



Message from the Head Teacher

As always, this month has been super busy in school and with the run up to Christmas it promises to be even busier! There have been many trips and WoW days and we are looking forward to lots more trips and workshops during December. We are also very excited about watching a pantomime, in school, next Friday 6th December - the children (and adults) are very excited...oh yes they are!

Thank you to the many Reception parents and carers who attended the recent EYFS Curriculum Evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to understand what your child will be doing throughout their time in Reception and how best to support them at home. The PowerPoint from the evening will be emailed to you all in due course.

Thank you to Mrs Pavlou for organising the recent Children In Need day - we raised an incredible £500 for the charity and all money raised goes directly to Children In Need. Thank you to Mrs Pavlou also for organising Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day - your generous donations will enable us to purchase new playground equipment for the children to use during playtimes. Please remember that at Ashmole Primary EVERY week is Anti-Bullying Week. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please always speak to their teacher in the first instance. We want all children at school to feel happy and safe, so please do speak to us if you feel this is not always the case.

It is extremely disappointing that we continue to receive complaints from local residents regarding cars being parked over driveways during school drop-off and pick-up times.

We once again kindly remind all parents and carers to ensure that they DO NOT block driveways or obstruct access for local residents. Doing so can cause significant inconvenience and frustration for local residents, as well as extra work for the school office in having to deal with such complaints. Additionally, we ask that everyone refrains from engaging in confrontations if requested to move their vehicle. It is essential to handle such situations with courtesy and understanding.

The PTA have been extremely busy organising the Winter Fair, which takes place this Sunday from 12-4pm. Please do come along and join in the festivities while enjoying a mince pie. The Winter Fair is our second biggest event in the school calendar and all the money raised goes directly to the PTA to support the school with future projects for the children of Ashmole Primary.

Unfortunately Miss Macdonald will be leaving Ashmole Primary at the end of this half term. Due to her fiancé's work commitments, she will be relocating to Maidenhead during the Christmas break. Miss Macdonald joined Ashmole Primary in September 2020 and very quickly became an extremely popular and well respected member of staff. She is a fantastic teacher and will be missed by all the staff and pupils, but we wish her and her fiancé all the very best for the future. A staff update letter for the class will be issued before Christmas.

I wish you all a happy month of December and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this Sunday from 12pm.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher

Important Notice

If your child attends Breakfast Club, please ensure that they are escorted to the Breakfast Club by an adult and registered with the Breakfast Club staff. Equally, if your child is in Year 6 and attends After School Club, they MUST be collected by an adult and should not walk home by themselves. No pupil will be released from After School Club unless they are with an adult. It is not safe for children to be walking home on their own, especially now that it can get dark from 4pm.

Your full support is very much appreciated.



Reception

This month in Orion and Calypso Class we have been exploring finding one more, one less and addition using different resources such as cubes, teddy bears and numicon. The children have been using the vocabulary related to this and have thoroughly enjoyed investigating what happens to amounts when more is added or some are taken away! We are now exploring 2D and 3D shapes in Maths, and the children have been very busy going on shape hunts around the classroom to find objects that are these shapes in our immediate environment. We are almost at the end of learning our phase 2 sounds! We have been incredibly proud of the fantastic progress the children have made in hearing sounds in words and writing these down. We can't wait to continue observing all of their writing over the year and continuing this amazing progress. We have enjoyed celebrating and learning about different festivals this month such as Diwali and bonfire night. The children have been very busy in their play recreating their own imaginative stories and using their newly learned knowledge and their own experiences to direct and influence their play. The children are very excited to start their nativity rehearsals and can't wait to show you all on the 11th December! Thank you for all the parents and carers that attended the curriculum meeting on Monday, for those that were unable to attend we will upload the presentation onto Google Classroom.



Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting November! We have been busy learning all about poems in Literacy. The children enjoyed writing their own superhero poem. Year 1 have also been working exceptionally hard in Maths. They have continued to develop their addition and subtraction knowledge by using ten frames and part-whole models. In Science, the children have begun looking at the differences between the seasons and how this impacts our planet. The children have loved our new History topic comparing toys from the past and the present. We have had the chance to explore toys from the past and grow an understanding of how children used to play in the Victorian times! The children participated in lots of great activities as a part of anti-bullying week and really enjoyed wearing their odd socks and pyjamas while raising money for those in need. Finally, we loved participating in this year's Barnet Music Festival alongside Year 2. They performed 'Try everything' with confidence and excitement. Well done Year 1! We are looking forward to Christmas and are busy practicing our Nativity.





Year 2

We have had another busy month in Year 2 which has flown by in a flash! This month we have had a blast learning a range of different songs! The highlight of our musical month was taking part in the Barnet Infant Music festival which was held this year at Ashmole Primary. The children sang their hearts out, and gave an amazing performance of 'Try Everything' in front of the other schools. Well done to all the children for taking part!

In Literacy, we have looked at a range of stories and wrote our own 'altered endings' for the story 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne and also for the traditional tale, Cinderella. We also explored the emotions felt by the crayons in Oliver Jeffers' story "The Day the Crayons Quit". We used this to write about how other stationery items might feel by the way their owners treat them. All this was then used to write a complaint letter to their owners. In Maths, we had a focus on 2D and 3D shapes. The children learnt about the properties of different shapes and used their reasoning skills to complete problem solving questions. In Humanities, the children have been learning about Kings and Queens and they have been learning all about the history of Buckingham Palace and what it would be like to live there! In PSHE, the children explored a range of great activities for 'Anti - bullying Week', *please see the super photos from the Odd Sock Day we took in our classes!*

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the month ahead and the run up to Christmas!

Mrs Bennett, Mrs Joyce, Miss Sudo and all the Year 2 team.



Year 3

We have had lots of fun this month. In Maths, we have been learning about division through grouping and sharing and we even wrote our own worded problems. In Literacy, we have been reading, 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake and we wrote a fantastic character description of Mrs Tredegar using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and similes. In Science, we have been learning about rocks and we carried out an exciting experiment about the affects of acid on different types of rocks. In Humanities, we have been learning about different types of deserts and in Music we are learning to read music and to play the glockenspiel. In PSHE, we learnt about how to deal with conflict and bullying and we all wore our odd socks and our pyjamas to support this cause and to support Children in Need. Last week, we went on a trip to Christchurch in Southgate where we learnt some fascinating facts about Christianity and how the church was built. We are really looking forward to our 'Wow Day' next week and all the fun that Christmas brings.





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Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the second half term and we have done many exciting things; one of these was visiting the Mosque as part of our learning in RE. The children had an informative and enjoyable time and were so sensible on the tube- we were so proud of them! We have been learning Multiplication in Maths and the children have moved on to multiplying 3 digits by 1 digit. In English we have been re-telling stories and are now currently imaging Headlines from the eruption of Vesuvius in Pompei which they have loved researching! Year 4 have also been making Volcanic art as collages and learning about Relationships and how to be great friends- they are fantastic role models for the other year groups. We look forward to the next month and all it has to offer. Well done Year 4!



Year 5

This month, Year 5 performed a memorable Harvest Assembly to parents, teachers and other year groups, reminding everyone of the importance of being grateful for the food and belongings we have. The students shared thoughtful reflections on appreciating our resources and helping those in need. The highlight of the assembly was their performance of songs learned in singing lessons with Mrs. Pocock, where their weeks of hard work and rehearsing really paid off and uplifted the audience. The assembly was a wonderful opportunity for Year 5 to showcase both their gratitude and musical talents, leaving everyone with a reminder of the value of community and thankfulness. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Pocock for her dedication and time teaching the songs every Friday morning. We have all had so much fun!! We are now starting to learn our Christmas songs and begin the Christmas countdown! We also had anti-bullying week and enjoyed lots of hands-on activities to learn and understand what bullying is and how we can prevent it from happening in school. Our focus word for the week was 'respect' and the children created poems all about how we can show respect in school and at home and added this key word to our class charter on display.





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Year 6

November has simply blitzed past and it has been action packed as always!

In Literacy, we have covered the renowned Shakespeare play "Macbeth" and it is safe to say the children have LOVED it. The themes in the play allowed us to discuss the duality in all of us between good and evil. We acted out scenes from the play, wrote persuasive arguments and newspaper articles all whilst trying to perfect our Scottish accents!

November saw the end of our fractions topic in maths and there were well over two-thirds (do you like what I did there?) of the class that were glad to see the end of it! But however tricky the topic was the children all performed admirably and there was some solid learning involved that will stand them in good stead for the SATs next year. Our new topic of metric measures will be filled with all things mass, length and capacity related.

In Geography, we have delved into what the Docklands area used to be like before the multi-million-pound redevelopment we now know so well. The children were shown examples of the industrial and shipping hub it once was and the causes and factors that lead to it's decline and eventual demise.

The children's enthusiasm for PE shows no bounds!!! The tactics and communication activities have got them excited and motivated to engage and work as a team to succeed. They have excelled at games like 'battle rock, paper, scissors', 'extreme noughts and crosses' and 'hoop floor is lava'. Every one wants to win every game - we had no idea they were so competitive!

Thank you for your continued support and efforts, and we wish you all a fantastic run up to Christmas.



Please support our Year 6 leavers this Friday 29th November after school near the MUGA. The children be selling some wonderful handmade items, perfect for gifts this Christmas.

Chocolate milk and biscuits will be on sale too.





Breakfast and After School Club

November in the Breakfast and After School Club is one of my favourite times of the year. This is when the Reception children join our clubs. Everyone settles in beautifully into our routine. We wish them lots of success in the years ahead.

November is also a month of different celebrations. From Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day, Odd Sock Day, to Children in Need, these special celebrations were used in our clubs to create wonderful artwork. Through this, we have made children aware of different causes.

As the month progresses, it's wonderful to see how the children grow in confidence, sharing their thoughts and ideas through their artwork and discussions. The season truly brings a special sense of togetherness to our club.





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Diary Dates - December 2024

Diary Dates for December 2024

Date	Time	Event
1 st	12-4pm	APPTA Winter Fair
3 rd	All day	Year 3 Stone Age WOW Day
4 th	9.30am 2pm All day Lunch	Prospective Parent Tour Academy Christmas Music Performance for pupils in Years 3,4 and 5 Year 2 trip to the Tower of London Year 6 Pavo Class lunch at La Paella in Southgate
6 th	All day 9am 12-3pm	Pantomime in school for all pupils SEN Coffee Morning Catch-up flu nasal spray session for children that were unable to have it done previously
10 th	Lunch	Year 6 Andromeda Class lunch at La Paella in Southgate
11 th	9.15am All day	Nativity performance for Reception parents and carers Year 6 Golden Hind trip
12 th	9.15am	Nativity performance for Year 1 parents and carers
13 th	All day 2pm start	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Football Match with parents 2-4pm
17 th	AM	Reception trip to Christ Church, Southgate
18 th	AM	Year 6 Carol Singing at Asda
20 th	12.45pm	School finishes for all pupils. There is no After School Club on this day.

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

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Thank you to everyone that signed up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools. With your support, we have raised over £750!!!

Thank you so much ☺



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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
Sonny Leona Ariella Davey Erin Ezra Jules Kaloyan Lara Lena Mario Zaroon	Luca Neomi Zayn Aisha Kabir Eliana Mustafa Gabriel Andy Sujay Aleksander Lara	Aaryan George Nikolas Sebastian Yoana Skye Estelle Arin Anthony Alina Hafsa Jayden	Raphael Miray Sofia Gabriel Rachel Eren Baz Hadi Jidenna

Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila	Year 6 Andromeda	Year 6 Pavo
Aarian Achim Aria Kerim Leyna Nate Noah Kiyana Dimitri Zimal Alexander Dream	Zeynap Edward Elsa Gain Carlo Daya Taran Tiana Elias Hayes Amelia	Alexis Anna Ella Marco Arrian Evelyn Brandon Alexa	Christopher Ella Sofia - Resilience Alice Same Ayla Jaydan Vihaan Benjamin Leo Mya Conor	Michael Orla Dominic Lukne Inaya Luca Saarvi Luca Eddie	Arjun Rose Massa Elias Elif Victoria Kaiden Zoya Arianna Emily Iklim Mia	Alexandra Elisia Ayden Henry Anna D Lucas Hazal Skye Kayden	Natalie Reyyan Johan Alex Adele Simeon Riki Ria Melis Berkin Sienna Mason

Well done to
**Year 2 Carina Class and Year
5 Aquila Class**
for achieving the joint highest
attendance this month!

Monthly Attendance Figures

Reception - Calypso Class 93%	Reception - Orion Class 93%
Year 1 - Luna Class 95%	Year 1 - Nova Class 92%
Year 2 - Lyra Class 97%	Year 2 - Carina Class 98%
Year 3 - Astra Class 94%	Year 3 - Lynx Class 93%
Year 4 - Apollo Class 97%	Year 4 - Cosmo Class 97%
Year 5 - Vesper Class 95%	Year 5 - Aquila Class 98%
Year 6 - Andromeda Class 96%	Year 6 - Pavo Class 96%





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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.