



Our Value for
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May
2023

Message from the Head Teacher

As we are nearing the end of yet another academic year, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the remarkable efforts and achievements of all the pupils and staff at Ashmole Primary School.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on completing their SATs! The children worked so hard during SATs week and showed dedication and resilience throughout the week. There were a few minor wobbles along the way, but the children all worked together and supported one another during this time - I am so proud of them all! The outcome of the tests will be shared with parents and carers in July and the information will be included in their end-of-year school reports. The Year 6 children have been taking part in various transition lessons at the Secondary School during the term and will continue to do so next term. It is because of our close connection with the secondary school that we have been able to offer this opportunity to our Year 6 pupils.

Well done to our Year 2 pupils for successfully completing their KS1 SATs. The children have shown tremendous commitment and resilience throughout the assessment period and I am so proud of their achievements.

Thank you to Mrs Leo for the engaging and educational activities during our recent Maths week. The children had a fantastic time, especially during the special Maths lessons at the Academy! We are grateful to the special visitors from NatWest Bank, who dedicated their time to imparting valuable lessons to pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6, empowering them to become 'money smart'. Mr Bonallo and I had a fantastic morning yesterday, spending time with the boys and girls Football A team and B team, playing matches throughout the morning. We all had so much fun although I must admit, we were all thoroughly exhausted by the end, especially me!

After the half-term break, our Year 4 pupils will be undertaking the Timetables Check and I wish them all the very best of luck. Additionally, our Year 1 pupils will be taking their Phonics Test during the week commencing 12th June and I have no doubt that they will demonstrate their excellent phonics knowledge!

I strongly believe that education should be an enjoyable journey for all pupils at Ashmole Primary School. Alongside their academic pursuits, our aim is to ensure that the children have plenty of opportunities for exciting and fun projects.

Our Year 5 pupils recently had a memorable experience during their Drama in the Woods project and showcased their creative talents. Although I was unable to attend the final performance myself, I have seen a video clip of the children singing, and not only did they sing amazingly well, they even performed the song using sign language. I'm told that there were quite a few tears in the audience! Thank you to all the parents and carers that came along to support their child's performance. It really does mean the world to them, to have you there to support them as they show off their wonderful, creative talents. Thank you to the Year 5 staff for organising this.

We celebrated the festive occasion of Eid with a special assembly. Thank you to a group of parents and the local Iman that helped with this. The children learned about different cultural traditions and the significance of this joyous festival. We even got to enjoy some yummy Eid biscuits which were made by the parents.

Year 3 pupils had an unforgettable day immersing themselves in the world of Ancient Egypt. They donned pharaoh costumes, participated in exciting activities and expanded their knowledge of this fascinating civilization.

With thanks to our close connections that our school has made with the local police branch at Brunswick Park district, our Year 6 pupils participated in a Knife Arch workshop. They learned about personal safety and how to make responsible choices in their everyday lives. This is especially important as they embark on their journey into secondary school.

Year 4 had the opportunity to showcase their incredible musical talents at the recent Barnet Music Festival rehearsal held at Danegrove School. It was a wonderful experience for them to perform alongside other talented young singers.

Year 4 also got to go on a trip to Frameless in Central London where they explored the immersive world of art.

We are proud of the hard work and dedication of all our staff on showing an endless commitment to providing all our pupils with a well-rounded learning experience.

A special mention to a group of girls in Year 6 - Florrie, Erin M, Freya, Lara, Malaika and Naima, who have been selling their wonderfully handmade pieces of jewellery to raise £282.85 for Cancer Research UK and £180 will go towards Year 6 end of year events. Thank you to everyone that purchased jewellery from the girls.

As always, thank you to the APPTA for their continuous commitment to raising money for all the children at Ashmole Primary School. Our school Summer Fair takes place on Sunday 25th June 12-4pm. This event is the biggest fundraiser in the academic calendar and your support at the event is very much appreciated.

We are also excited to be hosting another Ashmole Community Cycle Event today and again at the end of June. This is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to enjoy time together at school, in the beautiful sunshine, while having fun!

I wish you all a very relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing you next term as we say farewell to our first cohort of Year 6 children!

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher

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Reception

What a lovely half term we have had in Reception! We had a great time commemorating the King's coronation at the beginning of the month. We thoroughly enjoyed making flags and crowns and writing invitations and shopping lists for our coronation party. In Maths, we have been busy exploring, sharing, doubling and counting in 5's and 10's. The children have particularly enjoyed practising the new Maths learning during their choosing time. We read 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Owl Babies' and produced excellent pieces of writing, retelling both of these stories. We watched our caterpillars come out from their cocoons and turn into butterflies! We then released the butterflies outside! We've also enjoyed learning all about different types of animals and their habitats.

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term!



Year 1

Year 1 has had a wonderful May, now the weather is warmer we have begun to go on outdoor exploration outings to see how our natural world has changed with the seasons. In science the children have classified animals in to groups (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish) and have shown a good understanding of the classification points in each group.

In Maths the children have started to explore fractions in greater depth, using their prior learning about division to support their understanding.

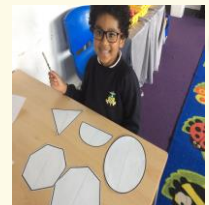
The children have explored both The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Supertato and have written excellent recounts of both the stories using adjectives, similes and alliteration in their independent work.

We all very much enjoyed the King's Coronation Song and had a scone after to celebrate the King's crowning!

When we return to school after half term, we will continue to focus on phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening Test in the middle of June.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!
The Year 1 Team

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Year 2

May has obviously been a massive month for the children and adults alike in school, with the SATs taking centre stage. Despite the disruption to normal lessons and routines, the children were absolutely amazing throughout. All the children performed outstanding across the board and we are all so so proud of them! Thank you for all your hard work with them at home, the extra efforts and preparation made a huge difference and it is very much appreciated.

SATs aside, lots of exciting events happened in school this month. We have been joined by the totally incredible musician, singer, songwriter, dancer and performer Simi!! Simi will be teaching music and singing every week with the children in preparation for our end of year assembly!! More details to follow.



The children were treated to an informative assembly on Eid hosted by parents, where they were told all about this beautiful festival.

Our topic on Christopher Columbus has started with apace and the children have been intrigued to learn about his four voyages across the Atlantic. We've also cleared up the most common misconception about the great man, he didn't actually discover America!! The Vikings did!!

For Maths week, we visited Ashmole Secondary school for super fun activities involving shape finding, which were all hosted by the wonderful Academy teachers.



As May drifts off into the distance, we look forward to the arrival of June and the many trips and shows we have planned ahead for the children.

Many thanks again for all your support from the entire Year 2 team!!
Mrs. Charalambous, Mrs. Pavlakos, and Mr. Evaghoras

Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing month of May. We started off the month by celebrating the King's Coronation. The highlight was most definitely the unforgettable visit from Mr Egypt who amazed and inspired us all with his wealth of knowledge and endless enthusiasm of Ancient Egypt. We learnt all about the gory process of mummification, the history of Tutankhamun, how to write in hieroglyphics and much much more.

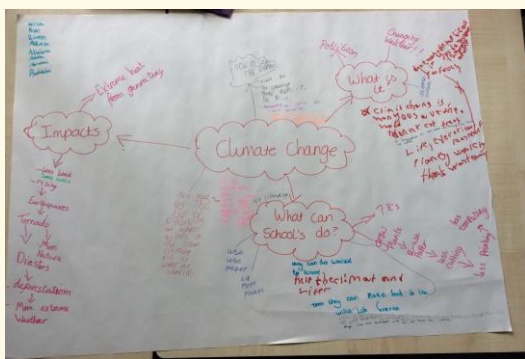
In Maths, we have been learning about how to calculate money and how to tell the time. In Literacy, we have been writing Egyptian themed poems in the style of Kennings and writing our own mystery stories. In Science, we have been learning about the different types of rocks and their properties. In Music, we have been learning how to play the Ukulele and we are working hard on learning new tunes for our performance.





Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy month learning lots of songs ready for the Barnet Music Festival in June. We enjoyed going to Danegrove Primary School, where we got to rehearse with other schools and learn our BSL for the songs! In Art, we have enjoyed learning about the process of Batik art and creating our own Batik patterns based on Anglo-Saxon patterns. We are looking forward to putting our designs onto cloth! In Humanities, we have enjoyed learning about why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain, where they came from and what Anglo-Saxon villages were like and why they chose to make their own towns instead of living in the towns the Romans left behind. We enjoyed Maths week, where we were able to use our knowledge of Maths learnt this term to use in our money sense workshop. In English, we have enjoyed looking at climate change for our school enterprise topic. We created a non-chronological report all about what Ashmole does to help climate change and what other schools could do more of to combat climate change.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a great adventure this month learning William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in Literacy. As part of this topic, the children learned the play through drama in the woods. During our two visits, we played drama games in the woods, created acting props using the woods and performed the play in front of family and friends. All of the teachers are so incredibly proud of the efforts the children made to learn their lines and help each other during these three weeks. It has deepened their understanding of the play and positively influenced their writing in Literacy. We enjoyed Maths week and want to thank the lovely volunteers from NatWest who encouraged us to think about budgeting and costs of every day items. We are looking forward to our visit to Ashmole Academy to see students tell us all about secondary Maths and fun activities. Year 5 have worked very hard this half term and we hope you all have a relaxing break.





Year 6

Year 6 has had an incredible month and we are extremely proud of them for all the effort and hard work they have put into the SATs! We have been able to start to enjoy our new Outdoor Classroom and we have also been enjoying playing football and other sports during P.E; yesterday some lucky children played football with

Mr Tofallis and Mr Bonallo. We have completed Knife Safety workshops and also been to Oakhill Park to meet the police horses which was thoroughly enjoyed by all; we learnt about how to be responsible and safe in the community. We are currently learning about shape and angles in Maths and we are analysing Iambic Metre in Poetry for Literacy- we did some fantastic examples in our Literacy books today. Thank you for an amazing

month and we are looking forward to the last term of summer.



Healthy Packed Lunch

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A **HUGE** well done to everyone who has made such a great effort to make sure that their packed lunch box is being filled with healthier food. We have seen such a great improvement in the choices of food and this in turn ensures that the children are ready for an afternoon full of learning and lots of fun! Below are some of the wonderful foods the children are bringing to school. Can you spot anything from your lunchbox below?





Beau The Reading Dog

Thank you to Beau the reading dog who comes into school each week to listen to some of the children read. With our brand new outdoor classroom providing a calming setting, children eagerly gather to share their reading adventures with Beau! We owe a special thanks to Jasmine, Deya and Anaya's mummy for introducing Beau to our school community and dedicating her time to ensuring his regular visits. The children absolutely adore their time with Beau. His patient and non-judgmental presence creates a safe space where the children can improve their reading skills with confidence. Beau is an extremely friendly dog, so if you see him around, please feel free to say hello, he might even show you his 'staff badge'!



Britain's Got Talent



The BGT semi final live show, starring our very own Onekie in Year 4 Apollo Class, will be televised on Friday 2nd June. Good luck Onekie, we can't wait to see what happens next!





Breakfast and After School Club

BASC is as busy as ever! We celebrated King Charles' Coronation with decorated sweet biscuits.

We are truly enjoying the beautiful weather and spending lots of time on the field playing football and using the climbing frames. We are also using fresh flowers from the field to make delightful art work.

The younger children love riding the bikes, especially when we blow bubbles during the rides!

In craft, we are currently focusing on butterflies and are using different techniques to create amazing artwork.

In Breakfast Club, we sing happy birthday to all children celebrating their birthdays and give them a birthday card and a treat to make their day feel special.





Diary Dates

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Date	Time	Event
5 th June 7 th June	2 weeks 7pm	Year 4 Multiplication checks Full Governing Committee Meeting
9 th	9am Lunch 3.15pm	SEN Coffee Morning - more information to follow Special outdoor lunch for all Year 5 cake sale after school
12 th 13 th	All week 8-9pm	Year 1 Phonics Screening check PTA Meeting at school
14 th - 16 th June 14 th June	All day All day	Year 5 Residential trip to Hastings Year 3 trip to the British Museum
16 th June	9am All day PM	Year 3 Astra Class assembly Year 6 car wash - more information to follow Year 4 sleepover!
19 th June	All week All day All day	Arts Week New Reception Play and Stay sessions Year 2 Scooter Day - bring your scooter in!
21 st June 22 nd June	6-9pm 9am 7pm	Year 4 Music Festival Ashmole Academy Trust Meeting Choir Concert - tbc
23 rd June	9.15am 3.30pm - 4.30pm All day	Year 3 Lynx Class Assembly Cycling Event - Community Ride at local park. Reception trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
25 th June 26 th June	12pm - 4pm All week	PTA event - Summer Fair Arts Week
29 th 30 th	All day All day	Year 1 trip to London Zoo trip Inset Day
3 rd July	All week	PE week* - weather permitting
6 th July	9.30am 1.30pm	Sports Day for KS1 Sports Day for EYFS
7 th July	9.30am	Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - weather permitting
8 th July	6-9pm	Year 6 Leavers party held at the Academy
10 th July	4pm-6pm	Open Day for all parents and carers - drop-in End of Year Reports sent home.
14 th July	5.30pm - 8pm	Year 6 Fun Evening: School BBQ and games - Year 6 parents invited from 5.30pm - 8.30pm
17 th July 17 th July	All week 7pm	*Reserve PE week Year 6 parents social event at the Winchmore
19 th July	7pm - 9pm	Year 6 Leavers show in the hall
20 th July	12.45pm	Last day for pupils - finish at 12.45pm
21 st July	All day 10am -12pm	Inset day - last day for staff Year 6 Football with Osidge

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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

Jasper, Hafsa, Matia, Simona, Vincent, Anson, Sebastian, Anuj, Hafsa, Alina and Ayub

Calypso Class

Blake, Gabriel, Yuvaan, Alby, Freya, Mahhir, Blake, Elida, Evia, Gene, Rachel and Jivan

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Luna - Kimon, Amelia, Elias, Evelyn, Rory, Tiana, Sumayya, Gian-Carlo, Elsa and Alex

Nova - Artemis, Eva, Noah, Nate, Leyna, Kerim, Layla, Zimal, Gabriel, Sameeha, Jay, Maria, Achim, David, Kiyan and Amaanah.

Year 2

Carina - Christopher, Alice, Yusuf, Leo, Ava, Kvaan, Amelia, Jaydan, Abigail, Arianna, Mya and Suendam

Lyra - Rheya, Oliver, Christopher, Beau, Maxine, Camellia, Arjan, Alexis, Ravi and Anna

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Astra - Gabriel, Michael, Lukne, Nikol, Maya, Inaya, Dominic, Evie, Arthur, Deniz, Rose and Oliver

Lynx - Alexia, Rose, Massa, Murat, Ayden, Raf, Milo, Victoria and Rose

Year 4

Cosmo - Melis, Johan, Alex, Ayaan, Alborz, Ashok, Nihla, Seb, Denis, Akwasi, Simeon and Reyyan

Apollo - Alexander, Anna, Anabelle and Edward

Year 5

Aquila - Anaya, Ariyan, Freya, Ella, Nicholas, Kaan, Ariya, Kaner and Mara

Vesper - James, Tami, Avash, Jennah, Liyana, zach, Iza, Joseph and Sofia

Year 6

Andromeda - Lara, Oliver, Musa, Freya, Jasmine and Vivaan

Pavo - Jasmine, Aston, Joe, Kiki, Maxi and Elodi

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 May was Self-belief and the winner is Joseph in Year 5 Vesper Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for June is Co-operation.



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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.



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:

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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 for more information. Thank you.



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APPTA NEWS

We hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Great fun was had at our last community event, the King's Coronation. This raised an awesome £826.

We also have more cycling events coming up and excited to announce a community session taking place on Friday 23rd June from our Cycling group. More details on our What's app broadcast channel. Unfortunately, these events can only take place weather permitting so may be cancelled at short notice.

Don't forget about all our other amazing volunteering groups that provide invaluable support to our school. They include, Art Deco, First Aid, Library, Media, and we are also very happy to announce that we have two new leads for our Wildlife Garden team, Thrine and Caroline. Contact us to sign up 😊.

We would also like to remind you about our well-loved and enjoyed annual event.... Our Summer Fair is taking place on **Sunday 25th June**. This year's theme is Carnival 😊. There will be lots going on including a Bungee Run, Video Games and not forgetting great performances which include our School Choir, Foundation Sports Street Dance and Brenda Key School of Dance. Keep an eye out for more information on performances, donations and supporting our Summer Fair on our What's app broadcast channel.

There is still time to volunteer, please either contact your class rep or email us at ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com. Your class rep can provide details of which stalls each class has been allocated to.

Thanks again for all your continued support, it is very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

Upcoming events

June

- Year 5 Cake Sale (all proceeds to go to Raffle prizes) - 9th June.
- Bi-monthly PTA meeting in the school Hall - 13th June.
- Happy Bag School - 21st June.
- Community Cycling - 23rd June.
- Summer Fair - 25th June.

July

- Year 4 Cake Sale - 10th July
- Reception Cake Sale - TBC
- Community Cycling - 14th July

APPTA Core Committee

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