



Message from the Head Teacher

It has been another wonderfully busy and exciting month at Ashmole Primary School.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on completing their SATs! The children worked incredibly hard during SATs week and showed dedication and resilience throughout the week - 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. Thank you to the entire Year 6 team for ensuring that the children were well equipped for the tests and to Chef Ellie for providing the children with breakfast throughout the week.

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.

There are no official Year 2 SATs anymore but the children will do their teacher assessments in June, like other year groups.

Thank you to Mrs Leo for the 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, empowering them to become 'money smart'.

After the half-term break, pupils in Year 4 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 check during the week commencing 10th June and I have no doubt that they will demonstrate their excellent phonics knowledge!

Our Year 5 pupils recently had a memorable experience during their Drama in the Woods project and showcased their creative talents. 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 wonderful opportunity for the children.

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 23rd June 12-4pm. This event is the biggest fundraiser in the academic calendar and your support at the event is very much appreciated.

I also wanted to say well done to all the Reception children for their lovely year group assembly! We are all very proud of you. You have all had a great year of learning and fun!

We are also excited to be hosting another Ashmole Community Cycle Event today and again in July. This is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to enjoy time together at school, 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 Year 6 children!

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

What a lovely half term we have had in Reception! We read 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Owl Babies' and produced excellent pieces of writing, retelling both of these stories. 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 watched our caterpillars come out from their cocoons and turn into butterflies! We then released the butterflies outside! We have also enjoyed learning all about different types of animals and their habitats. We have enjoyed showing you all that we have learnt so far in Reception during our assembly. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term!



Year 1

Year 1 has had a wonderful May, the weather is warming up and we have begun to go outdoors to explore, seeing how our natural world has changed with the seasons. In Science the children have begun looking at all types of animals, classifying animals in to groups (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish). This has related directly to our computing topic this term where the children have learnt how to make PowerPoints showing of and categorising animals. Furthermore, the children have been working very hard at planning, sewing and creating their very own animal puppets as part of our DT topic. In Maths the children have started to explore fractions in greater depth, using their prior learning about division to support their understanding, they are also developing understanding of direction and position. The children have been very excited during Maths Week and have produced some exceptional posters. The children have explored both The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Supertato in Literacy and have written excellent recounts and re-tellings of both the stories using adjectives, similes and alliteration in their independent work. We all very much enjoyed going to the Tennis day, we had a great time developing our skills and working as a team. When we return to school after half term, we will continue to focus on phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening Test in June. Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Year 1 Team.





Year 2

The only way to start May's newsletter is to talk about our amazing trip to the Young V&A museum! The children were super excited to ride on the tube and counted down the stops eagerly until our arrival. Once in the museum, the children were fascinated by the history and development of the toys and had masses of fun playing with the interactive displays and zones. Thank you to all the adult helpers who came, we are sure they all enjoyed their dose of nostalgia looking at the toys they used to play with as children that are now in a museum!! Over the next few days the children planned and wrote wonderful recounts about their day and about their favourite part of the museum. Great work, Year 2!

Our topic on Christopher Columbus has continued with apace and the children have been intrigued to learn about his four voyages across the Atlantic. We have 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 Academy for super fun activities about equivalent fractions, which were all hosted by the wonderful Academy teachers. We also performed maths challenges and made posters for the end of week competition!

In Literacy we have focussed on poetry and the children have written some absolutely incredible shape poems, Haikus and acrostic poems about a range of topics from the seasons to rockets!!

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. June is also when we will be completing our assessments, and we thank you for all your help and efforts with all the homework.

Many thanks again for all your support from the entire Year 2 team!

Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Joyce and Mr. Evaghoras



Year 3

This month Year 3 have been really enjoying the start of the warm weather. We have been loving learning about the time and the children have made a great effort to show the time using clocks and understanding the hour, minutes and seconds. We have also been loving the story of Home Sweet Home that we have been looking at in Literacy and we have planned and we have written our own versions full of emotion and using literary devices such as alliteration, personification and similes. We are very proud of them! In PE they have been learning all about coordination and teamwork in games whilst they enjoy the warmer weather. It has been a lovely month and we hope you have a lovely break over the half term.

Mrs Leo & Mrs Sauka.





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Year 4

We have had a busy May, rehearsing for our assembly and getting ready for the Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC)

It has been Maths Week and we visited the Academy, where the children continued their learning about how much change to expect from a £20 - where they have put their learning about place value into practice. We also had an amazing Money Sense workshop from NatWest Bank. Hopefully we'll be better with our pocket money now!

Maths, maths, maths, we've also been creating posters and completing challenges and had lots of fun investigating maths problems. MTC will be after half term so a final push this week and over half term too!

We have been learning our lines and songs for our assembly and also had a fun music day learning all about the Beatles and performing Blackbird. Ask us about our favourite Beatles song!



Year 5

This month has been exciting and busy for our Year 5 pupils. They took part in a unique drama activity in the woods, where they acted out Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which helped them build confidence and teamwork. We look forward to our performance to the parents on Friday the 24th May! In PE, the children focused on athletics, practicing running relay races, jumping, and throwing to improve their fitness and learn about healthy living. For Maths Week, they visited the Academy and enjoyed hands-on activities, including workshops and a fun math money challenge, which made learning math enjoyable and practical. Overall, our Year 5 students have had a month full of engaging and educational activities, showing great enthusiasm and growth. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term! 🌸





Year 6

Year 6 have had a rollercoaster of experiences in the past month. Not only did we work our socks off in preparation for the big week of KS2 SATs, but we came out of every exam with our heads up and our spirits high.

As an extra special reward for our efforts, we all spent the final day of SATs week playing in the sun at Oakhill Park. Between the fun and games with our friends and families, we were even treated to ice-llollies and doughnuts!

With one week to go before the half-term holiday, we have enjoyed 'Maths Week' with activities that were linked to other subjects such as art and literacy! On top of this, we have had three more visits to Ashmole Academy; getting a taste of Religious Studies, English and Maths at secondary school level.



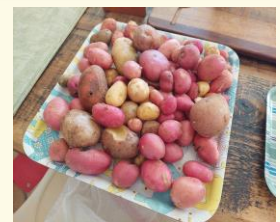
Wildlife Garden

A great team of parents/carers came together on Saturday to start revamping the wildlife garden.

Thrine and Justine have been liaising with the school to come up with plans to create a space for the kids to enjoy throughout the year!

There will be opportunities to help out during the week as well as weekends so if you have some spare time please join the group and let us know!

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Breakfast and After School Club

At the Breakfast and After School Clubs, nothing makes us happier than nice weather. Children love to play outdoors and use their energy around the climbing frame area. In Art, our topic was different types of bugs. ladybirds, bees and butterflies were made by using different materials, which made the Community Room, once more, very colourful and bright. Carrying on with the nature theme, the children produced amazing pictures using fresh foliage and flowers. The school field is covered in daisies, which we used to make mini pictures. The Reception children particularly liked that task. I wish you all a relaxing and safe half term.





A warm welcome to our newly appointed Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Nitsa Sergides and Mr Roopesh Ramakrishnan to our governing committee. Their diverse expertise will contribute significantly to our already dedicated governing committee and we are very privileged to welcome them both on-board.

Mrs Andrews
Governing Committee Clerk

Athletics Competition

We had an incredibly exciting time at the Barnet Athletics Competition that took place on 8th May at the StoneX Stadium. 25 children from Year 3, 4 and 5 competed in track and field events against 12 other schools. The day started with all of the field events - speed bounce, shot put, long jump and vortex. Well done to Seb, Mariya, Aron, Skye, Neve, Ben, Jansu and Kayden for competing excellently in these events! After lunch, we moved onto the track events. Well done to Benjamin, Evelyn, Oliver (who managed to get through to the final!), Anya, Mason, Kayden, Skye and Neve who competed in either the 60m sprint or long distance race. We then finished the competitive races with relays and came in the following positions:

Year 3 Relay - Kvaan, Benjamin, Evelyn and Amelie - 4th Place!

Year 4 Girls Relay - Anya, Darcy, Inaya and Mabel - 2nd Place!

Year 4 Boys Relay - Oliver, Kerim, Raf and Kerim - 1st Place!

Year 5 Girls Relay - Maria, Sienna, Skye and Neve - 2nd Place!

Year 5 Boys Relay - Kayden, Johan, Alex and Mason - 1st Place!

We would like to say a HUGE well done to all who took part. We were so proud of you all! We look forward to competing again next year!

Miss Powell
PE Leader





International Women's Day Competition

Thanks to everyone who participated in the competition, it was so difficult to choose a winner and runners up, all the entries were fantastic. Great effort all of you who entered.

All entrants received a certificate of participation. Our winners won IWD memorabilia together with a signed book from the author of - My Uncle Robert: The True Story of a Forgotten Jamaican World War 1 Soldier.

Our 1st runners up won £10 worth of book tokens and our 2nd runners up won a notebook and pen.

The winner from KS1 is Rachel in Luna
The 1st runner up from KS1 is Evia in Luna
The 2nd runner up from KS1 is Christine in Lyra

The winner from KS2 is Pariza in Cosmo
The 1st runner up from KS2 is Piya in Lynx
The 2nd runner up from KS2 is Flo in Apollo

Well done all of you and thank you to Roza for organising the competition.

Thank you to Beulah Coombs for visiting our school and speaking to the children about her writing experiences.

KS2 Friday Night Party

Thanks so much to all the parents who supported the KS2 party, the children had great fun with a disco, games, having tattoos and creating loom bands. A huge thank you to Arzu, Fatima, Julie, Bahi, Tania, Jasman, Joe, Shivani, Preeti, Jasmine, Louise, Miu, Roza and Dale who organised and ran the event for all the children to have an evening of fun. As well as bringing the community together, we raised £233.50 for the SEN Room.





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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		
Ognyan, Eliana, Amelia, Luca, Inayat, Eve, Aisha, Ognyan and Leo	Kiara, Lena, Josephina, Ahmed, Lena, Azad, Luca, Evelyn and Johannes	Alicia, Ariella, Arthur, Freya, Raphael, Rowan, Gabriel, Jasmine and Jivan	Amaya, Anthony, Ayub, Bella, Ellis, Estelle, George, Keyden, saad Sebastian, Sophia and Vincent	Nathaniel, Alexander, Aarian, Achim, Aria, Gabriel, David, Aaditya, Leyna, Zimal, Mya, Kerim, Amaanah, Eva, Christine and Dimitri	George, Amelia, Elsa, Esteban, Amaya, Bazil, Alex, Zeynep, Kaiden, Aliza, Elias, Jasmine, Evelyn, Gian-Carlo, Hayes and Arda		
Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila	Year 6 Andromeda	Year 6 Pavo
Anastasia Amelie Christopher Arrian Brandon Sharne Amelia Beau Azra	Conor Ella Elsa Sam Jaydan Max Saara Jaydan Callie	Murat Iklim Zoya Elif Victoria Olanna Arianna Elias Raf Aria Cara Edward	Daniyal Azra Evie Any Karim Luca Johnny Klay Orla Nikol Lukne Ayham	Well done to all the children in Year 5 - you have all received an award this month for your fabulous Drama in the Woods performance!	Nathaniel Ellie Nico Ashwin Della Freya	Alyssa Jayden Charlie Tami Aaira Isla Rory Tanishka Kenan Yiannis Jason Elexa	

Monthly Attendance Figures

Reception - Calypso Class 94%	Reception - Orion Class 91%
Year 1 - Luna Class 97%	Year 1 - Nova Class 97%
Year 2 - Lyra Class 99%	Year 2 - Carina Class 92%
Year 3 - Astra Class 97%	Year 3 - Lynx Class 96%
Year 4 - Apollo Class 96%	Year 4 - Cosmo Class 95%
Year 5 - Vesper Class 95%	Year 5 - Aquila Class 98%
Year 6 - Andromeda Class 97%	Year 6 - Pavo Class 97%

Well done to
Year 5 Aquila Class
for achieving the highest
attendance this month!





Diary Dates - June/July 2024

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Date	Time	Event
3 rd June	8.50am	First Day of Term
w/c 3 rd June	All week	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
4 th June	All day 9.30am - 10.30am	NEW DATE - Class photos Road Safety Workshop for Year 6 pupils in hall
6 th June	7pm-9pm	Full Governors Committee Meeting
7 th June	All day 9.15am 7pm	Natural History Museum trip for pupils in Year 2 Year 4 Assembly for parents and carers Year 6 parents and staff drinks at The Winchmore
10 th -14 th June	All week	Year 1 Phonics Screening check
12 th June	All day	Year 2 Carina Class - Tennis Day
13 th June	All day	Year 2 Lyra Class - Tennis Day
14 th June	All day PM	Trip to London Zoo for pupils in Year 1 Year 4 Sleepover - details to follow...
17 th June	1:00-1:25pm 1:30-1:55pm 2:00-2:25pm	Stay and Play Sessions for new Reception pupils
19 th -21 st June		Year 5 Hastings residential trip
21 st June	All day All day	Year 2 WoW Day Reception trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
23 rd June	12-4pm	Summer Fair
24 th -27 th June	All day All week All week	Cultural Day Year 10 and Year 12 Academy students - Work Experience Year 6 Wye Valley residential trip
26 th June	9.15am	Year 2 Assembly for parents and carers
28 th June	All day	INSET DAY - school closed for pupils!
1 st July 1 st July 2 nd July 3 rd July 4 th July 5 th July	All week All day 1:30-3:20pm 1:30-3:20pm 1:30-3:30pm 1:30-3:30pm	PE Week Year 6 Academy Induction Day Sports Day for EYFS Sports Day for KS1 Sports Day for Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day for Year 5 and Year 6
8 th July	4-8pm All week	Open Day for all our current parents and meet new teachers. Reports home. Arts Week
12 th	After school	PTA Cycling Event
17 th	7pm	Year 6 End of Year Show
18 th	5-8pm	Year 6 BBQ and Certificate Ceremony

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 Excellence and the winner is Anoushka in Year 6 Pavo Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our Value for June is Generosity.



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Reminders

Lost Property

If your child has lost any of their belongings, please speak to their class teacher or take a look through the lost property benches that are located outside the school office.

THIS SCHOOL IS 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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