



Message from the Head Teacher

I hope you all had a good rest over the half term. The children have returned to school with a continued enthusiasm and love for learning.

Thank you to the Year 4 parents and carers who attended the recent Times table Check meeting last Friday. If you were unable to attend the meeting for any reason, a copy of the PowerPoint has already been send out.

Thank you again to Year 5 Aquila Class for their patience and support this year. We hope that the recent meetings with the Year 5 team was helpful in finding out about how your child has been doing in school this term.

If your child is in Year 1, you would have had the privilege of watching their assembly last Wednesday; what a wonderful job they did! Thank you to the Year 1 team for ensuring the children were well rehearsed for this special performance. Thank you to Miss Popova and our School Council for organising today's talent show. The performances were absolutely brilliant and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed each performance.

We have a fun packed month ahead. Miss Macdonald and Mr Bonallo have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes setting up lots of fun and inspirational activities which will take place all week during Book Week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to purchase books for their children at our Scholastic Book Fair in the Hall. As normal, the week will end with staff and pupils dressing up as their favourite 'explorer' book character. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful outfits.

Science Week begins the week commencing Monday 11th March. Mr Evaghoras is working very hard to create lots of fun and exciting activities which will take place throughout the week. Again, the week will come to a close with staff and pupils dressing up as a Scientist for the day.

Parent Consultations are due to take place at the end of March for all year groups. Further information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a very exciting, fun packed month ahead.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

We have had a busy month in Reception! In Literacy we have been exploring connectives such as 'and', 'because' and 'as'. In Maths, we have continued to explore measuring - length, weight and time. We explored the balancing scales and we particularly enjoyed pretending to be a human balancing scales too! When learning about time, we were able to identify times to o'clock and enjoyed sharing what we do at different times of the day. Before half term we had Children's Mental Health week, and children explored how their voices matter. Since we have come back from half term, we have started investigating our new topic of 'people who help us'. Both classes are very excited to learn about a variety of jobs and meet people from these occupations! Miss Powell and Miss Popova (Reception Class Teachers)



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very exciting month! They have fully immersed themselves into our History topic 'The Victorians'. The children participated in a fantastic 'Life in the Big House' history workshop in which they all dressed up as Victorian children and learnt what life was like for children during the Victorian Era. In the morning, the children completed a variety of activities such as writing a letter to Queen Victoria using ink pens, learning how to set a table correctly, sewing, making paper fans and exploring real Victorian artefacts. In the afternoon, the children learnt about how the entertainment during the Victorian era was different to theirs. Each child worked in a group to put on a 'Victorian Talent Show'. This day was very successful and the children absolutely loved it. The children then used everything they had learnt in class and from the workshop and performed an excellent class assembly to their parents. The assembly showed the differences between a Victorian child and a modern child. The children now have a great appreciation that they get dojo points at Ashmole Primary School instead of the cane! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the parents that volunteered at the workshop and those who were able to attend our class assembly. For those that were unable to attend, a video of the play has been emailed.





Year 2

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term!

This month the children have started their new topic in Maths on shape, and have already had lots of fun finding lines of symmetry in 2D shapes, as well as exploring the three dimensions of solid shapes too.

In Literacy we have started to explore the features of an explanation text, and how they are used for a range of purposes. We linked this topic with our Science theme and used our skills to explain the life cycle of a butterfly.

We have absolutely loved seeing all of Year 2's fantastic model dinosaurs that were made over half term. They are already on display in the classrooms giving the whole place a prehistoric feel. Please take a look at the pictures here.

In DT this term the children will be able to add to the collection of dinosaurs in the classrooms by building their own with moving parts using first-, second-, and third-class levers all made with card and split pins!

We look forward to the month ahead and it already feels like we have started our descent towards Easter!

Thank you again for all your help and support

Mrs Bennet, Mrs Joyce and Mr Evaghoras



Year 3

This month we have been very busy looking at our new Science topic about forces. We have been looking at different types of forces and how these can be used on objects to make them move. Within Maths, we have been working hard with fractions. We have been understanding what unit and non-unit fractions are which has enabled us to compare different non-unit fractions based on this knowledge. In Literacy we have been finishing our Stone Age Boy topic, where we wrote a diary entry as if we were the child from the story visiting the Stone Age times. We have enjoyed moving onto explanation texts, looking at how chocolate is made and gathering the information to make an explanation text. This has linked to our Geography topic of where food comes from; where we have been using maps and atlas' to locate different countries where foods are grown, linking it to the transport and food miles which they have travelled. We have really enjoyed our computing topic, where we have started to look at our earliest memories to make a presentation about ourselves.





Year 4

It is so lovely to be back at school and looking at some fantastic new topics.

This half term we will be thinking about the weather and climate and the human impact on the world. We started our project with a litter survey around the school and local streets. You would be surprised at how much we found outside the school grounds.

We're continuing our weekly drumming and can't wait for you to hear how hard we have been working.

In Literacy we are looking at play scripts and getting ready for our Year 4 assembly, lots of rehearsals coming up. Something else we look forward to sharing with you.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a lovely start to the new term! We are still enjoying our weekly swimming lessons at Arnos swimming pool and the progress made in such a short amount of time is incredible! The pool is always filled with laughter as the children build confidence in the water. Year 5 students had the opportunity to explore a treasure trove of books, fostering a love for reading and expanding their literary horizons through the arrival of the Book Fair. Many could not resist the allure of captivating tales and beautifully illustrated adventures. The Book Fair has left an indelible mark on our young readers, inspiring them to discover new worlds through the pages of a book. In class, the children have been delving into Alfred Noyes' poem called The Highwayman. This classic poem has sparked lively conversations, honing the students' analytical and interpretive skills. Engaging activities related to the poem have brought the story to life, allowing the children to explore the beauty of language and storytelling. We also have an exciting trip to the British Museum next week where we will get a chance to bring our History learning of Ancient Benin to life!





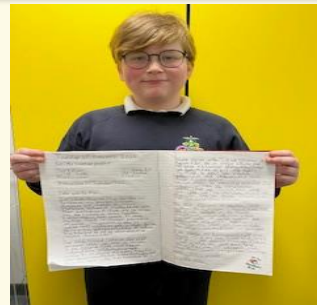
Year 6

We have had an amazing month of February where we read a fascinating book called *Rose Blanche*, set during World War 2. On this note, a few of our Year 6 pupils went to the Holocaust Memorial in Turnpike Lane's very own mosque where they were taught about how the Nazis treated people who weren't German. In addition, we learnt how to write a formal letter and we wrote a letter of complaint to the Mayor of a German town. We also wrote some fantastic poems based on this story using a variety of writing techniques. In Maths, we have been learning about algebra: expressions, formula and finding pair values. We have been doing mock tests in preparation for our SATS. Additionally, we have been attending booster groups and before/after school groups to boost our confidence when taking our SATS.

In Science we have started a new topic on light, where we have been learning about how light travels in straight lines and have been drawing scientific diagrams to represent it. We also had a visit from the Police explaining the dangers of going online. In Computing, we have been using Microsoft micro bit to program the micro bits to do different things such as play music or count steps. We have also started to use scratch to program a successful money counter.

In PE we have started doing some physical activities like shuttle run, 4 minute run, squats and sit an reach changing from dodgeball where we were learning different ways of the game such as waist below only, shoot from a small circle and the original one neck below. We are really looking forward to two exciting events - Book Week and Science Week which are taking place in March.

Well done to Joseph in Pavo Class for writing a fantastic letter in German! We were all very impressed with the hard work that he had put into writing this wonderful piece all about the struggles that people endured during World War 2.



Attendance and Punctuality

Whilst we appreciate that children are often poorly, it is important that if your child can attend school they should. Your child's mental health and well-being is always at the heart of everything we do in school.

If there are any underlying health or personal problems that may impact your child's attendance then please let the school know.

We understand that there may be reasons for absences but you should be aware that there is a direct link between school attendance and academic success at all levels.

As you may know, each week the class with the best attendance, will receive an attendance certificate from Mr Tofallis which is displayed in class. The children really look forward to finding out if their class has won!

Please keep an eye out for our monthly attendance figures via the monthly newsletter; how is your child's class doing?

It is also important to remember that school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.20pm (EYFS and KS1) and 3.30pm (KS2). Entering a classroom late does have an adverse affect, not only on the child entering the class but for all pupils within the class. Please remember that being late for school:

- Can interrupt other children's learning
- Can impact the child's behaviour
- Disrupts morning routines
- Affects important time for building strong relationship with their peers
- Some children may miss early morning interventions
- Your child could miss out of important learning time

It is important to remember that all routine dental and doctors appointment are booked outside of school hours.

We look forward to working with all our parents and carers to ensure excellent attendance and punctuality throughout the school.





Breakfast and After School Club

In February, we were busy at BASC creating Valentine's Day cards in lots of different ways - painting, drawing, gluing, etc. Our display was flooded with beautiful red and pink coloured creations.

As the cold weather continues, the children enjoy playing different types of board games. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated games and puzzles. This is greatly appreciated.

I would like to say a big thank you to the older children who are helping Reception children in the club. It's lovely to see them all playing together and enjoying each others company.





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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 Orion Class		Reception Calypso Class		Year 1 Luna		Year 1 Nova	
Evie Ethan Harley Reya Christopher Gabriel Zayn Lara Eliana		Evelyn Yousuf Ariella Rafael Leila Johannes Teddy Emilia Chelsey-Louise		Sofia Yuvaan Rown Aras Gene Ariella		Estelle Hafsa Jayden Skye Simona Vincent	
Year 2 Carina	Year 2 Lyra	Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila
Evelyn Aarashi Alex Ares Sovereign Elsa Arda George Dava Andrei Amaya Aliza	Zimal Achim Kerim Jay Aarian Demitri Christine Eva Edwin Alexandros Aiden Gabriel	Ella Ravi Noah Azra Sophia Aiden Demir Alexa	Mya Callie Kvaan Ava Myra Connor Abigail Arianna Sam Sofia	Cara Ibrahim Iklim Ryka Edward Milo Edward Mairi Arjun	Frankie Arthur Luca Lukne Azra Saanvi Nikol Tia Deniz	Ayaan Johan Reyyan Sienna Nora Natalie Ria	Lucas Michael Kornelia Mason Jansu Elisia Onekie

Monthly Attendance Figures



Reception - Calypso Class 95%	Reception - Orion Class 94%
Year 1 - Luna Class 95%	Year 1 - Nova Class 93%
Year 2 - Lyra Class 96%	Year 2 - Carina Class 94%
Year 3 - Astra Class 95%	Year 3 - Lynx Class 94%
Year 4 - Apollo Class 96%	Year 4 - Cosmo Class 92%
Year 5 - Vesper Class 95%	Year 5 - Aquila Class 95%
Year 6 - Andromeda Class 94%	Year 6 - Pavo Class 96%





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Date	Time	Event
1 st - 8 th	All day	Book Week continues...
1 st	9am	Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers in the hall
4 th	All week 3.20pm	Book Week Year 6 cake sale after school
5 th	PM	School Council Trip to Parliament
7 th	All day All day 7pm	Year 3 trip to the local Mosque Year 5 trip to the British Museum Governors Meeting
8 th	All day All day 3.20pm	International Women's Day - all girls in school to attend special football sessions at Ashmole Academy Dress up as your favourite book character explorer Year 6 jewellery sale/Easter Egg sale
11 th	All week All week	Science Week Big Walk and Wheel event - 2 weeks
13 th	AM All day	Science poster competition deadline Year 4 Hampton Court trip
15 th	All day All day	Red Nose Charity Day Dress-up as a Scientist
18 th	All week All week	Big Walk and Wheel Mid term Reports to parents and carers
21 st	AM	Reception - Hearing and Vision check
22 nd	AM All day All day 6pm - 8pm	Reception - Hearing and Vision check Year 3 trip to the Science Museum Year 2 WoW Day - Dinosaurs PTA - Reception and Year 1 Movie Night!
26 th	9am-10.30am 4pm-8pm	KS1 and KS2 Green Peace assembly Parent Consultation Meetings in school - further information to follow
27 th	3.45pm - 6.15pm	Parent Consultation Meetings in school - further information to follow
28 th	9.15am All day 3.30pm	Year 4 Tudor assembly Bright and Colourful - Break the Rules day! Last day of Spring term

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 February was Trust and the winner is Aaryan in Year 6 Andromeda Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our Value for March is Tolerance.



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 (DSL)

Mrs Toal - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mr Tofallis - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Dr Bowry - Safeguarding Governor

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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APPTA News

MEET THE COMMITTEE



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Save the dates

- 28th March - Bright & colourful Break the rules day
- 22nd April - Reception bake sale
- 23rd April - PTA meeting via zoom (ideas for Summer Fair) attendance required
- TBC - Springtime hamper raffle - details to follow
- 26th April - Cycling event - details to follow
- 20th May - Year 5 bake sale
- 24th May - Cycling event - details to follow
- TBC - World Culture evening - family event with activities/disco and bar
- 23rd June - SUMMER FAIR -
help from ALL needed for our biggest event of the year!!