



Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to October's edition of our monthly newsletter! I am pleased to see the enthusiasm and hard work displayed by our pupils and staff this term. It has been a wonderful start to the academic year and we look forward to another fun-packed year at Ashmole Primary.

A huge thank you to the APPTA for organising the recent Reception Disco. The children had so much fun! The APPTA will be organising lots of events over the year including Year Group Parties. Many thanks to the APPTA for their continuous hard work and dedication to our school. They are already busy planning our next big event; the Winter Fair which will take place on Sunday 1st December 2024 from 12pm - 4pm.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent Parent Consultations. If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher, please speak to them directly to arrange an appointment. We appreciate those who took the time to complete the parent feedback forms; your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and it is wonderful to know that your children are happy and thriving at school.

I am delighted to announce that our Senior Team have been appointed! A huge congratulations to our Head Boy, Sebastiyán and our Head Girl, Ria. Well done to Mason M and Anna L who have been appointed Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl respectively.

As well as the Year 6 booster classes taking place before and after school, this year, each year group will have a dedicated space for group activities and interventions, accessible throughout the school day. These spaces will be used for small group work, catch-up sessions and targeted interventions, both in the morning and afternoon. Our goal as a school is to help every child reach their full potential and these interventions and booster classes will further strengthen our commitment to supporting all our pupils.

We are always on the look out for extra volunteers to support all our classes. If you think you have the qualities needed to be a committed and dedicated member of our voluntary team, please speak to Mrs Andrews or email office@ashmoleprimary.org

At the end of the Autumn Term in December, Miss Alkividou will be leaving Ashmole Primary School to embark on her world travels. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for the future.

Please be reminded that if your child is in Year 6, the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is next Thursday 31st October.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers about the importance of parking safely and considerately around the school. The safety of all children walking to and from school is our primary concern and we appreciate your support in making the area around the school safe for everyone.

Please be aware that myself and my staff are not responsible for the road markings or any changes to them. If you have concerns or issues regarding road markings and/or parking, these should be directed to Barnet Highways - highwayscorrespondence@barnet.gov.uk - as they are the appropriate authority to handle such matters.

I would like to emphasise that rude or threatening behaviour, especially swearing, on the school premises will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Our staff members are here to help ensure the safety of the children and it is essential that we all work together respectfully. We ask for your cooperation in ensuring that parking is done in a safe and considerate manner that ensures the safety of your children and the wider school community.

With my very best wishes to you all for a wonderful half term.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Poster Competition - Winners

Thank you to all the children that took part in the Walk, Cycle, Scooter to School Poster Competition.

We received some amazing posters and it was clear to see the outstanding effort put into each poster. However, after much deliberation, the winning entries are:

Amelia in Reception, Nicholas in Year 2 and Ella in Year 4 - the winners each received a £10 gift card.



Parents football match

Thank you to Mr Bhodani and friends for organising the recent football match. Despite the varying age groups, we enjoyed a skilful and fun match and we hope to organise another match before the end of the Autumn term.





Reception

What an exciting month it has been in Reception! We have been busy learning and exploring now that we have settled in. During their play, the children have created exciting games with their peers both indoors and outside about different topics such as doctors and animals. In Literacy, we have been using our fantastic listening skills to learn new sounds and are matching the initial sounds to images. We have also been talking about our family and have attempted to write who is in our family. In Maths, we have continued to do excellent counting to 10 and beyond whilst matching numerals to various different physical resources. We have also been looking at different shapes and using them to create a repeated shape pattern using an interactive game. In topic, we have been exploring skeletons and light and dark. The children enjoyed learning about their own skeletons and made their own skeleton drawings during choosing. The children also enjoyed learning about how shadows are created and making their own shadows outside. Well done to all the children in both Calypso and Orion! What an excellent month we have had!

☺ Miss Burke and Miss Powell (Reception Class Teachers)



Year 1

What an amazing first half term the children have had. They have all settled in so well and are developing their investigation and exploration skills. We have planned and created our own healthy snacks in DT. The children demonstrated step by step how they created their wonderful masterpieces. They had loads of fun making them! We have spent time outside in nature, observing how the natural world is changing all around us. The children shared their findings of Autumn by exploring the Wildlife garden, creating natural collages, partaking in leaf rubbing and observing animals around our school. The children have worked very hard on their punctuation skills and have begun to develop their vocabulary applying what they have learnt into their written sentences. They have developed their mathematical skills through the use of concrete resources and have begun to develop their addition and place value skills, recently looking at number bonds. We are very proud of you Year One, well done for such a brilliant start to the term. Thank you all for your ongoing support, we wish you a wonderful and restful half term. Miss Popova, Miss Linden and the Year One team.





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Year 2

We have had a brilliant first half term in Year 2!

The children have had lots of fun this month including our re-enactment of the Great Fire of London in which the children got to understand why the fire might have spread so quickly, we also got to learn more about fire safety. The children also developed their computing skills using 'Scratch Jr' in which the children learnt about programming algorithms and giving instructions using the programme.

In Literacy we have been learning about lots of different texts such as instructions in which the children were able to write their own fantastic instructions on how to make a jam sandwich! The children have also learnt all about diary entries, we even wrote our own diary entry based on the Great Fire of London, using our five senses to describe what life might have been like back in 1666.

In Maths, our learning has been centered around addition and subtraction using our knowledge of place value and looking at how to add and subtract two-digit numbers.

Our learning in Humanities has been based on our topic of the Great Fire of London and the children have been busy learning all about the different reliable sources we can use to learn more, as well as comparing life in the past to the present.

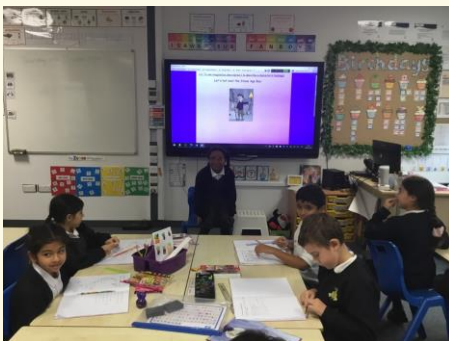
We are very proud of Year 2 for having such a brilliant start to the term. Thank you all for your ongoing support, we wish you a wonderful and restful half term.

Miss Sudo, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Joyce.



Year 3

In Year 3, we have been continuing with our Stone Age theme and we have read 'The Stone Age Boy' and to develop our writing skills, we used drama to understand the thoughts and feelings of the main characters. We wrote some fantastic character and setting descriptions. In PE, we have enjoyed developing our gymnastic skills through sequences and balances. In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract 10 and 100s from 3-digit numbers and we have been applying this knowledge to complete worded problems. In Science, we have been learning about plants and how they grow and reproduce using lots of scientific vocabulary. In Computing, we have been learning how to program using scratch as well as practising our times tables using TTrackstars. Next term, we are looking forward to a visit to a local church as well as our WOW 'Stone Age Day'!





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Year 4

Year 4 have had an incredible start to the year, packed with exciting activities and lots of learning! In Science, we have been learning all about *states of matter*! Through different experiments, we have observed the properties of solids, liquids, and gases, and explored how they change. It has been fascinating to see science in action! As part of *Black History Month*, we have been learning about influential figures such as Margaret Busby and Martin Luther King Jr. We were inspired to write our own 'I Have a Dream' speeches on topics we care about, including stopping animal testing, saving the trees, and saying no to plastic. Your speeches were powerful and full of passion! In Geography, we have been exploring our big question: *Is all of Europe the same?* From famous landmarks to unique foods and rivers, we have discovered so much about different European countries. We linked this to Literacy by writing diary entries about a day out in a European country of our choice—great work, everyone! In Computing, we have been working collaboratively on a project using Scratch. The children have created their own sequences of commands, including repetition and selection. Our creativity did not stop in the classroom! In PE, we have been expressing ourselves through *gymnastics* and *football*, working hard with Coach to develop our skills. You have all done an amazing job! A huge well done to all of you for your fantastic effort and hard work so far. Keep it up, Year 4! Miss Muse and Mrs Leo (Year 4 Teachers)



Year 5

October has been a busy and exciting month for Year 5, filled with fun learning experiences and special events! We are thrilled to share with you all the wonderful activities your children have been engaged in this month. In PE this term, Year 5 have been working hard to master the basics of netball and both classes have enjoyed learning from Miss Chauhan. From passing and footwork to team tactics, the children have shown great enthusiasm and improvement in each session. The children have also had great fun playing new games such as chaos tag and evolution! In Art, we have loved making our Anglo-Saxon clay pots! Our weekly music lessons with Mrs Pocock have been a highlight, especially as Year 5 prepare for their upcoming Harvest Assembly. We can't wait for you to see them in action at the assembly! We have ended the term with a fantastic trip to the V&A Museum in South Kensington. The children explored the Islamic exhibition and used their cross-curricular links to draw their findings. We have had an amazing first half term in Year 5 and look forward to their future progress! Have a restful half term!





Year 6

The first half-term has come to an end and it has been incredible to see your children develop so much in that short time. Lot's has been going on in Year 6: booster lessons as well as catch-up sessions have all started with the SATs in mind, that seem far away, but will be upon us before we know it. Your Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies were selected as well as the Year 6 school councillors, congratulations to all those children selected. There are loads more responsibilities available in the school for the other children to put their names forward for - so best of luck!

In Literacy, we have focussed on biographies and the children wrote amazing pieces on historical or prominent black figures as part of our emphasis on 'Black History Month'. The children could choose from the likes of Barak Obama, Simone Biles, Louis Armstrong, Katherine G. Johnson amongst others. The level of research was incredible, the facts found were remarkable which meant the results were outstanding.

In Maths, our work on fractions continues as the children come to grips with all things numerator, denominator and everything in between.

In PSHE the children worked as a team to design, build and test bridges made out of paper!! These structures defied the very laws of physics with the strongest bridge being able to hold 14 dictionaries!!!! See photos below.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing half term, and we look forward to welcoming your children back for the second half of the Autumn term.

The year 6 team



Please be reminded that the deadline to apply for admission to Secondary School is next Thursday 31st October.

Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 23rd of October we were invited to attend the Barnet Elizabethan's Tag Rugby Festival.

Having never had a tag rugby team at Ashmole Primary school, we put a together a team of 7 willing volunteers.

We arrived at the club with lots of nerves and plenty of enthusiasm but not too much knowledge of the rules.

However after the first game the nerves settled and with some coaching from Mr Bonallo our defensive and attacking lines were set.

As a first attempt at tag rugby the children did fantastically well, we had wins, losses and draws, we scored some brilliant tries and really helped as a team. Well done, Karim, Johnny and Ayda from Year 5 and Ayden, Maria, Annabelle and Arian from Year 6, you represented the school brilliantly and long may tag rugby continue at Ashmole.





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School Council and Travel Ambassadors

Well done to the following, newly appointment, School Councillors:



<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Nova Class Gabriel Lara Luna Class Evelyn Luca	Lyra Class Illyas Simona Carina Class Rowan Ariella	Astra Class Dimitri Sameeha Lynx Class George Sumaya	Cosmo Class Callie Jayden Apollo Class Anastasia Ravi	Aquila Class Amelia Elias Vesper Class Karim Darcey	Pavo Class Bella Denis Andromeda Class Skye Ayden

The Ashmole Primary School Council is made up of two members from each class: one boy and one girl. The two representatives from each class will represent the wishes, views and opinions of their fellow class mates.

The School Council will meet twice every half term to discuss children's views on school matters such as the playground, lunch menu, fundraising events and competitions. Each class will have a school council suggestion box to ensure that we can gather opinions and ideas from all pupils about our school.

Our newly appointed TFL Explorers Ambassadors are:

<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Tia Arthur Edward Ayda	Sophia Sofia Ayub Blake



The TfL Explorers Ambassadors scheme is a programme designed for primary school pupils to take the lead in promoting safe, active and independent travel within their school communities. This is a very important role, which will help develop communication skills whilst making a valuable contribution to our school. Not only are the Explorers Ambassadors supported by a School Guide (a member of staff from our school), but also officers from the Safe & Sustainable Travel Team from Barnet Council.

Keeping Our School Community Safe

As the weather gets colder, we would kindly like to remind all parents and carers that children should not attend school if they are unwell or have a temperature. This is crucial for the health and safety of our entire school community, as we have vulnerable children in school who are at a higher risk of complications from illness. If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, including fever and sickness and diarrhoea, please keep them at home until they are fully recovered. This helps prevent the spread of infections and ensures a safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community healthy and protected.



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Breakfast and After School Club

October has been a busy month at the Breakfast and After School Club! With a few sunny days, we took advantage of the weather and played outdoors as much as possible. In our Arts and Crafts sessions, we focused on Autumn themes and Halloween.

We also held our first competition of the academic year, where children designed witches hats. As always, Mr Tofallis took on the challenging role of head judge, selecting three winners from the fantastic entries. All participants were recognised for their colourful designs.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing half term.





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Community News



Vicars Moor Lawn Tennis Club - Spook-tacular Junior Halloween Party!

We're thrilled to announce that our Junior Halloween Party, one of the biggest events at Vicars Moor LTC, is back and better than ever, thanks to the generous sponsorship from Thomas James Estate Agents!

This is a wonderful occasion for the whole family, and we'd love for you to join us to make it an unforgettable day!

For just £5 per child (members and non-members), aged 4 years and above, your little ones can enjoy a day packed with fun and excitement.

Event Highlights: 2:30 pm to 3.30 pm Tennis on the court for 4 to 7 years - 3.30 to 4.30 pm Tennis on the court for 7 years above

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Monster Party & Disco - Entertainment by DNA Kids with thrilling games and activities and disco.

But that's not all! We have a fantastic raffle with fabulous prizes, including a Nintendo 64 and hampers. Plus, there will be face painting and lots of other surprises! The bar will be open from 2:30 PM, and food will be available to purchase from 3:00 PM.

So, dust off those Halloween costumes and come join us for a day of spooky fun and family-friendly festivities. Bring the whole family; we can't wait to see you there! DNA Kids <https://www.dnakeids.co.uk/parties/>

Date:
27th October 2024

Time:
2.30 pm Start to 6.00 pm Finish

Location:
www.ashmoleprimary.org
Vicars Moor Lawn Tennis Club, N21 2NU

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Diary Dates - November 2024

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Date	Time	Event
4 th November	AM	School Photographer in school - children to wear full school uniform on this day
5 th November	AM	School Photographer in school - children to wear full school uniform on this day
6 th November	9.30-10am	Prospective Parent Tour
8 th November	9am 9.15am	SEN Coffee Morning Year 5 Harvest Assembly in the Hall
11 th November	All week AM	Anti-Bullying week Year 4 London Islamic Cultural Society and Mosque Trip
12 th November	All day	Odd Sock Day!
13 th November	9.30-10am	Prospective Parent Tour
14 th November	9am	Governor Engagement Day
15 th November	All day	Children in Need - Pyjama Day!
18 th November	All week	Road Safety week
19 th November	1.30pm	Barnet Infant Music Festival
20 th November	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
21 st November	AM	Year 3 visit to Christ Church
29 th November	All day	Non-uniform for Winter Fair
SAVE THE DATE:		
1 st December	12-4pm	APPTA Winter Fair

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 October was Truth and the winner Anthony in Year 2 Lyra Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for November is Resilience.

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Asda is making millions of pounds available to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

Parents can raise money for Ashmole Primary School by opting in through the Asda Rewards app and choosing 'Ashmole Primary School'. Once you have selected Ashmole Primary, you will raise money for the school every time you shop in store or online with Asda until 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to the APPTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, between us, we have already raised nearly £470!



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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.

Year 1 Luna Class		Year 1 Nova Class		Year 2 Lyra Class		Year 2 Carina Class	
Megan Rafael Frankie Suri Yousuf Chelsey-Louise Kiara Luca Raya Ahmed Azad Josephina		Christopher Amelia Evie Anna Leo Dylan Ognyan Ata Dina Aleksander Aaria Eve		Alina Cleo Iliyas Keyden Simona Chelsea Daniel Skye Matia Skye Arun Aaryan Sebastian Saad Jayden Hera		Baz Gene Ethan Aayah Alicia Yuvaan	
Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila	Year 6 Andromeda	Year 6 Pavo
Aadi Aiden Alexander Artemis Eva Nate Olivia Yasemin Layla Jay Dimitri Dream Gabriel Emirhan	Andreii Eteban Kimon Evelyn Amaya Torden	Amelia Demir Alexa Alice Azra Beau Camellia Christopher Leo	Jushn Milli Abigail Ava Arianna Caspar Maxwell Elsa Saara Piya Yusuf Mayra	Frankie Dominic Darcey Karim Rose Ayham Inaya	Arianna Ayda Mairi Ayden Aria Ryka Olanna Raf Ella Amelia Milo Edward Elif	Alaz, Shayan Anna L Alexander Neve Michael Arya Martha Eddie Kornelia Alfie	Alex Aryan Roven Riki Alborz Ria Aun Natalie Miles Bella Ayaan Sienna Lewis Almira Akwas Adele

Well done to
Cosmo Class
for achieving the highest
attendance this month!



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Monthly Attendance Figures

Reception - Calypso Class 96%	Reception - Orion Class 97%
Year 1 - Luna Class 94%	Year 1 - Nova Class 91%
Year 2 - Lyra Class 95%	Year 2 - Carina Class 97%
Year 3 - Astra Class 93%	Year 3 - Lynx Class 95%
Year 4 - Apollo Class 95%	Year 4 - Cosmo Class 98%
Year 5 - Vesper Class 96%	Year 5 - Aquila Class 96%
Year 6 - Andromeda Class 97%	Year 6 - Pavo Class 97%



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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

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 Trust 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@ashmoletrust.org for more information. Thank you.