



Our Value
for December
is
'Determination'

November
2020

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a fabulous month at Ashmole Primary. The children have been able to enjoy many events this month, including the Art Day, Road Safety Workshops, Y3 Ancient Greek Day, Y2 Scooter Training, Children In Need, Odd Socks Day and we even had our first class birthday party - it really has been a wonderful month! The Road Safety performance and workshops were so much fun and very informative. The children learnt lots of interesting facts as well as many ways that we can keep ourselves safe. These events have been really important for the well-being of all our pupils and staff. A special mention to all the volunteers who helped out during the Art Day and to the Decorating Team for making our school look so Christmassy! December is sure to be another fun-filled month. We have the Aladdin Pantomime workshops to look forward to, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch on the 11th December.

Thank you to Miss Stavri for organising the Author competition - I have been amazed by the quality of work that has been handed in and look forward to hearing who the winning entry will be. The Covid-Catch up sessions are now underway and we look forward to hearing all about the progress the children have made over the next few months. Year 2 have been working really hard preparing for the Phonics Screening Check in December and we wish them the best of luck. Due to a positive test of Covid-19, Year 3 Lynx Class will be self-isolating for the required 14 day period and we thank them for their cooperation and patience during these difficult times. To support the Year 3 Lynx class during the 14-day isolation period, the school will continue to provide the children's education remotely through email, Zoom and Google Classroom. This will be in the form of some 'interactive lessons' from the staff as well as well-being checks. The Office and Year 3 Lynx staff will be very busy contacting parents throughout the week so we appreciate your support as always.

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.

Thank you to the newly appointed members of the APPTA. The Zoom Quiz on Friday was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The newly appointed Chair, Celeste Menich, along with the new committee have many wonderful ideas for the year ahead and we look forward to future events organised by the APPTA.

Best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



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Children in Need



Children in Need, in November, always helps us to reflect on how lucky we are and spend some time thinking about ways we can help those children who are less fortunate. This year we took part in '5 to Thrive' and held a Non-Uniform Day in order to raise money for this fantastic cause. '5 to thrive' lets us focus on 5 key areas to help us live a more positive life and look after our wellbeing. We took part in activities focusing on 'Connecting' with others, 'Noticing' things around us and being mindful, 'Giving' kindness to others, being 'Curious' and getting 'Active'. We raised money using an online platform and we are so grateful for the amazing amount of money our staff, pupils, parents and supporters have managed to raise- over £1,500! We're sure this will help to put big smiles on children's faces! Thank you to everyone who has supported this worthy cause.

Values Poster Competition

Thank you to all the pupils who have designed a Values poster. Our Value for November was Resilience and the value for December is Determination. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month. Well done to Eren in Year 4 Cosmo Class who is this month's winner!

Music Lessons

- Please be reminded that if you have not done so already, it is now time to renew/book your child's instrumental lessons for the Spring Term. The deadline for applications is **Friday 4th December 2020**. Please use the link below to the google form - if you have already completed the form you do not need to fill it in again.
<https://forms.gle/mH8Aps8rRk6ayyBn8>
- If your child attends weekly instrumental lessons, they must remember to bring their music books to each lesson as it is very difficult to progress to the next stage without them.



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Photo Gallery

Year 2 Scooter Training Day



Art Day



Road Safety Workshops





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Reception

Orion class have had a very busy month in November. In maths, we have really enjoyed using practical resources to help us find 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We have also started looking at adding 2 groups of items together and using the maths symbols to help us write a number sentence! In phonics, we have learnt all of our phase 2 sounds and we have been using our robot voices to help us sound out words. It has been wonderful to see the children forming such lovely friendships and working so well together.

What an exciting month we have had in Calypso class! At the beginning of the month, we were lucky to have the opportunity to plant some seeds in pots. Everyone enjoyed filling their pots with soil, sprinkling their seeds on top and then singing a song whilst we watered each of them. We can't wait to watch them grow! We also thoroughly enjoyed our Children in Need day, using Pudsey Bear to help us in our maths learning and decorating Pudsey inspired biscuits. In maths, we have been very busy exploring 1 more and 1 less and beginning to look at addition to find the total of two groups. In phonics, we have just finished learning all of our phase 2 sounds and have really enjoyed using our finger sound buttons and jumping in hoops to segment and blend sounds together.



Year 1

This month we have enjoyed lots of fun and creative activities. We have been learning all about the Christmas story and acting it out in class. We have used what we have learnt during our rehearsals practising for our Christmas Nativity show, which we will record in December. We can't wait for you all to see it! In Nova Class we have also introduced many new mathematical concepts through the use of a variety of resources that support us in our learning. Together we are really enjoying applying our phonetic knowledge when reading and writing and have now begun learning new Phase 5 sounds. All of Nova class have shown a keen interest in our Science lessons where they have been carrying out a variety of experiments.



We have been working very hard this month in Luna Class. In literacy, we went on a treasure hunt around the school. We had to work as a team to read the clues and think about where we had to go next. Eventually, we found the treasure and it was chocolate! We were all so excited. We then wrote an amazing recount of our treasure hunt which included time connectives and verbs. We also had the opportunity to work with the PTA and plant some bulbs in the Wildlife Garden. We all had lots of fun learning about bulbs

and their roots.





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Year 2

In November, Carina Class enjoyed writing their own alternative version of 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne using a clear beginning, middle and end and descriptive vocabulary. They also enjoyed helping make a bug hotel in the nature garden, taking part in the 'Road Safety' workshop and taking part in scooter training. In class, they have learnt all about keeping healthy and what is included in a healthy and balanced meal, they have learnt how to use co-ordinates to find the location of different London landmarks and have begun learning about Florence Nightingale. Carina Class have really impressed their teachers this half term. Keep up the hard work Carina Class!

Lyra have had another lovely month.

So many fun activities alongside our exciting lessons.

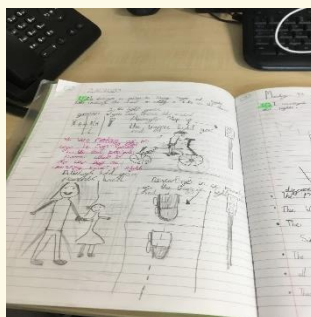
We have had scooter training, a road safety workshop and a fantastic art day where we designed house art shields.

We've been busy writing stories in literacy and learning column subtraction in maths with a huge focus in handwriting. We can't believe that it's nearly December and will be looking forward to the run up to Christmas.

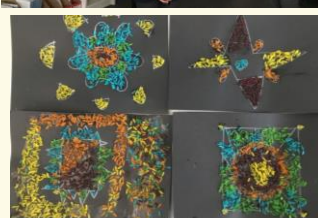


Year 3

Lynx class have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks in Literacy and have produced some outstanding work. This month we have been learning about how the Ancient Greeks influenced Art and Literature throughout History. In, Science we have been focusing on Light and how shadows are created. The children got to explore with torches and different objects how light and distance effect the size and shape of a shadow.



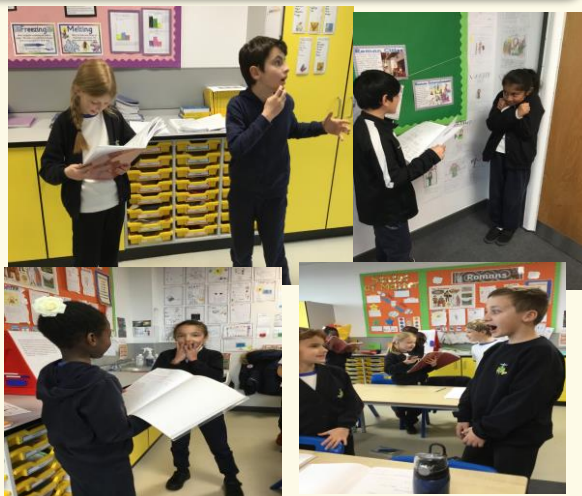
November has been a lovely month for Astra Class. We have been enjoying the different lessons in class as well as all of the fun activities such as art day where we decorated our house shields with our class. We have been extremely impressed with the knowledge and skill demonstrated when using the laptops. The children have been building on their knowledge of coding during our weekly Computing lessons. They have been using Scratch to create their own animations by giving specific and accurate instructions for their characters. As well as working extremely hard during our lessons, the children have loved exploring and applying their creativity in different ways. We celebrated Diwali by creating our own Rangoli patterns using coloured rice - the results were beautiful! It was lots of fun decorating the pretty, white pebbles for the wildlife garden using different wildlife scenes. We're sure that they will look beautiful!





Year 4

This month, Cosmo Class have been learning all about volcanoes. We have discussed the Pacific Ring of Fire as well as Mount Vesuvius and how it erupted in 79 AD, burying and preserving Pompeii and Herculaneum in a layer of ash. We have been practising describing the emotions of characters and looking at how people express these feelings with their body language. We had a lot of fun using mirrors to see our facial expressions for different emotions! In Art, we have practised using different techniques to make our drawings look more 3D. In maths, we learnt all about equivalent fractions and used fraction walls to help us compare different fractions. We have learnt a lot this month!



November has been a great month in Apollo Class! The children have come back to school, after half term, very well rested and eager to learn. We've started learning about Volcanoes and even made our own using the techniques by famous artist Margaret Godfrey. We used tissue paper and PVA glue, but not in the way you would think! We stuck our tissue paper down but then went over the top of it with PVA glue too, this gave it a beautiful shine once dry. We know all about how volcanoes are formed and have learnt more about the earth's layers too. During Anti-Bullying week, we used iPads and laptops to conduct some research into animals that work together in teams. After that, we then made our own PowerPoint presentations to deliver what we had found out, to the rest of the class. Well done Apollo class, you have been working extra hard as usual! :)

Art Corner

We had a fantastic time creating our house shields during the Art Day. We had lots of fun and collaborated all together as a school.

I want to say a big thank you to Mr Tofallis, Mr Constantinou, Mr Osman and Mr Wightman for helping to organise and making resources for our shields. They look fabulous and will be displayed in the hall!

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, volunteers and PTA for all their help and making this day extra fun and special for us all.

Many thanks

Mr Osman





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Monthly Attendance Figures



Calypso Class 98.64%	Orion Class 98.95%
Luna Class 97.3%	Nova Class 98.24%
Lyra Class 96.64%	Carina Class 96.89%
Astra Class 97.68%	Lynx Class 98.23%
Apollo Class 98.5%	Cosmo Class 98.69%

NEVER EVER
EVER
GIVE UP!



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If you are not
willing to learn,
no one can help you.
If you are
determined
to learn,
no one can
stop you.

Celebrating Achievement

	Luna	Nova	Carina	Lyra	Astra	Lynx	Apollo	Cosmo
Merits	Nikol Reya Arthur Frankie Daniyal Inaya Tia	Sara Eesa Milo Amelia Olanna Michael	Aun Sebastiyan Adele Reyyan Ayaan Almira Berkin	Kornelia Kayden Onekie Alfie Hazal Aron	Anya Nicholas Alexander J Poppy Sophie Haris	Tami Jayden Avash Aaira Anoushka Kenan	Ankit Naima Eren Rohan Kleo Kuzey	Gabriella Zahir Jenna Musa Armin Evie Malaika Jake
Values	Ayham Azra Arthur Karim	Anjun Rafael Flo	Lewis Ashok Lia	Anabelle Henry Skye	Nathaniel Aaryan Alexander D	Zachary Iza Isla	Arden Ediz	Agastya Sia Ayaz Erin
Handwriting	Rose Nikol Eddie Anyia	Iklim Victoria Ryka	Ria Nora	Elisia Ali Anna	Aaryan Tolu Ellie	Dimitar Aaira	Eliza Elodie Kiki	Vivaan Max Lara



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Dates for your diary

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Y2 Phonics Screening Check for all Year 2 pupils - to be held in December 2020

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7th

Pantomime in school for each class - whole school packed lunch on this day

8th

Pantomime in school for each class - whole school packed lunch on this day

11th

All Day

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Fun Photo Day!

17th

All Day

Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show to be recorded for parents.

18th

Last day of term
Reception finish at 12.40pm
Year 1/2 finish at 12.45pm
Year 3/4 finish at 12.55pm

Value for January - Positivity

4th

First Day of Spring Term
Children back to school. 8.45am - Rec/ 8.50am KS1/ 9am KS2



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PTA News

Following the AGM on 4 November, we would like to introduce the new PTA Committee: Celeste Menich (Chair), Roza Aufogul (Vice-Chair), Rosalind Tsang (Secretary), Andria Themistokli (Vice-Secretary), Sally Dang (Treasurer), Dale Wightman (Elected Trustee), Sonal Shah (Elected Trustee). (Please note that Belda Nuzhet, who was voted in as Vice-Secretary, has had to step down for personal reasons, so the committee has appointed Andria Themistokli, who was the only other nomination, and a close second, into the role.)

We are looking forward to working closely with all parents/carers to run a successful calendar of community-building and fund-raising events, and are particularly looking for parents/carers to suggest and take a project lead role for new events for 2021. If you would like to get involved please email ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com.

This year, we are unable to run any in-person events at present so would welcome everybody's support for our virtual events! Please don't forget to purchase your tickets for The Big PTA Raffle, with a chance to win some great prizes! Find your class rep for more information, or send us an email. We will be sending out our newsletter with more information about PTA upcoming news & events so watch this space, and do join the fun!

Please join our new 'Ashmole Primary Broadcast Channel' where we will post all PTA news and the weekly bulletin, so you can always keep informed about what's happening at Ashmole Primary. Please click on the following link to join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BZKY1HKU5FzKo4Wjg1jK8i>

Please note that by joining you are giving consent for us to contact you by WhatsApp about PTA news and activities and other members will be able to see your telephone number. We will not be sending lots of messages but just the important news about PTA events and the weekly bulletin, so it is a great way to keep informed.



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Library News

It's been a busy period in the library with the team working hard on getting the new computerised library system up and running, which will eventually make borrowing sessions faster and more efficient. Thanks to our fabulous PTA we have purchased a superb selection of books to add to our ever expanding KS2 library. And finally, we have been working on some new and exciting displays which will make the space even more stimulating & engaging for the children. We can't wait to show you more in the next newsletter.



The Library Buzz

Donations:

We have been overwhelmed by the wonderful donations we have received this month. Thanks to your generosity we have some exciting titles ready to go on the shelves in both the KS1 & KS2 libraries. Did you know that we have over 9,000 titles in our libraries and roughly 85% of those have been donated by our families & the wider community - that's pretty impressive! If you are having a clear out, we would welcome your pre-loved books (especially non-fiction / KS2 books), comics, magazines & audio books. Don't forget: To enter our KS1 author spotlight poster or KS2 comic strip competition. We cannot wait to see your fantastic comic strip creations here ⇨ . Competition's close on Wednesday 2nd December with the winners announced before Christmas. Good luck! Volunteering - If you would like to be part of our library volunteering team, please contact the school office or your class rep. Next borrowing session: > Year 1 & Year 3 Thursday 3rd December > Year 2 & Year 4 Friday 4th December We kindly ask that all library books are returned by Wednesday 16th December. Library books can be returned to the library box in reception. Thank you for your support, The library team.