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Anson and Demi.

Pavo - Joshua, Kleo, Muzeeba, Naima, Nikolaos, Rahi, Rohan and Seb. Erin, Henry, Jasmine and Joe.

## 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 June was co-operation and the winner is Sophia in Year 2 Lyra Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for July is Courage.





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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.



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## APPTA NEWS

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped pull off a fantastic **Summer Fair**. Fun was had by all. Whilst we are waiting for some payments and expenses to come through, we are proud that we collectively raised circa an impressive **£10K!** I am sure you will all agree, we had a great community experience. Thanks again to our Art Deco team who created a wonderful Carnival experience, our First Aid Team for being on hand, our Media lead, Dale, and Mr Constantinides for "MCing" on the day and managing the performances. Also not forgetting everyone who volunteered, co-ordinated, performed, baked, donated, and visited! Big, Big Thanks.

Also, a huge thank-you to all our Class reps, the hamper creations were beautifully created and amazing variety from Gardening Serenity, Picnic in the Park and aptly named Heatwave 😊.

A big thank you to Celeste who supported the curation of our first issue of our First Summer Fair E-brochure and the various local businesses who supported its creation, this contributed **£295** to our Summer Fair funds.



A great effort from us all to Happy School Bag, we collected a huge 502kg which raised **£251**.

Another successful and fun school bike ride, from our Cycling Club. Unfortunately, the community cycle that was planned for July has been postponed. Details to follow.

Our Year 5 cake sale was an enormous success, thanks to everyone who baked, donated, and purchased. We raised an amazing **£605**, the one to beat! The funds raised were used to fund awesome Summer Fair raffle prizes: A Nintendo switch, A Lego land trip for 4, Afternoon tea for 2 at Kew Gardens, 12 course sharing platter at Crazy bear, Wireless speaker, and a Lego 2 drive switch game. We do have many unclaimed raffle prizes - please have a look on the APPTA channel if yours was the winning ticket.

Thanks to those who attended our bi-monthly PTA earlier this month and the ideas put forward for the year ahead. Summary of meeting discussions and actions have been sent via email from the school and the APPTA broadcast channel.

### Forthcoming Events:

#### July

- Year 4 Cake Sale - 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- Reception Cake Sale - TBC.
- ~~Community Cycling - 14<sup>th</sup> July postponed.~~