



Message from the Head Teacher

We have enjoyed a positive and calm start to the new academic year and we look forward to another successful year at Ashmole Primary.

As you know, up until January my time will be split between Ashmole Primary and another local primary school. I want to reassure all our parents and carers that I remain committed and dedicated to Ashmole Primary. We have an excellent Leadership Team that includes Miss Costas (Deputy Head), Mrs Toal (Assistant Head and SENCO), Miss Powell (EYFS Leader), Miss Macdonald (English Writing Lead), Mr Bonallo (English Reading Lead) and Mrs Leo (Maths Lead).

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception cohort. I hope that your journey through Ashmole is positive and fun. Thank you to the parents and carers for your support during the staggered start intake. The children have settled into school life really quickly and I look forward to getting to know them all.

It was lovely to see many of our parents and carers during the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings at the beginning of term. Reception meetings will take place in October. Orion Class parents and carers will meet with the Orion Class Team at 9am on Thursday 12th October and Calypso Class parents and carers will meet the Calypso Class Team at 9am on Friday 13th October - these meetings will be held in the school hall.

Year 1 - Year 6 Parent Consultations will take place in school next Tuesday 3rd October from 4pm - 8pm and on Wednesday 4th October from 3.45pm-6.15pm. Meeting your child's class teacher in person is definitely the best way to speak to them and is a great opportunity for you to see your child's work so far this year. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment as the deadline for bookings is Monday 2nd October at 9am.

We are very excited to announce that a new Head Boy and Head Girl will be elected over the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for pupils in Year 6. As an elected Head Boy and Head Girl you will demonstrate outstanding behaviour, lead by example and set a great example for other children to follow. This year, there will also be an opportunity to elect a Deputy Head Boy and a Deputy Head Girl. Further information regarding this has been shared with the Year 6 pupils.

I am looking forward to working alongside our wonderful APPTA Committee. They have so many events planned for the coming year as well as some very exciting projects such as the construction of new group rooms which will provide more classroom and music space as well as space for group activities.

A reminder to all our parents and carers that if you drive to school, please park considerately. Please do not obstruct driveways as this can cause unnecessary upset to local residents. Can I also ask our Year 6 parents and carers that if you are using our school drop-off/pick-up zone, please drive with due care and attention at all times and please DO NOT drive over 5mph. We all have a responsibility to keep your children safe so your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to the new month ahead at Ashmole Primary School.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



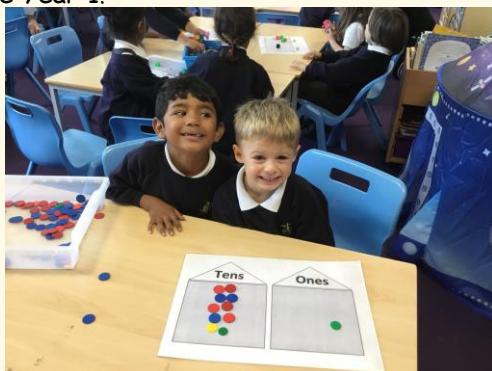
Reception

Children in Calypso and Orion have settled in really well at Ashmole and their new school routine! The children have all been very busy getting to know one another, exploring the classroom and outdoor area and trying new foods at lunchtime! We have been super impressed with the imaginative storylines that are being expressed and learning all about the children's interests. We have started exploring numicon in Maths and the children have been busy practising their new learning in their play. We have started our Phase 1 Phonics and the children have particularly enjoyed wearing their 'listening big ears' when exploring sounds in their environment. We are super proud of the children for settling in nicely and look forward to a fantastic year ahead! The Reception Team 😊



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to their academic year. They have been busy learning all about Poole and the seaside. In Literacy, they have been using adjectives to write descriptive sentences about the beach. In Geography, the children extended their learning by explaining the differences between Southgate and Poole. The children have also been very busy learning the songs for the Barnet Infant Music Festival, the songs will be uploaded to Google Classroom for everyone to practise at home. Well done Year 1!





Year 2

What a whirlwind start to the new academic year we've had! We can't believe it's been a month already. We have been so happy with the way all the children have settled in to Year 2 and have been a pleasure to get to know!

We started off the fun with our camp day where we sang camp songs, studied wildlife and roasted marshmallows over the barbecue. The smell of smoke and sweet caramel filled the air in Ashmole Primary.

We have planned and written some beautiful poems about colour and fire to accompany the camp day in Literacy.

In Maths we have been learning about place value and ordering with lots of group investigations.

In Science we have been looking at building materials used today, and how they would have differed from the materials used to build the houses that burnt down during the Great Fire of London in 1666, linking to our History topic.

But the highlight of the month was a visit from White Watch of our local London Fire Brigade! The children loved trying on the fireman's jackets, sitting in the fire truck and having a go using the hose to shoot water!!

We look forward to the month ahead where lots more learning and fun will be had!

Mrs Charalambous, Mrs Joyce and Mr Evaghoras



Year 3

Year 3 have been very busy this month. We have been learning all about Greek Myths and we have enjoyed looking at the features of a myth, retelling a myth and creating our own Greek Myth. We have also enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks. We have looked at where Greece is on a map and the countries that boarder it, what the terrain of Greece is like and the human and physical features of Greece. We then looked at the events that took place within Ancient Greece and we enjoyed placing them in order on a human timeline and then creating our own timelines within our books. It was very exciting to put all our knowledge into practice when we went to the British Museum to see all the Ancient Greek artefacts!



In Art we have been looking at Greek pots and using images to create and draw our own Greek pot. In Science, we have been labelling the features of plants and learning about the function of each part of a plant. We have been working hard within Maths, looking at the place value of numbers up to hundreds, partitioning numbers in different ways, finding 1, 10 and 100 more and less of a number and using number lines.





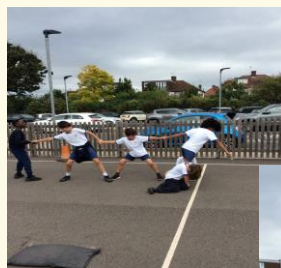
Year 4

What a fabulous start we have had to Year 4. We are learning all about the Romans and have had some amazing homework shared with us and we had a lesson where we learnt how to march like a Roman Army. In Literacy we wrote our own myths based on the Roman story Romulus and Remus we had great fun acting out our s maps. In Science we have been looking at states of matter and have done some experiments involving melting points of solids including 3 types of chocolate, an experiment that you might want to repeat at home!



Year 5

Year 5 have settled in brilliantly this month and we have already learned so much! In Literacy, we are really enjoying the book, 'Wonderstruck' which intertwines two stories using words and pictures. This has been the text we have been studying in both Guided Reading and Literacy so we are looking forward to discovering the ending! In Maths, the teachers are so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and passion for the subject, alongside the pride that they take in the presentation of their workings out. We have been learning about place value, addition and subtraction. In PE, we have been choreographing circus dance movements with the coach and identified team building activities with our class teacher. We especially enjoyed working in our teams to balance a pen and to 'cross the river' using hula hoops! Next month, we cannot wait to visit the local church and to start our Christianity learning in RE. Well done for a great start to Year 5! 😊





Year 6

This year's Y6 cohort have been hitting the ground running this term. After a successful transition into their new classrooms, the students have had the opportunity to explore, plan and create their very own graphic novels! On top of this, everyone has worked hard to develop their place value skills in Maths; enhance their knowledge of animals and classification systems in Science; further understand life in the Victorian Era; discuss the various aspects of maintaining healthy and respectful friendships in PSHE and show off their coordination and balancing skills in gymnastics. We are very proud of their growing sense of responsibility and pride in their achievements. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings out in the children!



Ashmole Academy Secondary Transfer Evening

Year 7 Open Evening - Thursday 5th October 6:30pm

The school will be open to visitors from 6.30pm and you may book a time to hear the Head Teacher's speech at 6.30pm (gates open from 6.15pm), 7.15pm or at 8.15pm via the link below.

[BOOK TICKETS HERE](#)



Breakfast and After School Club

Welcome back to BASC after the summer holidays. I hope everyone had a relaxing time. We were spoilt with two weeks of fantastic weather and used that time to enjoy as many outdoor activities as we could. As usual, the climbing frames, bikes, football and tennis were the favourites! Water balloons and ice lollies helped us to cool things down! Our display, once again, became very colourful. In Art, the main topic was autumn and it's harvest of fruits and vegetables. We used different techniques to create beautiful art. I wish all the children a fantastic academic year.





Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Poppy in Year 6 who last Saturday won 4 medals (including gold and bronze for 100m breaststroke and 50m breaststroke) in an inter-club gala (near Harlow), and secured a personal best in all strokes. Poppy has been swimming with the Enfield Swim squad for over a year and trains over 7 hours a week, so it's lovely to see her hard work paying off! She's also just been selected to represent the squad in the National Arena League! Her times were:

Breaststroke 50m 49.09
Freestyle 50m 40.25
Backstroke 50m 46.73
Breaststroke 100m 1:50.30



Well done Poppy, we are all very proud of you! ☺

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 Alicia, Ariella, Ethan, Jidenna, Raphael, Sara, Blake Freya and Yuvaan.

Nova Ellis, Hafsa, Nikalas, Sebastian, Aaryan, Bella, Saad, Skye and Jayden.

Year 2

Carina – Torden, Daya, Elias, Aliza, Andrei, Alex, Amaya, Aarashi, Hayes, George, Jasmine and Elsa.

Lyra – Aria, Leyna, Layla, Amaanah, Alexande, Aaditya, Yasmin, David, Zimal, Christine, Kerim and Nathaniel.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Astra Sophia, Alexis, Camellia, Aiden, Anjan and Christopher.

Lynx – Christopher, Alice, Caspar, Piya, Mya, Abigail and Callie.

Year 4

Cosmo – Saanvi, Reya, Mabel, Tia, Johnny and Olly.

Apollo – Ayda, Raf, Amelia, Murat, Ayden, Zoya and Mia.

Year 5

Aquila – Aaron, Mason, Maria, Ali, Skye, Hazal, Aron and Anabelle.

Vesper – Akwasi, Bella, Seb. Nihal, Natalie, Alex, Simeon, Mason and Ria.

Year 6

Andromeda

Poppy, Nico, George, Anaya, Rocco, Tolu, Seth, Niyan and Della

Pavo – William, Charlie, Tami, Liyana, Ariyan, Yiannis, Timofei and Anouska



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Black History Month - Celebrating Black Females from the past

As you may be aware, this coming month is Black History Month, which we will celebrate the week commencing Monday 9th October 2023.

To celebrate Black History Month, on **Thursday 12th October** there will be a special lunch menu.

As part of Black History Month at school, each year group will be learning about the exceptional achievements of a black female from the past, highlighting the vital role that they have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities.

Our theme for Black History Month this year is... Saluting our Sisters - Sheroes.

For further details, please refer to Miss Sauka's letter which has been emailed to all parents and carers.



Diary Dates

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Date	Time	Event
2nd - 6 th	All week	Cycle to School week
3 rd	9.30am 4pm - 8pm	Parent Tour for prospective parents Y1 - Y6 Parent Consultations in school
4 th	3.45pm - 6.15pm	Y1 - Y6 Parent Consultations in school
5 th	7pm - 9pm	Governors' Meeting
6 th	9am - 10am 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SEN Coffee Morning PTA EVENT - Lego Exhibition in the hall
9 th	All month All Day 3.30pm	Black History Month Year 3 Ancient Greek workshop PTA EVENT - Year 1 Cake Sale
10 th	9.30am	Parent Tour for prospective parents
12 th	9.00am AM AM	Reception Orion Class Meet the Teacher in the Hall Year 5 trip to Christchurch Southgate Year 4 Mosque Trip
13 th	AM 6pm-7.30pm	Reception Calypso Class Meet the Teacher in the Hall PTA EVENT - Reception Disco in the Hall

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 September was Responsibility and the winner is Rory in Year 6 Pavo Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for October is Equality.



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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

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.

Roads outside the school

If you have any concerns or questions regarding traffic or parking on Summit Way or its neighbouring streets, please email highwayscorrespondence@barnet.gov.uk

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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