



Message from the Head Teacher

I hope that you all had a wonderful half-term and are looking forward to the second part of the Autumn Term at Ashmole Primary School. The children have lots to look forward to this term, especially with the run-up to Christmas and all its wonderful events, not least the Winter Fair, which will be held on Sunday 3rd December from 12-4pm

It was wonderful to see all the parents and carers at the Parent Consultations at the beginning of October. If you were unable to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please contact them and they will be happy to see you or make a call home. The feedback that we received during the evening was extremely positive; we are delighted to hear that the children are happy and doing well at school. If you have any issues regarding your child, please speak to their teacher in the first instance.

October was a tremendously busy month for all the children and staff. There were lots of class trips and workshops throughout the month which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

As always, thank you to the PTA for organising an array of events, including the Reception Disco, Lego Exhibition, Year 1 Cake Sale and Break the Rules Day! It is important to remember that all the money raised by the PTA, goes towards additional resources for the children and projects such as the outdoor cabins. Your ongoing generosity and support is very much appreciated by us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Toal for organising the SEN Coffee Mornings this term. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a supportive network for parents navigating the SEND educational system. Our next meeting is on Friday 17th November at 9am. Thank you to one of our parents who has helped to organise a trip for a group of children with additional needs to visit Arsenal FC during November! Details regarding this trip will be sent out soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and we hope to organise more trips like this.

November promises to be another busy month for everyone at Ashmole Primary School! The school photographer will be in school next Wednesday and Thursday so please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform on both days. In addition to this, it is important that children are wearing the correct uniform at all times throughout the year. As we head into the winter months, girls should continue to wear normal school shoes and not boots. If the weather is particularly bad walking to school, your child can wear boots to school, but they must change into their normal school shoes before going into class. We will be carrying out uniform checks during the term and if a child is seen wearing any items of clothing that does not align with our Uniform Policy, a note will be sent home via your child's school bag. For further clarification regarding our uniform, please refer to our Uniform Policy - <https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26>

We are always on the look out for extra volunteers to support all our classes. If you think you have the qualities needed to be a committed and dedicated member of our voluntary team, please speak to Mrs Andrews or email office@ashmoleprimary.org

Please be reminded that if your child is in Year 6, the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is today, Tuesday 31st October.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



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Reception

What an exciting month it's been in Reception! We have been busy learning and exploring now that we have settled in. During their play, the children have created exciting games with their peers both indoors and outside about different topics such as doctors and animals. In Literacy, we have been using our fantastic listening skills to learn new sounds and are matching the initial sounds to images. We have also been talking about our family and have attempted to write who is in our family. In Maths, we have continued to do excellent counting to 10 and beyond whilst matching numerals to various different physical resources. We have also been looking at different shapes and using them to create a repeated shape pattern using an interactive game. In topic, we have been exploring skeletons and light and dark. The children enjoyed learning about their own skeletons and made their own skeleton drawings during choosing. The children also enjoyed learning about how shadows are created and making their own shadows outside. For Black History Month we have been learning about The Caribbean Carnival. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own carnival mask to dance with! The children also had a great time at their disco! It was lovely to see all the children dancing and having a blast! Well done to all the children in both Calypso and Orion! What an excellent month we have had! 😊
Miss Powell and Miss Popova (Reception Class Teachers)



Year 1

What an amazing month the children have had. They have all settled in so well and are developing their investigation and exploration skills. We have planned and created our own healthy snacks in DT. The children demonstrated step by step how they created their wonderful masterpieces and recorded an amazing cooking show. They had loads of fun making them! We have spent time outside in nature, observing how the natural world is changing all around us. The children shared their findings of Autumn by exploring the Wildlife Garden, creating natural collages and partaking in leaf rubbing. We also shared ideas of how to dress for Autumn, we have developed our positive feedback skills, sharing what we liked about our creations and ideas. The children have worked very hard on their punctuation skills and have begun to develop their vocabulary applying what they have learnt into their written sentences. They have developed their Mathematical skills through the use of concrete resources and have begun to develop their addition and place value skills, recently looking at number bonds. We have some very exciting trips coming up, please make sure you sign and return the slips. We are very proud of you Year One, well done for such a brilliant start to the year. Thank you all for your ongoing support.
Miss Burke, Miss Linden and the Year 1 team.





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Year 2

The fun continues in Year Two this month with the children writing superb diary entries about the Great Fire of London. The children transported themselves back to 1666, and imagined what they would be feeling and thinking as the events of the devastating fire unfolded in front of their eyes. We also looked at the way people tried to fight the fire and how ineffective leather buckets and water squirters were!!

Our work on place value continues with the children mastering the tricky task of finding missing numbers in calculations. We also undertook numerous investigations, with the children's favourite being the "who stole the pencil case" mystery that they could only solve with their combined maths skills.

However, the highlight of the month has to be the BURNING OF THE 17th CENTURY HOUSES!!! The children (and adults) were in awe as the flames consumed and then turned to ash the cardboard creations with ferocious speed. The smell of smoke, the sound of crackling and the feeling of heat awakened our senses and provided an everlasting memory for the children to relive the tragic events of the Great Fire of London!

A special well done to the following pupils that have been selected to be our Year 2 Bike It Crew:

Kimon and Aarashi - Carina Class
Alexandros and Zimal - Lyra Class



Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful month! We have learnt all about numbers up to 1000 and added and subtracted amongst many other mathematical concepts. The highlight of our month was the Ancient Greek workshop where we met time travellers and we travelled back to 700 BC and learnt about politics, democracy, voting, family life and education. Linking to this, we have written an incredible recount and thought carefully about all the facts we have learnt. In Art we have sculpted incredible and precise Greek pots which we then wrote a set of instructions for- it has been a lot of fun! Thank you for all your continuing support and we have had a very enjoyable half term; we are proud of the children who have made excellent effort! Mrs Leo and Miss Sauka.





Year 4

We have had a busy October; we have been on a trip to Palmers Green Mosque and travelled there by bus which was exciting. At the Mosque we learned about Islam but focused on Islamic patterns and when we came back to school we created our own geometric patterns like the ones we had seen.

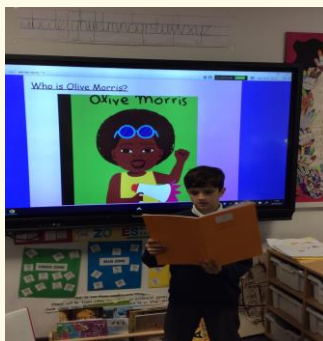
October is also Black History Month; we learnt about an activist called Olive Morris who came from Brixton in South London.

We wrote our own speeches about the inequalities faced in the world today and presented them to each other.

To end the week we finished our Science states of matter topic and we did an investigation based on evaporation and condensation, we created our own water cycle in a bag.

Next month is sure to be another busy month in Year 4!

Mrs Toal, Mrs Kumal-Uddin and Mrs Kamdar



Year 5

As we come to the end of another exciting month, we want to celebrate the incredible learning journey our Year 5 students have embarked upon. It has been a time filled with enriching experiences, from a memorable church visit to the upcoming trip to the renowned Chickenshed Theatre. Recently, the children had the opportunity to visit Christ Church as part of their religious studies. This visit served as an enriching experience that allowed our pupils to explore the historical and spiritual aspects of our community. They were fascinated by the church's stunning architecture and the stories that the stained-glass windows told. In the classroom, Year 5 students have been working diligently and enthusiastically. They have delved into various subjects, exploring Brian Selznick's 'Wonderstruck,' learning place value and reasoning problems in Maths and loving the Mayan topic as part of Humanities!

A special well done to the following pupils that have been selected to be our Year 5 Travel Ambassadors:

Johan and Ria - Vesper Class
Kieran and Skye - Aquila Class





Year 6

This month in Year 6 has flown by, the children have had a fantastic time, they have been working very hard and have shown a very mature and positive attitude towards their learning.

This month, we enjoyed a very informative talk given by Alex (TFL) who taught us how to travel safely and plan journeys. We have been writing our own stories based on 'Skulduggery Pleasant' by Derek Landy where we got the exciting opportunity to create our own fantasy characters who had magical powers. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division and how to solve multi-step problems using these operations. In History, we have been enjoying our topic on the Victorians and we have learnt about key events in this era. We all sketched a portrait of Queen Victoria in Art using the new sketching techniques that we learnt such as hatching, cross hatching, pressure control and scribbling in order to create depth and tone. In PE we have been refining our gymnastics skills - watch out team GB!! We can't wait for our football match against St Johns as we have been training very hard (just hoping the weather will hold out!!).



Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to announce the names of our Head Boy and Head Girl and our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

A huge congratulations to our Head Boy, Aaryan and our Head Girl, Sophie. Our new Head Boy and Head Girl are responsible for representing the school. They also serve as excellent role models for pupils, and share pupils' ideas within the school. Well done to Yiannis and Abigail, who are our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. Their role within the school is just as important as the Head Boy and Head Girl.

We wish all the children every success in their new roles.

Reminder - Secondary Transfer

If you have not yet applied for a secondary school place for your child, please do so **TODAY!** The deadline for applications is today, Tuesday 31st October 2023.



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Breakfast and After School Club

In BASC the children enjoyed making beautiful art using fresh flowers, foliage, and conkers. The main topic of the last two weeks was Halloween. Our display is full of drawings and paintings of pumpkins, ghosts, and witches. Also, we had our first competition for the academic year and the children worked very hard to impress Mr Tofallis, our head judge. The most favourite activity, by far, was decorating biscuits- the Community Room looked like a bakery!





Eco Warriors

We are proud to announce that the following children have been selected to be this year's Eco-warriors:

Year 1

Nova-Bella and Sophia
Luna-Elida and Arthur

Year 2

Carina-Amaya/Elsa and Rory
Lyla-Layla and Dream

Year 3

Astra-Ella and Alexis
Lynx-Lesa and Benjamin

Year 4

Apollo-Alexia and Mairi
Cosmo-Anyia and Dominic

Year 5

Vesper-Amani and Lewis
Aquila-Anna L and Alfie

Year 6

Pavo-Tanishka and Jason
Andromeda-Ellie and Arman



Congratulations to all of the children!

We will be having our first meeting soon where you will receive your Eco-Warriors badges and we will decide on our Autumn, Spring and Summer missions to help save the planet!

Mr Evaghoras
Eco-Warrior Lead





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Competition Winners

Thank you to all the children that took part in the Walk, Cycle, Scooter to School Poster Competition.

We received some amazing posters so it was a really hard decision to choose the winning entries. However, after much deliberation, the winning entries are:

Marina in Year 6 and Sophia A in Year 1 - the winners each received a £10 Amazon e-card.

Well done to our runners up, **Mairi in Year 4** and **Gulchihan in Year 3**.



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 - Baz, Gabriel, Gene, Miray, Aayah and Arthur.

Nova - Arun, Alina, Saad, Kyra, Ilyas, Anuj, Hera, Jaser and Keyden.

Year 2

Carina - Bazil, Enzo, Gian-Carlo, Sovereign, Arda, Tiana, Sumaya, Esteban, Evelyn, Kimon and Edward.

Lyra - Eva, Alexandros, Dream, Achim, Jay, Maria, Aiden, Kyan, Dimitri, Sameeka, Edwin and Artemis.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Astra - Ella, Noah, Marco, Eleni, Oliver, Anastasia, Brandon, Leo and Alice.

Lynx - Amelia, Conor, Elsa, Leo, Alice and Ella.

Year 4

Cosmo -

Apollo -

Year 5

Aquila -

Vesper -

Year 6

Andromeda - Kaan, Ariya, Alaena, Nathaniel, Ashwin, Ellie, Aara, AJ and Gulchihan.

Pavo -



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Date	Time	Event
6 th	All week	Anti-Bullying week
7 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
8 th	AM	School photos for Reception, Year 1 and Year 4
9 th	AM All day	School photos for Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 Year 4 trip to The London Mirthraeum
13 th - 24 th	Two weeks	Road Safety weeks
13 th	All day	Year 4 WOW Day
14 th	AM 9.30am	Trip to Arsenal FC (for children with additional needs) Prospective Parent Tour
16 th	7pm-9pm	Governing Committee Meeting
17 th	All day 9am - 10am	Children in Need - dress up SEN Coffee Morning with Mrs Toal
21 st	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
22 nd	6pm	Reception Curriculum Evening
23 rd	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
28 th	9.30am 2.45pm	Prospective Parent Tour Year 6 Violin Concert
29 th	PM	KS2 trip to Chicken Shed
30 th	All day 9.30am	Year 3 trip to Neasdon Temple Prospective Parent Tour
1 st December	All day	Non Uniform Day - £1 donation for Winter Fair

Save the Date!

Sunday 3rd December - WINTER FAIR

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 October was Equality and the winner is Ariya in Year 6 Andromeda Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for November is Friendship.



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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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