



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors and an extended warm welcome to our new starters who have joined us in Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. This September, Miss Zimmerman-Moles joins the office team as our part-time Finance Assistant.. We welcome all of our new starters and wish them every happiness at Ashmole.

Our Reception children have settled in remarkably well given that they were unable to visit our school or even meet their new teachers and peers before their start in September.

I am pleased that we are able to open our school to all our pupils and I certainly want it to remain that way throughout the academic year. I have introduced certain measures this term such as the introduction of face masks for adults during drop off and pick up times. This will certainly help keep the transmission of the virus at bay. I would also like to reiterate the need for social distancing in the playground and that pupils should be dropped off and collected by one parent/carer only at a time. I must also stress the importance of vacating the premises as soon as you have dropped off and collected your child. Children and their siblings should not play with the playground equipment during these times. The equipment is to be used for pupils only during the school day at playtime and lunchtime.

Each month we have a School Value that we will follow and have special lessons and assemblies via Zoom with that focus. Our Value for October is Truth. The Values at school help to encourage outstanding behaviour in school.

The children have had a fantastic start to the year so far. The staff are working incredibly hard to ensure we identify any gaps in pupil attainment across the curriculum. Our aim is to ensure positive outcomes for all our pupils despite the pandemic. I am pleased that we have been able to start back Breakfast and After School Club as well as extra-curricular activities after school with Foundation Sports for pupils in Year 1 - Year 4. Our forthcoming parent consultations at the beginning of October will be held via Zoom during the week of 5th October - 9th October. Please sign up on Google Form by clicking on the link that has been sent directly to you. Once you have booked a time slot, you will not be able to change it.

As a reminder, if your child is unwell and cannot come in to school, please inform the school office straight away. If anyone in your family has taken a test and you are waiting for results, you must let us know. While you wait for the results, pupils and siblings should stay at home. Only once a negative test can be proved, will your child/ren be able to return to school. I hope you understand that this is paramount for the safety of our whole school community and your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Finally, I'm sure you would agree that the children's wellbeing is very important and with this in mind we have decided to have a Fun Day tomorrow! The children can come to school dressed in an outfit of their choice and as a special treat, Thursday's lunch menu will be replaced with Friday's menu. If your child does not usually have school dinners and they wish to do so, please let the school office know.

I wish all our pupils, staff, parents and carers a fantastic term and school year.

Best wishes

Mr Tofallis

Head Teacher



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Message from Mr Derrick Brown, CEO

Dear Parents/Carers

By the end of this academic year, I would have been Head Teacher at Ashmole Academy for 24 years. I therefore think it is time to hang up my spurs, as the old saying goes and leave the future professional leadership of the Trust to others. With affect from August 2021, I will be retiring as Head Teacher and CEO. This academic year, therefore, will be my last year working at Ashmole. It has been a great personal achievement of mine to create the primary school and to see it grow from its infancy to the 'Outstanding' school it is today. We have been on a tremendous journey together over these last four years and I know that with the leadership and guidance from Mr Tofallis and his team, that the school will thrive and go from strength to strength. I wish you and your children every success on your Ashmole journey and I look forward to hearing all about their achievements.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Derrick Brown - CEO Ashmole Academy Trust

Active London Holiday Club

Active London, multi activity holiday club is very excited to be back at Ashmole Primary this October half term, 26th-30th October, 9-4pm.

Please see attached their activity timetable, FAQ page and flyer where you can find an early bird discount code. All bookings need to be made through their online booking system, you can find this on their website www.active-london.com and select book now.

Values Poster Competition

Thank you to all the pupils who have designed a Values poster. Our Value for September was Honesty and the value for October is Truth. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month. Well done to Anabelle in Year 2 Lyra Class who is this month's winners!



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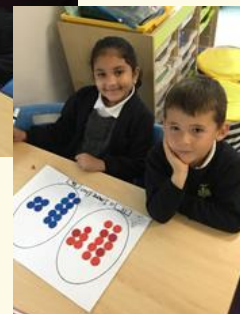
Calypso class have really settled in very well into their new school. They have particularly enjoyed becoming familiar with the different areas both in the classroom and in the outdoor area. Our small world area has been of particular interest to Calypso class and they have really enjoyed exploring the different scenes cooperatively with their peers. We are all super excited to continue our learning and look forward to having a great year.



Orion class have settled really well into school life. They have really enjoyed exploring all the areas inside and outside of the classroom. The children are growing in confidence and are adapting to the daily routines. They have started working collaboratively whilst using different construction resources and really enjoy looking at the different books we have in the classroom.

Year 1

We have had a great start to the year in Nova Class. Our wonderful class has settled in well and are all enjoying lots of new learning. We have explored new Maths equipment over the past few weeks and are now using it more confidently. We are GREAT mathematicians 😊 The children have all enjoyed the start of our science topic and will be learning all about our senses in the coming weeks by carrying out a variety of different experiments.



We have all settled into our new class and have been working exceptionally hard in every lesson. We have loved showing our new teachers our amazing maths skills. We have furthered our number skills by learning one more and one less than any given number up to 20. We are all brilliant Mathematicians! In English, we have been writing a postcard to Barnaby Bear whilst learning how to write and answer a question. Finally, we have also enjoyed learning about different forms of transport in Poole.



Year 2

Well, what an exciting month it has been! Carina Class have settled into Year 2 really well and have been busy having lots of fun. They have already been on a camping afternoon with Lyra Class where they sang camp songs, tasted marshmallows and went bug hunting. They have also been working really hard on their writing where they have written letters to Mr Tofallis and Miss Costas, on top of writing their own poems. In Maths, they have been showing off their understanding of place value, and have been using their historical enquiry skills to investigate different artefacts from the past in their History lessons. I can't wait for more exciting adventures with them next month!!!!



What a wonderful start to year 2. I have a new Glorious Lyra Class and am loving getting to know all the new children. We have already had a camping wow Day where we toasted marshmallows and sang camp songs on the field. We've also been making the most of the wildlife garden and the sunshine, creating art and looking for mini beasts in Science.



Year 3

We are so proud of how the children of Astra Class have settled into life in Year 3. They have had a fantastic start to the year and are already making excellent progress! During our first few weeks of term, we have introduced our exciting new topics, our main topic being Ancient Greece. In Computing, the children are working on becoming programmers to create an animation through learning to code using the laptops. They have spent time planning their animated clip using storyboards to include a background, characters and speech. This week, Astra Class have loved trying out their designing skills on Scratch, it was a little bit tricky! In the next few weeks, the children will work on animating their character designs and adding sounds to create short clips. We can't wait to see the final results.



Lynx class have really enjoyed starting our topic about 'Ancient Greece'. We have been reading about different myths and have really enjoyed the story of Medusa. In Maths we have been focusing on different strategies to solve addition and subtraction sums. The children love challenging each other and work together to solve Maths problems!





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Year 4

We have had a great start to Year 4 in Apollo Class! The children are all so happy to be back at school with their friends and teachers. This month we have been introducing all of our new topics and this began with an archaeological dig in History. The children excitedly uncovered some Roman artefacts and were able to identify each one based on the clues they could see. One afternoon they even became Roman soldiers and learnt how to march in sync with each other. In Science they have already started to think about fair testing when considering the effects of different variables on melting ice. Most exciting of all though is the myths they have written. The children were able to show off their creative writing skills and use their knowledge of myths from Year 3 to aid them in writing their own this month. They have been very busy and have had a fantastic start to the year. We are all very proud of you! Mrs Pavlakos, Mrs Curtis & Mrs Huggins.

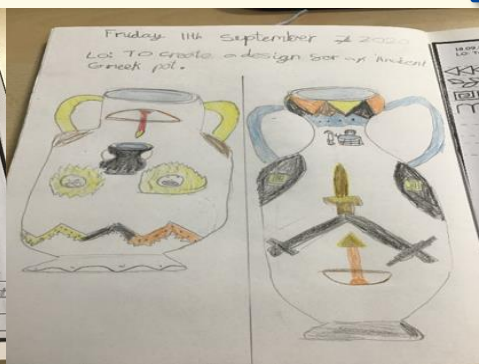
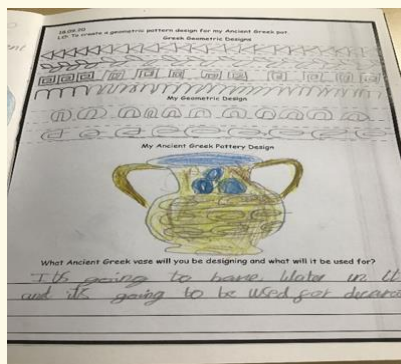


This month, Cosmo Class has been learning all about ancient Rome. We acted as archaeologists by carefully finding and cleaning Roman artefacts. We even practised marching like a Roman soldier! We also read the story of Romulus and Remus and used it as inspiration while we planned our own myths. We included lots of adjectives, similes and metaphors in our myths and designed very unique characters and settings. Cosmo Class has also been learning about changing states of matter in science. We carried out an experiment to find out how different variables affect how quickly ice melts and discussed the importance of ensuring that we carry out fair tests. This is important for all of the experiments that we will carry out in the future! Well done everyone! Miss McNamara and Mrs Majevadia



Art Corner

This half term Year 3 have been learning about how the Ancient Greeks influenced Art throughout History. The children have been studying Ancient Greek Art and various different patterns to help design their Ancient Greek Pots which the children will be making later on this term. The children can't wait to share their pots with their parents/carers.





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Calypso Class 92.91%	Orion Class 96.69%
Luna Class 95.61%	Nova Class 94.7%
Lyra Class 97.39%	Carina Class 93.19%
Astra Class 96.13%	Lynx Class 91.88%
Apollo Class 93.05%	Cosmo Class 94.7%



IF YOU WANT THE
TRUTH, ASK A CHILD.

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SPEAK THE

Truth

Even if your voice *shakes!*



Celebrating Achievement

Nova Class - Murat, Emily, Ibrahim, Flo, Aria, Mairi, Ella, Rafael, Ayden

Luna Class - Arthur, Daniyal, Saanvi, Franki, Johnny, Anya, Inaya, Maya, Tia

Carina Class - Akwasi, Natalie, George, Isabella, Johan, Melis, Roven, Aryan, Aryan, Callum

Lynx Class - Ben, Elexa, Ariyan, Timofei, Tami, Yiannis, Joseph, Sophia, Sara

Astra Class - Rocco, Mara, Ashwin, Aara, Kheon, Taylan, Niyan, Tolu, Haris

Lyra Class - Ayden, Jansu, Michael, Alexandra, Kieran, Mason, Alexander, Aron, Ali

Apollo Class - Elodie, Kiki, Ediz, Arabella, Eliza, Sophie, Dante, Lily, Serena, Alexandra, Natalie

Cosmo - Sia, Ediz, Musa, Jasmine, Agastya, Agastya, Max, Amaya, Oliver, Ayaz



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Dates for your diary

October 2020	Dates for your diary		
Value for October - Truth	1 st	All day	Fun Day - Non uniform day
	w/c 5 th - 9 th	3.45pm - 5.15pm	KS 1 Parent Consultations via Zoom - please ensure you book an appointment online
	w/c 5 th - 9 th	4.15pm - 5.45pm	KS 2 Parent Consultations via zoom - please ensure you book an appointment online
	14 th	AM	School photographer in for pupil and class photo
	15 th	AM	School photographer in for pupil and class photo
	20 th	AM	Pupil nasal flu vaccinations
	22 nd	All day	Y3 Ancient Greece Day - whole school packed lunch on this day
	23 rd		Last Day of Half term
November 2020	26 th - 30 th	Half Term	
Value for November - Resilience	2 nd	8.45am	First Day of Half Term
	9 th	All week	Anti-Bullying Week
	12 th	All day	Y2 Scooter Training - Ys pupils to all bring their scooters to school
	23 rd	All Week	Road Safety Week
December	7 th		Pantomime in school for each class - whole school packed lunch on this day
Value for December - Determination	8 th		Pantomime in school for each class - whole school packed lunch on this day
	11 th	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	17 th	All day	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show to be recorded for parents
	18 th		Last day of term Reception finish at 12.40pm Year 1/2 finish at 12.45pm Year 3/4 finish at 12.55pm