



## Message from the Head Teacher

We hope that the Easter break has allowed the children to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and loved ones. Please remember that you all have one extra holiday coming up, as Monday is a Public Holiday!

As you know, last month, our school took part in an external review for Reading and Science. The results of the review were 'outstanding' and I am pleased to inform you that last week, our school took part in another external review, this time in Maths and History. The results were, once again, 'outstanding'. The inspector was extremely impressed with the children's outcomes. Although we are an 'outstanding' school, we never take this for granted. The staff at Ashmole Primary work extremely hard to maintain the best possible outcomes for all our children and I am very proud of them all. The inspector also spent time with some of the children and the feedback was also very positive. Let us all work together as staff, children, parents and governors to keep our expectations and standards as high as possible for the benefit of all the children.

Thank you to our Year 6 pupils for their ongoing commitment during the run up to SATs week. We understand that this can be a stressful time for both pupils and parents but we are confident that our pupils have received the best possible preparation and guidance in order to achieve well in their SATS. Regardless of the outcome, we are extremely proud of each and every one of them for their hard work, dedication, and growth throughout their time at Ashmole Primary. SATs will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and I must stress the importance of our Year 6 pupils being in school every day during this period. If your child is unwell, please contact the school immediately so we can work together to make alternative arrangements. Year 6 have a detailed plan of what will be happening throughout the week. All our Year 6 will be offered a free breakfast during SATs week. We understand that this can be a busy and stressful time for both pupils and parents, and we want to ensure that everyone is well-informed and prepared for what lies ahead. Our goal is to create a supportive and positive environment that encourages our pupils to do their best and feel confident in their abilities.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on receiving offers for their first choice of secondary school. The vast majority of our pupils will be continuing their educational journey to Ashmole Academy. Additionally, we would like to recognise the achievements of those pupils who pursued a selective route and have secured places at The Latymer School, Q E Boys, Palmers Green High, Dame Alice Owen and other prestigious schools. These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils, as well as the support and guidance provided by teachers, parents and carers.

Thank you to the Year 5 parents/carers for attending the recent Secondary School Transfer Meeting. These meetings are useful for parents/carers in the decision making process as they start to make plans for their child's transfer into secondary school education.

Thank you to the PTA and the parent volunteers for organising various events this month, including after school cake sales and the year group discos. As always, these events were a huge success, and we are grateful for the PTA's hard work and dedication in making it happen. All money raised will go towards the new cabins which will be located outside the Early Years playground area. The PTA have many more exciting events planned for the remainder of the academic year, so please make a note of these dates from the 'diary dates' section within this newsletter.

Best wishes and enjoy the upcoming May Day Holiday.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher

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## Reception

In Reception we have had a lovely couple of weeks back at school after the Easter break. We have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the children have been very busy writing food lists and learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Both Reception classes are incredibly excited for the special visitors that we now have in both classrooms - Caterpillars! We will be observing these each day and noticing how they change. We look forward to watching how they develop into butterflies and releasing them into the Wildlife Garden! In Maths, we have continued to explore 2D and 3D shapes and have started to describe them, we have also continued to subitise and recall number bonds to 10. We have started exploring doubling and halving in Maths and using resources to find out what double and half of a number is.



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the Summer Term. They were very excited when they found out about their new history topic 'Toys from the past'. The children have already had the opportunity to explore toys from the Victorian Era and have compared these to the toys they play with now. They now understand that toys from the past are often made from wood compared to modern toys that are often made from plastic. In Maths, Year 1 have become multiplication mathematicians! They have been using the mathematical language "groups of" and "lots of" to share objects into equal groups. In Science, the children have started their new topic all about animals and are looking forward to hatching some ducklings and visiting London Zoo next term. Well done Year 1, keep up the fantastic work!





## Year 2

The children returned to school in really high spirits and the start of the Summer term kicked off with massive enthusiasm. It was lovely for everyone to be back in school after our two-week pause!

In Literacy our focus text has been Meerkat Mail, which is all about Sunny the meerkat who visits different places and writes postcards back to his family about them. The children identified the features of a postcard and then wrote their own postcards about Sunny's visit to Ashmole Primary! As you can imagine a meerkat's visit to a Primary School could only end up in disaster and the children wrote some hilarious postcards about what Sunny got up to. Think about Sunny being used as a paintbrush and having his tail stepped on by Year 6 on the way to assembly, and you'll start to get the picture!!

In Maths we recapped on the use of the column method for addition and subtraction with exchanging and the children showed great confidence with this skill. We have revisited the "dreaded" topic of fractions, but the children have gotten to grips with this tricky subject so well. They can recognise a half, third and a quarter and calculate the whole if given an amount in any of these fractions too - well done children!

In PE we have started our new scheme of work on dance moves based on candy!!! The children made some amazing moves whilst pretending to be Kinder Buenos and Haribo Tangtastics!!

In Music, we have been joined by the superb musician and vocalist Simi!! With a look to the near future, she has started practicing the songs to our Year 2 play on Christopher Columbus. The children have been learning all about this fascinating figure in our History lessons and the children are so excited to start practising for the play.

We are looking forward to all the fun and learning in the month ahead, and we thank you for your continuous help and support.

Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Joyce and Mr. Evaghoras



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful month and completed lots of excellent learning! We have started the topic of the Egyptians and we have been looking at the Ancient Egyptian timelines and what happened and when. This has been fascinating and we are all loving the learning. Linked to this, is our learning in English and the narrative we are currently writing about a thrilling suspense adventure in Egypt- we have seen quality writing using ellipses and powerful description. In Maths we have worked very hard to understand fractions and we are now learning about money. The children have all shown a great understanding and have loved their learning. We are very proud of them!





## Year 4

We have had a lovely few weeks back at school since our long Easter break, we shared all the lovely things we did for Easter and Eid.

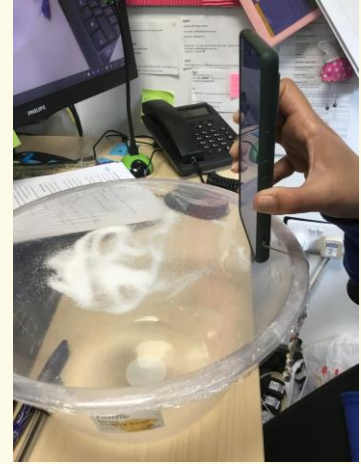
The children had worked hard on their Anglo Saxon homework projects and it's lovely to see them on display in classrooms and to hear them present their PowerPoints to the class. Well done.

We have been working hard this month on making sure we are secure with our times table; please keep up the hard work at home.

We have also had fun in PSHE thinking about co-operation and we designed our own theme park where we had to consider everyone's needs.

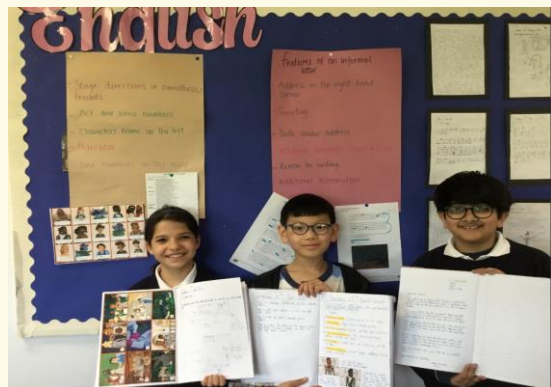
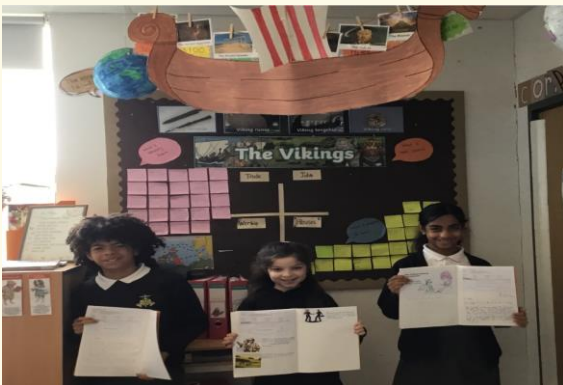
Our new Science topic is sound and we had a great lesson exploring how sound travels, we watched sugar being moved by the sound coming from a speaker and investigated how sound travels when we hit metal against the table.

We have been working hard on our assembly too, look out for a new date soon, we know how much you'll enjoy it!



## Year 5

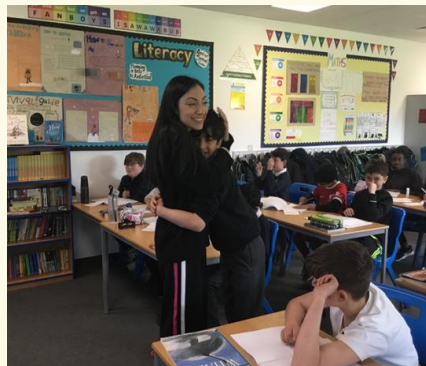
Year 5 pupils have jumped back into the swing of things with enthusiasm, embracing new challenges and adventures awaiting them in the classroom and beyond. Kicking off the term with boundless energy, our Year 5 pupils have been lacing up their trainers and hitting the fields for PE athletics sessions. From sprints to long jumps, they've been honing their skills under the sun, preparing not only for the upcoming sports day but also for the mini marathon that took place on Monday. With each lap around the track, they're not only building physical stamina but also fostering teamwork and determination. In the realm of History, our young historians have embarked on an epic journey back in time to the era of the Vikings. Through engaging lessons and interactive activities, Year 5 pupils are uncovering the mysteries of Norse mythology, exploring the conquests and cultural contributions of these legendary seafarers. From longships to rune stones, they're immersing themselves in the rich tapestry of Viking civilization, sparking their curiosity and igniting their imaginations. Looking ahead to next month, excitement is brewing for the much-anticipated drama in the woods trip. As the natural world becomes their stage, Year 5 pupils will step into the shoes of characters from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, bringing the play to life through drama activities. This once in a lifetime trip is often the highlight of the children's year and is often spoken about for months afterwards!





## Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard this month preparing for their upcoming SATS in May. In Literacy, we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter and we have been watching a fascinating documentary about the treatment of Orcas at SeaWorld in Orlando. In Maths, we have been covering lots of topics such as interpreting different charts and graphs, finding the area, perimeter and volume of different shapes. In History, we have been learning about the War of the Roses and heraldry. We had great fun designing our own coats of arms using the symbols and colours that we learnt about in our lesson. In PE, we have been practising our skills in preparation for Sports Day. Pavo Class had a very special visitor, Mrs Pavlakos, who surprised them on Friday 😊



## Secondary Transfer - Information for Year 5 pupils

Transferring from primary to secondary school is an important step. The Local Authority wants to help parents by giving them clear information about the transfer process and about Barnet schools. All secondary schools in Barnet have open evenings and while we encourage Ashmole Primary pupils to continue their academic journey onto Ashmole Academy, we encourage all current Year 5 parents/carers to visit as many schools as possible to take a closer look at the school, meet the staff and ask questions in order to help them make up their minds about which schools they prefer. Each secondary school produces its own prospectus which contains detailed information about the school, how it is run and what subjects are taught. These will be available at the school and can also be downloaded from the school's website. It is very important that you read the admissions criteria for each school so that you have a good idea of your chances of being offered a place.

It is important to note that if your child is transferring to Ashmole Academy, you will still have to apply as normal. Please do not assume that because your child attends Ashmole Primary, that you do not need to apply to Ashmole Academy, because you do! It is also useful to note that any application made by Ashmole Primary parents/carers will qualify for the 'feeder school criteria' if your child is on roll at the time of application.

If your child has chosen to take the musical route into secondary school education, namely Ashmole Academy, please read their poster opposite. For further information, please visit their website.



### ASHMOLE ACADEMY

Ashmole Academy Musical Aptitude Test  
for 'Year 5 Students' - September 2025 entry



Application Deadline:  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
3.30pm

Ashmole Academy Musical Aptitude Applications are open now  
to Year 5 students for September 2025 entry.

Please email any further enquiry to:  
[musicalaptitude@ashmoleacademy.org](mailto:musicalaptitude@ashmoleacademy.org)

For the timeline and how to apply please visit:  
[website: www.ashmoleacademy.org/musicalaptitude](http://www.ashmoleacademy.org/musicalaptitude)



## Year 2 and Year 3 Party

On Friday 19th April, Year 2 & 3 children were treated to a fun night at school. The evening included pizza, popcorn, disco dancing and games organised by parents.

The children have a great time socialising with their friends.

The event raised £248.30 to be used on supplies for the SEN room.

The next event takes place on May 10th for years 4 & 5. Thank you to all parents who have given their time to make these events happen.



## TCS London Mini Marathon

On Monday 29th April, we all took part in the TCS London Mini Marathon for schools. The aim was to run 2.6 miles, which worked out as 14 laps of the field! We were incredibly impressed with the amount of children who were able to complete this and wanted to run even more laps! We were raising money for the incredible London Air Ambulance charity who deliver an advanced trauma team to London's most seriously injured patients. We are very pleased that we raised a total of £257.53 that will help go towards new helicopters. A massive thank you to all of the children and staff who participated in this event and to Dale Wightman for his amazing photography, music and inspiration as well as sharing his own marathon running advice and medals!



## Contacting the school

If you need to contact the school for any reason regarding your child, please use the information below to contact the school:

- Always speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.
- If you are not satisfied with the teacher's response, please speak to Miss Powell (Head of EYFS), Miss Costas - KS1 (Years 1 and 2) or Mrs Toal KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).
- If your issue has not been resolved, please contact Mrs Costas, Deputy Head Teacher.
- If you are still not happy and you need to speak to Mr Tofallis, Head Teacher, please email [office@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:office@ashmoleprimary.org)

All issues will be dealt with as swiftly as possible. Thank you.



# Breakfast and After School Club

In BASC over the last couple weeks, we were concentrating on Spring and the beginning of the Summer. Painting is the most popular activity. The Community Room is full of beautiful art of flowers, butterflies, and umbrellas. We are trying to go out as much as the weather permits. The older children love football and playing on the climbing frames.





# Community News

Enfield Carers Centre  Enfield Carers Centre  
Empowering Carers

## CARERS WEEK FAMILY FUN DAY

**TOMBOLA STALLS** **TALENT SHOW** **KIDS GAMES** **INFO STALLS** **BOUNCY CASTLES**

Saturday 8th June 2024  
12 - 4pm  
Enfield Town Library Green

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC** **FOOD & DRINK** **FREE ENTRY** **PRIZES**

Charity Reg. No: 1140089 

## TEDDY TENNIS

Coming To Enfield Summer Term 2024

Teddy Tennis is a sport and education programme that inspires children aged 2½ to 5+ years to get active and to learn the foundation skills of tennis. It works by combining Music, Pictures and Teddy Bear Characters into a totally interactive learning adventure that young children love.



To find out more about Teddy Tennis, visit our website, email [janine@teddytennis.com](mailto:janine@teddytennis.com) or call us on 07917150787 

### Barnet Libraries Literary Festival Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May Finchley Church End Library

An audience with award winning young adult author Candy Gourlay discussing her book 'Wild Song'  
Saturday 4 May, 11am - 12.30pm  
Age guidance: 10+ and adults.



Michael Rosen in conversation with Francine Wolfisz discussing 'Getting Better'  
Sunday 5 May, 11am - 12.30pm  
Age guidance: Young people aged 13+ may attend with an adult. Please note this event involves discussion on illness, death and bereavement.



Join internet sensations Travis and Sigrid with Cari Rosen discussing their book 'Sigrid Rides'.  
Sunday 5 May 2.30 - 4pm  
Age guidance: 7+ and adults.



Book tickets at <https://barnet-libraries.played.co> or scan the QR code.





# Celebrating Achievement

In recognition of their outstanding work this month, the following pupils have received an achievement award from Mr Tofallis.

Reception Orion Class	Reception Calypso Class	Year 1 Luna Class	Year 1 Nova Class	Year 2 Lyra Class	Year 2 Carina Class
Dina Afia Dylan Christopher Teagan Eve Mustafa Andy	Ariella Emilia Zaroon Megan Erin Lena Kaloyan Yousuf	Mahhir Gabriel Alborz Jidenna Miray Aras	Alina Aaryan Bella George Hera Kyra	Jay Edwin Aidan Leyla Emirhan Olivia Yasemin Kiyon	Kaiden Daya Edward Enzo Aarashi Andrei Sumayya Kimon

Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila	Year 6 Andromeda	Year 6 Pavo
Sharne Eleni Oliver Brandon Rheya Marco	Serra Ayla Chris Kvaan Vihaan Max	Mira Ella Massa Alexia Elif	Edward Maya Inaya Arthur Olivia Lukne Klay	George Almira Lia Akwas Roven Alex	Henry Aron Skye Ben Anna D Kieran	Tolu Rocco Ashwin	Jude Timo Sofia Mikey

## Monthly Attendance Figures

Reception - Calypso Class 98%	Reception - Orion Class 89%
Year 1 - Luna Class 96%	Year 1 - Nova Class 97%
Year 2 - Lyra Class 96%	Year 2 - Carina Class 95%
Year 3 - Astra Class 95%	Year 3 - Lynx Class 95%
Year 4 - Apollo Class 95%	Year 4 - Cosmo Class 96%
Year 5 - Vesper Class 93%	Year 5 - Aquila Class 98%
Year 6 - Andromeda Class 96%	Year 6 - Pavo Class 92%

Well done to  
**Reception Calypso Class  
and Year 5 Aquila Class**  
for achieving the highest  
attendance this month!





Our Value for  
May is  
Excellence

April  
2024

## Diary Dates - May 2024

Date	Time	Event
6 <sup>th</sup>	All day	May Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY
8 <sup>th</sup>	AM All day	Happy School Bag - collection Athletics Championship, Barnet - selected pupils only
10 <sup>th</sup>	PM 6-8pm	Year 5 Vesper Class - Drama in the Woods PTA event - Years 4 and 5 Games Night
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	All day - over 4 days	<b>Year 6 SATS - all week Monday - Thursday</b> <b>Please ensure the children attend school daily. Thank you.</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Sustrans - Walk to School Week
16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-8pm	Full Governing Committee Meeting - Training
17 <sup>th</sup>	PM PM 6-8pm	Year 5 Aquila Class - Drama in the Woods Year 6 - post SATs picnic after school with parents PTA event - World Culture Evening - School Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	All week 3.20pm	Maths Week PTA - Year 5 cake sale after school
21 <sup>st</sup>	AM	Class photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All day All day	<b>Tennis Days at Vicars Moor Link Tennis Club - tbc</b> Y1 - Luna Class Y1 - Nova Class
24 <sup>th</sup>	All day 3.30pm	Year 5 - Vesper and Aquila Classes - Drama in the Woods PTA event - Cycle Event at school  Last Day of Term
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	All week	Half 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 April was Fairness and the winner is Mira from Year 4 Apollo Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our Value for May is Excellence.



Our Value for  
April is  
Fairness

March  
2024

## 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 safer

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lettings@ashmoleacademy.org) for more information. Thank you.

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