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Message from the Head Teacher

As another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support during this academic year. Thank you to my staff for their tremendous work ethic, dedication and energy; without you, none of our achievements would be possible.

We have enjoyed another brilliant month at Ashmole Primary School. Thank you to Miss Powell and Foundation Sports for organising the wonderful Sports Day events and thank you to the many parents and carers that came along to support the children. Well done to all the children and the winning teams in each group all received a special medal. Congratulations to our winning teams; the Red Team in Reception, the Blue Team in KS1 and the Red Team in KS2. The overall winning team were the Blue Sapphires - they won the most points overall (538 points)!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 6 pupils on their fantastic achievements this year in their KS2 SATs results. We are all very proud of their exceptional results. The results have now been shared with everyone.

In all our classes across the school, pupils have made great progress in their subjects and everyone should be very proud of their achievements this year.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent open day event. I hope you got to see all of the fabulous work that the children have done throughout the year as well as meeting their new teacher for next year. The children have all received their end of year report which includes comments on effort and achievement. If you have any questions in regards to your child's report, please speak to their teacher before the end of term.

If you are lucky enough to have a child in Year 2, you would have seen the amazing show they put on earlier this week. So many talented children! Thank you to the amazing staff who worked so hard to create this amazing show. Thank you to all the Year 6 children for their leavers production! I don't think there was a dry eye in the house! Your acting skills were remarkable and as always you brought so much fun to your performance. Thank you to the PTA for providing drinks and snacks during the evening. Thank you to Mrs Apostolou for producing the Class of 2023 tile art work. This was a wonderful project and the tiles will be on display for many years to come.

As always, thank you to our team of amazing volunteers that have supported our school again this year. If you would like to volunteer at our school next year, please contact Mrs Andrews - office@ashmoleprimary.org

The new academic year sees some staffing changes as we say goodbye to members of staff and welcome new staff. Some of you may know that Tim Sanders - Chair of Governors - is stepping down from his role as Chair of Governors. I would like to thank Tim for his dedication and commitment on behalf of Ashmole Primary School. Philip Cohen will take over this position and will be supported by Nick Scott - Vice Chair. Congratulations to Dale Wightman on his upcoming appointment as our new LGC Governor.

Lastly, as you are aware, I have been approached by Barnet Local Authority to support another local school by being their Interim Executive Head Teacher, as they are presently without a Head Teacher. I have been asked to do this as we are an 'Outstanding' school and we have the capacity to provide help to another school.

We have thought very carefully about this decision and about how we can support the children in another school while maintaining Ashmole Primary's strengths. The Trust and the Governors will be monitoring the situation and keeping it under review during this period. I am certain that this arrangement will be of direct benefit to the children of Ashmole Primary.

I would like to assure you I am in no way leaving Ashmole Primary School and I plan to continue to lead our amazing primary school for many more years to come.

I wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all and welcoming our new Reception cohort in September.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher

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Ashmole Primary Newsletter



Message from the Chair of Governors

I want to start by congratulating all those in the Ashmole Primary community for another fantastic year of academic success, personal enrichment and amazing events!

Sadly, at the end of this Academic Year I will be standing down from my role as Chair of the Governing Committee of Ashmole Primary School. I took up this role during the pandemic and it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with the other Governors, and the staff and school as a whole, to uphold the high standards of education and care that are so prevalent.

Having been on the Governing Body for nearly six years, it has been rewarding to see the school community continue to develop and flourish. This is an extraordinary team effort, incorporating the time, hard work and expertise of all members of the school community. In particular, I want to pay tribute to the PTA, the Governing Body and of course the staff of the school, led by Mr Tofallis and his leadership team. We should be very proud of the school and I know that everyone is invested in seeing it continue to thrive.

I am delighted that Dale Wightman is joining the board and Philip Cohen is taking over as Chair. The governing body is a strong, varied and gifted one.

Thank you to all of you for the part you play in maintaining the positive and purposeful community here. I wish you all a fantastic summer and a successful start to the next academic year, particularly for those in Year 6 as they transition into Year 7!

*Best wishes
Tim Sanders*

Universal Free School Meals

As you may know, the Mayor of London has allocated funding for schools in London to provide free school meals to all pupils in KS1 and KS2 for the academic year 2023/24.

This means that **all pupils** in Ashmole Primary School will be entitled to free school meals from September 2023 until July 2024.

As you will not be required to pay for school meals in September, please ensure that any outstanding balances are settled by the end of this term.



Reception

What a fantastic year it has been Calypso and Orion class! We are so proud of you all and everything you have achieved in your first year at Ashmole Primary School. All of the children have made fantastic progress this year and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to teach you all! We have had lots of fun during the last couple of weeks of school; Sports Week, Arts Week and a super International Day whereby we were overjoyed with all of the different foods we were able to taste! Thank you for being such superstars and for being a wonderful cohort. We hope you have an amazing summer and wish you the best of luck for your journey into Year 1. The Reception Team 😊



Year 1

We cannot believe that we have come to the end of Year One. It has been wonderful to see your children learn so much and grow in confidence as the year has progressed.

We recently created our individual memory wheels where each member of the class wrote and drew their favourite memories. Looking back, it's unbelievable how much we have explored and learnt. The children listed their favourite memories, including the trip to the church and to The Barbican, the park and London Zoo. They all very much enjoyed the Music Festival, our Victorian play, Science week and of course the amazing ducklings. It has been a pleasure to teach your children and we have very much appreciated all the support that you have given to all staff across the year group. We know that the children will continue their love of learning and flourish in Year 2. Have a wonderful summer break. Mrs Aliberti, Miss Burke and the Year One Team.





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Year 2

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year!! I think we can all agree it's been an incredible year, and we will be sad to see such a lovely year group move on from our classrooms.

July has been an exciting month for the children. They have had the opportunity to reflect on the year they've just had, celebrating their achievements and successes. They've also had a sneak peek at the year ahead when they met their new teachers who can't wait to welcome them in September.

In Literacy, the children wrote letters to their new teachers. They introduced themselves by stating their names and birthdays and also included an interesting fact about themselves so their new teacher can get to know them better. They then also included questions that they wanted to know about their new teacher too. Hopefully Miss. Sauka and Mrs. Leo will be able to answer them all!!!

In Maths we revisited our work on tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. The children are super confident in their ability to read, interpret and generate these ways of collecting information. We challenged them with tasks based on labelling the x- and y- axis, to extend their knowledge.

We have to say a massive thank you to everyone who was able to support our fantastic "Year 2 Gallery Day". The amazing art on display was incredible, and it was lovely for the children to show off their talent to their families! The priceless pieces of art should all be home with you now, and I'm sure they are in their rightful places adorning walls and mantelpieces in all your homes 😊😊😊.

It's difficult to think of other events as impactful and memorable as the end of year assembly!! The children worked tirelessly learning their lines, acting positions, song lyrics and dance moves for what seemed like an age. But the climax and reward of all that hard work was the unforgettable show we witnessed on Tuesday morning. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating the children on such a brilliant performance!! Well done to one and all!!!

And finally, all that remains is to thank each and every one of you for your support, patience and kindness this year and to wish you and your children a wonderful and restful summer holiday filled with sunshine and happiness. And of course, we wish your children all the very best in Year 3, and we hope for nothing more than a bright and brilliant future for every single one of them.



Year 3

It has sadly come to the end of Year 3. We have enjoyed watching the children grow into keen, independent learners who certainly have many talents. There have been many highlights during the year including the trips to the Natural History Museum, Celtic Harmony Camp, the British Museum and the fascinating workshop by Mr Egypt. It has been lovely watching the children's confidence growing throughout the year.

The children all delivered some engaging and interactive presentations on a topic of their choice. We were very impressed with their IT skills and their enthusiasm. We were extremely proud of the children when they performed their class assemblies with such confidence and passion. They worked extremely hard to learn their lines and present themselves. During the various curriculum weeks, the children created some amazing pieces of art based on Picasso and they also used their imagination to write some interesting stories based on a picture book. Last week, the children all participated in Sports Day demonstrating resilience and self-belief as well as building good team spirit.

They certainly have immersed themselves in all the topics we have covered this year with a positive attitude and great enthusiasm. All the teachers in Year 3 wish the children all the best for their new ventures in Year 4.





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Year 4

In Year 4, we have been very busy finishing off all of our learning. We have enjoyed learning about Sutton Hoo and how King Redwald was buried with all of his treasures. We created some lovely drawings of the Sutton Hoo burial and the artefacts that were found. In Science, we have learnt about different conductors and insulations, where we got to practise with circuits to see whether they let electricity pass or not. We have finished our learning about Puberty in PSHE, where we have been very sensible and we have asked lots of questions relating to the different topics. In D&T, we constructed our own Anglo-Saxon purses, where we learnt skills of cutting material, sewing and threading a needle. We also have enjoyed Sports Day, where we have been practising a lot with PE to prepare us for the different events.



Well done for all of your hard work this year, Year 4! We hope you have a lovely summer break and we will miss not having you next year!

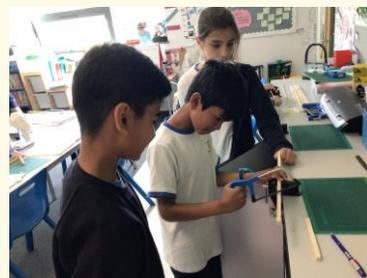
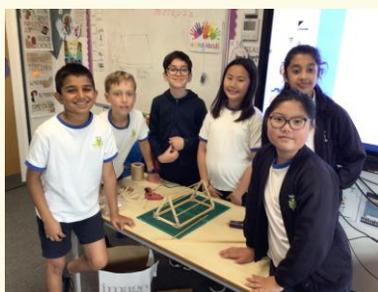


The Year 4 Team 😊

Year 5

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take the opportunity to commend the Year 5 students for their outstanding dedication and hard work throughout the year. They have shown tremendous growth, both academically and personally, and we are all immensely proud of their achievements! Over the past month, we have completed another successful sports day 🏆 Our annual sports day was an absolute triumph with Year 5 showcasing their athletic skills and team work. There was an amazing atmosphere on the day with beautiful sunshine! In class, Year 5 have been super hands on and embarked on an exciting journey during DT day. 🛠️ Their summer topic has been the Vikings and the children have been learning all about where and how the Vikings lived. They brainstormed, designed and created their own Viking Longhouses out of a variety of materials and used constructive techniques such as weaving and sawing to create an excellent piece of art! We cannot wait to have these on display and to show the new Year 5's what they have to look forward to!

Another huge well done to all of the children for their hard work this year. We wish everyone a restful and joyful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September as Year 6's 🌟





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Year 6

Year 6 has had an incredible month packed full of fun and adventures! We have enjoyed visiting Go Ape and exploring the tree tops with the lovely guides and we were also able to participate in some brain training games- thank goodness it didn't rain! They have also enjoyed the Leaver's Party, the Leaver's barbecue and we have even made a time capsule. We are very proud of how resilient the Year 6 children have been and with how hard they have worked; this has culminated in amazing SAT's results which we were overjoyed to see. Well done Year 6!

We are now ending our exciting year with our end of year production which we know they will also excel at.

Thank you for an amazing year and we are so sad they are leaving! We know that all of the children will be extremely successful in Secondary School and we wish them all the best always- you better come back to see us! Mrs Leo & Mr Bonallo.



Year 6, what an incredible production you put on for everyone last night. There are definitely some budding performers amongst you! The acting was sensational. You took us on a journey of discovery and we thoroughly enjoyed performances from each and every one of you.

A show like this does not suddenly put itself together; there are so many people to acknowledge and thank. Miss Alkiviadou - for the amazing props, you worked so hard behind the scenes to bring this wonderful show to life. Our Directors/Producers - Mrs Rorigues, Mrs Leo and Mr Bonallo - thank you for your direction and producing this fantastic show. Mrs Toal and Miss Costas for their guidance and support, and finally Erin T for volunteering your time to help support the children to be the very best that they could have been ☺

Thank you to Andria and Clare (APPTA) for providing snacks and drinks during the evening. All money raised will go back to the PTA for ongoing projects for all the children at Ashmole Primary School.

Finally, thank you to Sia in Andromeda Class for spending her free time to produce a wonderful programme for you all to enjoy and keep. And to the 'anonymous' parent who so very generously bought pizzas for all the children to eat before their show!





Year 6 Leavers Message from Mr Tofallis

Dear Year 6 Leavers

As I write this very first Year 6 leavers message, I am filled with mixed emotions of pride, nostalgia and a tinge of sadness. It feels like yesterday when we welcomed each one of you as our first-ever cohort back in 2016, embarking on this extraordinary journey together. Each of us, me included, not really knowing where this journey would take us, but now as you stand on the brink of new beginnings, we pause to reflect on the incredible journey we have been on together.

For the first two years, we embraced the humble portacabins as our classrooms, but the lack of a proper building did not deter us; instead, it fuelled our determination to provide you with the outstanding education you deserved. The joy we all felt when we were granted the planning permission for our new school was incredible. We enjoyed watching our new school building being erected and in September 2018, we proudly moved into our new building - a symbol of progress and hope. Together, we saw our dreams take shape, but it was your unwavering dedication and enthusiasm that truly made this place a home for learning and discovery. In May 2019, we got the call from Ofsted! However, through sheer hard work and determination, we were awarded the 'top prize' by Ofsted, and our school has gone from strength to strength ever since.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their unwavering trust and faith in me and my team. At the outset, all we had was a mere piece of land and a promise to provide an outstanding education. Their belief in us laid the foundation for our school's success and growth. We very much cherish the strong bond we have built with our school community.

To the Year 6 Leavers, you will always hold a very special place in our hearts. You paved the way for future generations. We witnessed your growth and each of you possess unique talents, and we have been privileged to witness them blossom over the years.

As you embark on the next chapter of your school journey, remember that the lessons you learned within these walls extend far beyond the classroom. Embrace the spirit of resilience and curiosity that you cultivated here, and let it guide you in your future endeavours and remember to always be kind.

Although we bid farewell, please know that our doors will always be open to you. You will forever remain a part of our school family, and we look forward to hearing of your future successes. Although most of you will be only a short walk away at Ashmole Academy, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate those that are going further afield on their remarkable achievement in gaining places at schools such as The Latymer School, Dame Alice Owen, Queen Elizabeth's Boys School and St. Johns. You have all worked incredibly hard and your hard work has certainly paid off - Keep up the good work!

I can't sign off without a special mention to Miss Costas and Mrs Pavlakos - our first ever Reception teachers. I will be forever grateful for your commitment, dedication, resilience and passion towards these young learners and the faith and trust you put in me and our new school. We went on this journey together and I could not be more proud of the amazing educators you have become. You found the uniqueness of each child and nurtured their strengths while still encouraging their needs. Without you as their teachers; showing them kindness, trust, passion and above all else, fun, they would not be the children that stand before us today. Thank you!

Lastly, your performance at last night's show was amazing. I am so proud of the confident young people you have become. Thank you so much for the personalised Arsenal shirt and memory book, I will treasure them both forever!

Congratulations, Year 6 Leavers - Class of 2023! May your futures be filled with fun, growth and kindness.

With my very best wishes,
Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher





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Breakfast and After School Club

At BASC, we enjoyed as many outdoor activities as the weather allowed us to do!

Nature art activities were our main focus. We used different leaves, stones, and even fruit to create colourful summer art.

We also held a nature hunt, which was really popular with the younger children.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Y6 children. We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives. We are sure they will have a fantastic future ahead of them.

A big thank you for your generous end of year gifts. This is much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer holiday.
See you in September.

Marta Urso Baiarda
BASC Manager





Summer Writing Competition

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Budding Young Writers,

We hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the warmth and sunshine of the summer season! As the school year comes to a close, we have an exciting announcement that will keep the creative minds of our Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) students engaged and entertained throughout the summer break. Introducing the Summer Writing Competition, a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their imagination, storytelling skills, and love for writing. This competition is open to all KS1 and KS2 students, and we encourage every aspiring writer to participate. Competition details will have been handed out/ uploaded to google classroom by class teachers at the end of the term.

The submission deadline for the Summer Writing Competition is Friday 8th September, 2023. We kindly request that all entries be submitted by this date either through the office, class teacher or directly to Miss Macdonald.

To motivate and acknowledge the outstanding talent of our young writers, we have lined up some exciting prizes in recognition for the winners of the competition. These will be announced in September during the children's merit assembly.

Wishing you all a summer filled with creativity and joy!

Miss Macdonald
Subject Lead - Writing

Eco-Warriors Environmental Awareness poster competition

The Eco-warriors were set a task to plan, design and make a poster to raise awareness about a pressing environmental issue of their choice to the Ashmole community.

The best poster as judged by Mr Tofallis would be circulated around school and placed in the July newsletter for all to admire.

After looking at all the entries, Mr Tofallis couldn't decide on just one poster and eventually declared 4 winning posters (yes, 4!!).

Congratulations to our winners and well done to all the Eco-warriors for their hard work and creativity when making their posters.

Your winners are:
Leyna Year 1 Nova
Amelia Year 2 Carina
Klay Year 3 Astra
Anya Year 5 Aquila

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break
Many thanks

Mr. Evaghoras
Eco-warrior Lead





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Results Summary

Sports Day House Points Summary:

Reception:

Red Rubies - 71 points
Yellow Diamonds - 70 points
Blue Sapphires - 66 points
Green Emeralds - 56 points

Key Stage One:

Blue Sapphires - 176 points
Red Rubies and Yellow Diamonds
(both) - 127 points
Green Emeralds - 113 points

Key Stage Two:

Red Rubies - 326 points
Blue Sapphires - 296 points
Green Emeralds - 266 points
Yellow Diamonds - 253 points

End of Year House Points Summary:

Congratulations to the Yellow Diamonds for obtaining the most House Points this summer term and for the whole year!

Summer Term House Points:

1. Yellow Diamonds - 37 points
2. Red Rubies and Blue Sapphires - 24 points
3. Green Emeralds - 23 points

Overall House Points Results for 2023:

1. Yellow Diamonds - 99 points
2. Red Rubies - 91 points
3. Green Emeralds - 83 points
4. Blue Sapphires - 68 points

Well done to all the children for all your efforts this year!

Overall Sports Day Results for 2023:

1. Blue Sapphires - 538 points
2. Red Rubies - 524 points
3. Yellow Diamonds - 450 points
4. Green Emeralds - 435 points



Diary Dates

Diary Dates September 2023

Date	Time	Event
1 st	All day	Staff Training - INSET Day
4 th	All day	Staff Training - INSET Day
5 th		First day of the Autumn Term
5 th - 8 th	All day	Reception Class Home Visits throughout the week
6 th - 13 th 6 th 7 th 8 th 11 th 12 th 13 th 14 th 15 th 18 th 19 th 20 th	9am	Meet the Teacher Meetings in the Hall - as follows: Year 4 Apollo Class with Mrs Toal and Mrs Kamal Uddin Year 4 Cosmo Class with Mrs S Kumar Year 5 Vesper Class with Miss Macdonald and Mrs Beth Year 5 Aquila Class with Mr Constantinides Year 3 Astra Class with Miss Sauka Year 3 Lynx Class with Mrs Leo Year 2 Lyra Class with Mrs Charalambous and Mrs Joyce Year 2 Carina Class with Mr Evaghoras Year 1 Luna Class with Miss Burke and Miss Sudo Year 1 Nova Class with Miss Linden Year 6 Pavo Class with Mrs Pavlou Year 6 Andromeda Class with Mr Bonallo and Mrs Sarangi Reception Orion Class with Miss Popova Reception Calypso Class with Miss Powell and Mr Hussain
Further diary dates to follow over the Summer!		

Celebrating Achievement

Well done to all the children that have received an achievement award this month. We are very proud of you all.

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 July was courage and the winner is Jidenna in Calypso Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for September is Responsibility.



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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.

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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.

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.