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Message from the Head Teacher

Santa's elves (décor team) have truly decked the halls and have been extremely busy over the weekend turning Ashmole Primary School into a festive wonderland! Their tremendous efforts and commitment is always very much appreciated by me and the wider Ashmole community. The children loved coming into school on Monday morning and seeing all the corridors looking so festive - thank you to you all! We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the PTA Winter Fair this Sunday 3rd December from 12-4pm. Thank you as always to the PTA for all their hard work and to all the parents and carers for your donations and contributions.

The Winter Fair is one of our biggest fund raising events in the school calendar and all the money raised will go back to the children in some way and especially this year, the money will go towards the purchase of two outdoor cabins which will create more group room space for the children.

The run up to Christmas is always such a busy time for everyone at school as well as being an expensive time and although we have many exciting events and trips taking place, we are very aware that some families may find this period financially challenging. If you are a low income family in receipt of Universal Credit (not working tax credit), you may be entitled to additional funding to support your child at school. This may include help towards Breakfast and After School Club, instrumental lessons, extra curricular clubs and school trips. Please contact Mrs Andrews in the school office office@ashmoleprimary.org All enquiries are dealt with sensitively and in the strictest confidence.

Thank you to Miss Burke for organising this years Barnet Infant Music Festival which took place at Monkfrith School. The children had a wonderful time at the festival.

Thank you to all our Reception parents and carers that were able to attend the recent Curriculum Evening. If you were unable to attend for any reason, the PowerPoint from the evening will be shared with you all in due course.

November is always a busy month at Ashmole Primary! A huge thank you to all the teachers for organising wonderful trips and workshops this month. A big thank you to Miss Costas for organising our annual Chickenshed Theatre trip for all the children.

December sees the departure of our SEN TA Mrs Davies who is leaving our school today to spend more time at home with her family. We also say farewell to Mrs Charalambous who will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term. We all wish Mrs Charalambous the very best with her family during this special time and we look forward to her return towards the end of next year. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Bennett will be the new Teacher for Year 2 Lyra Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We also welcome Mrs Warden and Miss Chauhan to our school, both of whom are working as SEN Teaching Assistant's in Reception. We wish all our new staff a happy and successful career at Ashmole Primary School.

Finally, although this time of year can be a very exciting time for most families, please spare a thought to those who may be struggling. My deepest condolences go out to a family in Reception who have just suffered a significant bereavement. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you at this time. Please support the Reception cake sale after school today as all funds will be donated to the family during this extremely difficult time.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday at the Winter Fair for what promises to be another successful PTA event.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

This month in Calypso and Orion Class we have been exploring finding one more, one less and addition using different resources such as cubes, teddy bears and numicon. The children have been using the vocabulary related to this and have thoroughly enjoyed investigating what happens to amounts when more is added or some are taken away! We are now exploring 2D and 3D shapes in maths, and the children have been very busy going on shape hunts around the classroom to find objects that are these shapes in our immediate environment. We are almost at the end of learning our phase 2 sounds! We have been incredibly proud of the fantastic progress the children have made in hearing sounds in words and writing these down. We can't wait to continue observing all of their writing over the year and continuing this amazing progress. We have enjoyed celebrating and learning about different festivals this month such as Diwali and bonfire night. The children have been very busy in their play recreating their own imaginative stories and using their newly learned knowledge and their own experiences to direct and influence their play. We really did enjoy having fireworks small world and turning the home corner into a cafe where the children were busy writing menus and making lots of tasty treats!



Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting November! We have been busy learning all about poems in Literacy. The children enjoyed writing their own witches, wizard and superhero poem. For their 'No pen day' the children loved acting out their superhero poem which is about being friends. Year 1 have also been working exceptionally hard in Maths. They have continued to develop their addition and subtraction knowledge by using bar and part-whole models. In Science, the children have been participating in various scientific experiments to investigate the importance of their five senses. The children loved the taste testing experiment, especially when it came to sugar however, they were less keen on tasting the lemon! Finally, the children in Year 1 loved participating in this year's Barnet Music Festival alongside Year 2. They performed 'Walking on Sunshine' with confidence and excitement. Well done Year 1!





Year 2

Another amazing month has literally just zipped past! This month we have had a strong musical theme throughout, starting with our trip to the Barnet Infant Music festival at Monkfrith Primary school. The children literally sang their hearts out, and gave an amazing and uplifting performance of 'Walking on Sunshine' in front of three other schools. The children had the whole hall dancing and singing along - well done to all the children for taking part!!!

In addition, we have started practicing for our Year 2 Christmas song "I wish it could be Christmas everyday". The children will be recorded singing this song on the 8th of December, so please practice at home as much as you can!! And make sure they wear their Christmas jumpers on the day!!

In Literacy, we explored the emotions felt by the crayons in Oliver Jeffers' story "The Day the Crayons Quit". We used this to write about how other stationery items might feel by the way their owners treat them. All this was then used to write a complaint letter to their owners.

In Maths, we emphasised the importance of investigations and sought to prove if an odd number always makes an odd number by using systematic and methodical methods. The children were really engaged in this task and proved it does always make an odd number!

The highlight of the month was all the great activities we had during 'Anti-bullying Week', please see the super photos from the Odd Sock Day we took in our classes!!!

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the month ahead and the run up to Christmas!

Mrs Charalambous, Mrs Joyce and Mr Evaghoras and all the Year 2 team.



Year 3

Year 3 have been really busy looking at the different notes that we can play on the Glockenspiel, enabling us to begin to be able to read and play songs using sheet music. We have also been very busy within our Maths lessons, where we have been working really hard on our multiplication and division facts. We have enjoyed learning about Diwali and how Hindu's and Sikh's celebrate differently. We have also enjoyed looking at the characteristics of beaches and comparing the different beaches. Within English, we have been working at writing our own adventure stories based on the story 'The Green Ship'. We have also written holiday leaflets persuading people to visit Greece. In Science we have been looking at light and experimenting whether objects reflect light or not. We have also enjoyed making circuits within our D&T lessons.





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Year 4

What a fantastic November we have had in Y4 ☺

Remember, remember a fun filled November.
Trips, a wow day and a day of no pens.
I see no reason why next Autumn season,
It should not be repeated again!

We have had a very Humanities based month of learning, a trip to the London Mithraeum - a Roman Temple in the heart of the City, a WoW day where we dressed as Romans, had an artefact handling workshop, created Roman mosaics and baked honey biscuits. Followed by a No Pens Day where we built and erupted volcanos, thinking about our Geography unit but linking it with our Science unit on states of matter too.

We focused on Anti-Bullying week too and really thought about friendships and staying safe online. We reminded each other that age ratings are there for a reason and if we feel unsure, we need to speak to a grown up straight away.

We also did some singing and learned BSL (British Sign Language) which we are using in class every day.

Then to top off a brilliant month, we went to Chickenshed to see the Toy Maker's Child, making us all ready to look forward to Decembers fun and learning.



Year 5

November brought about an exciting and hands-on experience for our Year 5 pupils as they delved into the fascinating world of the Mayans during our DT Wow Day. The hall buzzed with excitement as the children recreated Mayan dishes using traditional Mayan ingredients including avocados, tomatoes and beans. We also created Mayan head-dresses and Mayan jewellery using different materials such as pasta, tissue paper and paints. The month ended on a high note with the year group's singing assembly. The children have worked so hard practicing lyrics and words in preparation. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to Mrs Pocock! We look forward to the upcoming festive season and continued growth that lies ahead!





Year 6

This month, Year 6 have successfully tackled the challenging learning experience of fractions in their Maths; read and acted their way through the gory scenes of William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'; danced to the beats and rhythms of Carnival in PE; explored the geographical impact of the Industrial Revolution in Humanities; and even mapped out the intricate journey of blood in the human circulatory system for Science! Our senior pupils have made the school **very** proud in their efforts to become Ashmole's role models so far. We still have lots more to look forward to with them - including an exciting trip to see the production of Wicked!



Charity Events and Raising Awareness

No Pens Day Wednesday

No Pens Day!

To raise awareness of DLD (Developmental Language Disorder) we held a **NO PENS DAY** this month. We raised £130 for our school's Sensory Room. We are working on more fundraising ideas to revamp the SENSory Room so watch this space!

Children In Need

On Friday 17th November, Ashmole Primary School took part in the annual Children in Need Appeal. Children In Need provides grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. This charitable organisation raises money for young people in all corners of the UK and supports small and large organisations which empower children and extend their life choices. The children came to school in their pyjamas or children in need colours and donated £1 - collectively we raised £415. All the money raised will go directly to Children in Need. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Poppy Appeal

Every year, Ashmole Primary School takes part in the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Wearing a poppy represents all those who have lost their lives during active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day.

It also honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

At 11am on Friday 10th November, the whole school came together for a reflective two minutes silence and with thanks to your generosity, the children of Ashmole Primary School raised money for this very worthy cause. We do not yet know how much was raised, but we hope to find out very soon. Thank you again for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day!

On Friday 8th December, we are inviting all pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day!

If you would like to make a donation to Save the Children, please bring in £1 in a sealed envelope and hand this to your class teacher on the morning of Friday 8th December. Please click here to see how your donation will help:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do>





Anti-bullying Week

This month we concluded a meaningful Anti-Bullying Week at Ashmole Primary School, by taking a moment to reflect on the importance of fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all the pupils. At Ashmole Primary School, we believe in creating a nurturing atmosphere where every child feels valued and supported. Bullying, in any form, is unacceptable, and it is taken with the upmost seriousness within our school community. Bullying is defined as any deliberate, hurtful behaviour, repeated over time, and involves an imbalance of power. We are committed to ensuring that our pupils feel safe, respected and free from the harmful effects of bullying.

Pupils actively participated in a variety of engaging activities throughout the week, designed to raise awareness about the impact of bullying and promote a culture of kindness and empathy. One of the highlights was the Odd Socks Day, where each class embraced individuality and diversity by decorating a sock. This simple yet powerful activity allowed our pupils to celebrate differences and appreciate the uniqueness that each person brings to our school community. Collectively we raised £141.12 which will be donated to the Anti-bullying Alliance which support schools across the UK.

Additionally, pupils took part in an insightful workshop that focused on building strong relationships, effective communication, and strategies to combat bullying. The workshop provided valuable tools for pupils to foster a supportive environment where everyone feels heard and understood.



Thank you for all your support.

Miss Popova
PSHE Subject Lead



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Breakfast and After School Club

Although the cold weather is approaching fast, we are not feeling cold in BASC! Children love music and have lots of fun practising dance moves.

This term is very special for BASC as we welcome Reception children into our clubs. We are wishing them lots of success in the years ahead.

In crafts, we focused on Remembrance Day. Children made poppies using different materials and techniques.

Our next project was Children in Need. The Community Room was brightened up with yellow and red colour thanks to the children making beautiful posters.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and see BASC at the Christmas Fair. We are planning to sell hand-made Xmas decorations, sweets, and many other items. The money raised on the day will go towards purchasing a popcorn machine. We look forward to seeing you all there.





Sports News

Share your child's sporting achievements with us!

Has your child just completed their ballet exam? Have they just won a medal in a swimming gala? At Ashmole, we are super proud of any extra-curricular achievements that our children achieve outside of school and we would love to celebrate these! Throughout the year, if your child has any sporting achievements that they would like to share, then we would love to display these in our school on our PE display. Please email a photo of these achievements to the office, or give them to Miss Powell in Calypso class ☺



'A Team' Girls Football Match Church Hill School - Anya Hillen

On Wednesday, the girls football A-team played our first ever match against Church Hill School. During History, (at least the girls in Andromeda) were called out of class by the football coach. We were *SO* excited. We couldn't wait to get our kits. While we sat in the corridors, we sat and talked about positions and so on. When the others came back, everyone was saying to us things like "good luck" and "you will do great". Everyone was being really supportive. After we picked up our bags, we hurried downstairs. We then spotted coach Wilson, and hurried over. When we were finally on the field, Coach went through some tactics and then we did a warm-up, which consisted of jogging, stretching and this thing where we: opened the gate, closed the gate, kicked and skipped. When we saw the other team, Leyla noticed the premier league logo on their arm and she said that it meant they were good! They had more players than us, we noticed, and it gave me a queasy feeling. Their Coach was referee of the first match. He kept on stopping us and making us do something again, or doing it himself. I was defender, meaning I had the main job of preventing the opposition from scoring. In goal we had Sophie, and Mishika was the other defender; Ariya was the striker. What was really annoying was that we had only one sub (a player who swaps with another player when the other player is too tired to play) when the other team had three! When they scored their first goal, we were like "come on we can do this!" Their first goal was scored by *Number 14*. When it was half time, I was so relieved! I thought that we could all have a quick chat and drink. But Coach Wilson told us to get a drink, and then he called us all to him. We talked tactics!

After half-time ended we played again and *number 14* scored again! The score was now 2-0, and we began to lose hope. Coach moved me to mid field, but shortly after that he moved me to striker, alongside Ariya. Also Anya was now our goalie. We did this thing where the other team makes a wall in front of their goal and we tried to score. We missed though, and the score was still 2-0. At the end of the game we were exhausted, but we did not care that we lost, it was our first match after all. Then coach Wilson told us to gather round, and Leyla and Anya begged him to do player of the match - **I WAS PLAYER OF THE MATCH!** I felt so proud and I was beaming so much I could not stop. And that was the story of our first match, when we lost 2-0 ☺

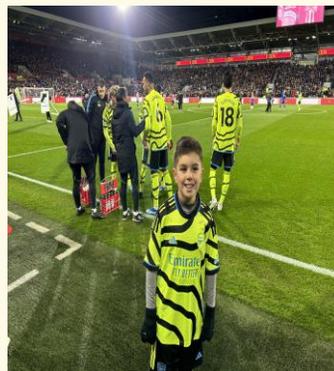


'A Team' Boys Football Match St John's N20

The children played fantastically in their first match against St John's N20, which had been previously rearranged due to weather! This was the A team's first cup match and they were all incredibly excited to play. Coach Wilson worked closely with the boys to ensure they were warmed up, knew their tactics and were looking forward to the game. Although the children did not win the match, they demonstrated great sportsmanship and look forward to their next football game. It is the taking part and excellent team work that counts!



A huge thank you to Ms Sekhon for organising a special visit to Arsenal for a small group of children at our school. Everyone had a fantastic time, including Mr Tofallis, and can't wait to hopefully return again one day.



Did you see Rory?

We are super proud of Rory from Year 6 Pavo Class, who was chosen out of hundreds of children to be a match day mascot for Arsenal Football Club in their game against Brentford last Saturday. This was a wonderful opportunity for Rory and his family and to top it off, Arsenal won 1-0!

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



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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.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Luna - Alborz, Edmund, Elida, Freya, Ilyas, Max, Alicia, Arthur and Mahhir.

Nova - Yoana, Sophia, Simona, Matia, Keyden, Jayden, Alina, Arin, Skye, Hafsa, Jaspar and Chelsea.

Year 2

Carina - Taran, Arda, Amaya, Rory, Zeynep, Ares, Daya, Elias, Kaiden, Amelia and Tiana.

Lyra - Olivia, Sameeha, Kiyam, Christine, Emirhan, Gabriel, Noah, Artemis, Aarian, Nathaniel, Zimal, Alexander, Achim, Layla and Dimitri,

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Astra - Arjan, Yoana, Azra, Arrian, Maxine, Demir, Leo Alice, Maxine, Amelie, Maria and Alexis

Lynx - Sofia, Suendam, Amelia, Jushn, Serra, Ella and Saara.

Year 4

Cosmo - Orla, Mabel, Arthur, Gabriel, Luca, Ayham, Deniz, Emilia, Azra and Olivia.

Apollo - Ryka, Kaiden, Elias, Arianna, Rose, Mairi, Emily, Zoya, Alexia, Massa, Victoria and Ella

Year 5

Aquila - Mason, Kornelia, Annabelle, Afie and **whole class merit** 😊

Vesper - Melis, Riki, Aun, Ashok, Adele, Almira, Lia, Roven, Simeon and Alex.

Year 6

Andromeda - Alexander, Freya, Kaner, Arman, Anaya and Anya

Pavo - Ariyan, Yiannis, Tami, Tanisha, William and Isla.

Important Message from the Finance Team

Please ensure that all outstanding payments on ParentPay are cleared as soon as possible. If your child is attending a trip or a workshop in school, all payments should be settled before the deadline. If payments are not received by the due date, and the due date has passed, it will not be possible for us to accept payments after this time and your child may not be able to attend the trip or workshop. However, if you are not able to pay because you are experiencing financial difficulty, please speak to the school office in confidence. Our aim is to always include every child in these enrichment opportunities, but your full support is needed to ensure the smooth running of these events. Thank you for your full support.



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Diary Dates - November 2023

Diary Dates - December 2023	Date	Time	Event
	1 st	All Day 3.20pm	PTA event - Non uniform day in exchange for contributions for the Winter Fair! Reception Family Support Cake Sale
	3 rd	12-4pm	PTA event - Winter Fair!
	4 th	PM	Flu nasal spray vaccine for all pupils
	6 th	AM PM	Reception Trip to Christ Church, Southgate Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to see Wicked!
	8 th	All day AM	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Appeal - £1.00 donation Class Christmas Song recording!
	13 th	9.15am	Reception show in the Hall for parents and carers
	14 th	9.15am	Year 1 show in the Hall for parents and carers
	15 th	All day	Non uniform day and Christmas Lunch
	19 th	All day	EYFS and KS1 trip to Chickenshed Theatre
22 nd	12.45pm	Last day of the Autumn Term!	

Year 6 Car Park - Please respect our staff!

It is important that parents and carers are aware that the parking zone is for Year 6 parents and carers ONLY. It is important to note that Year 6 parents should not be parking up in the car park bays and walking their child/ren into school - this also applies at the end of the school day. If you are approached by a member of staff to remove your car from a parking bay, please be respectful towards them. Staff are here to support all our families and will not tolerate abuse and you may lose your right to use the car park. Your full support is very much appreciated.

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 November was Friendship and the winner is Zoya in Year 4 Apollo Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for December is Kindness.



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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
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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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