



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm sure you will all agree that 2020 has been a very challenging and difficult year for everyone. I just wanted to say thank you to you all for your support throughout these unprecedented times. It has not been an easy time for schools or families, but we have all managed to work together to achieve our ultimate goal; which is to make sure that all the children continue to learn and flourish. Unfortunately due to a rise in cases within the school, we have all needed to adapt to on-line learning once again. The decision to close school for the last few days of term was not taken lightly. The balance to sustain the energy and well-being of our staff and pupils is always at the forefront of any decision I make as Head Teacher. The well-being of my staff, pupils and families is paramount as we navigate this pandemic together. That being said, Christmas is a season of hope, and the welcome news of a vaccine offers us all a reason to look forward optimistically to post-pandemic life. Between now and then, however, PHE warns of a surge of infections this winter and the need for even greater vigilance to stay safe and well.

Everything we have learned to this point confirms that keeping our community healthy and continuing in-class learning requires a daily focus and huge effort - by everyone. Thank you to all my staff for their amazing work this term to support and care for all our children. Thank you to everyone for all your patience and support during these strange times in the decisions we have made as a school and will continue to make in the months and weeks ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in ensuring that our pupils were able to enjoy the last few weeks of term. A special visit from Santa and his elves lifted all of our spirits. A special mention also to Mrs Atkinson for her tireless work in the community ensuring that local families who are less fortunate than ourselves, are never forgotten at this time of year. And also to Miss Burke and all of you for your filled shoe box donations for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. A special mention also to all the children in Carina Class for all their hard work ensuring all the boxes were labelled correctly and ready for collection. Your kindness and generosity never ceases to amaze and inspire me.

I wish you all a restful Christmas holiday period and look forward to seeing you all on our first day back on Monday 4th January 2021.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis

Head Teacher

Ethical Edit Christmas Hamper Campaign

Thank you all for your support and wonderful donations. We collected 20 boxes of food and 10 large bags of presents for our 10 allocated families.

Our community was so generous that we were also able to donate a further 4 large bags of presents for other families who hadn't received any present donations and 3 extra bags of food. We also donated 7 bags of rice and pasta to North Enfield food bank. In total the campaign provided food and presents for 437 local families which included 1379 children.





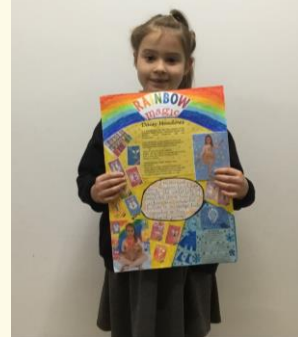
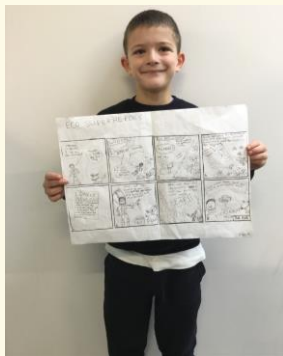
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KS1 and KS2 Poster Competition Winners

Thank you to all the pupils in KS1 who took part in our spotlight poster library competition. Your entries were fantastic which made it extremely difficult for our panel of judges to choose the winning entries. We would like to say a huge congratulations to our five competition winners: Luca and Inaya in Year 1 Luna Class; Mason in Year 2 Lyra Class; and Lia and Melis in Year 2 Carina Class! All of your entries will be placed in our KS1 library at the start of the year!

Thank you to all the pupils in KS2 who took part in our save the world comic strip competition. Once again it was very difficult for us to choose our three winning entries. Well done to Eren and Lily in Year 4 Apollo Class for your winning entries and Timofei in Year 3 Lynx Class for your winning entry. We look forward to working with you in the new year to get your comic strips blown up and painted in the KS2 library!



Values Poster Competition

Thank you to all the pupils who have designed a Values poster. Our Value for December was Determination and the value for January is Positivity. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month. The winner for December and January will be revealed in next month's newsletter.



Christmas Card Competition

We received this wonderful message from local MP Teresa Villiers' office:

Ashmole had some really wonderful designs and two students are runners-up! This means their picture features on the back of the card. These are:

Ediz M - Year 4

Ediz D - Year 4

THE RUNNERS UP

We would like to thank all students for entering, it was a really tough competition this year, and we also selected a few Highly Commended students to list on the back of the card.

The Highly Commended students from Ashmole are:

Georgia - Year 2

Tilly - Year 4

Joe - Year 4

With best wishes

Westminster Office of Rt. Hon. Theresa Villiers MP

Member of Parliament for Chipping Barnet





Reception



Calypso class thoroughly enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day! Everyone sang their Christmas song incredibly well and made us all very proud. The children also had a very special visit from Santa Claus and his two elves at lunch time. They especially loved Santa's magic that he sprinkled all around the hall! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2021. Miss Powell and Mrs A 😊

December has been a very busy month in Orion Class. We were very fortunate to take part in a pantomime workshop and had so much fun acting out the story of Aladdin. The children loved getting dressed up for Christmas Jumper day, eating Christmas lunch together and we even had a special visit from Father Christmas! We have been working really hard with all of our learning - especially trying to write words independently and using mathematical language whilst exploring capacity. Although we have had to close the school slightly earlier than anticipated, Orion class have adapted to online learning so well and have been producing some fantastic work. I am so proud of you all and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you again in January 2021 :)



Year 1

Nova class have had a very different December this year but have been absolutely fantastic at adjusting to the changes. We have all very much enjoyed our new science topic where we have been learning all about animals. The children have learnt about mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. They were able to sort a variety of animals into the correct groups. Everyone has been very enthusiastic about this topic and we cannot wait to return to school in January to find out lots more! We have spent some time this month learning on zoom and all of the children have been amazing at following all instructions well. A big thank you to Mrs Demetri who has been absolutely brilliant during our zoom lessons. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and cannot wait to see you all in the New Year! Miss Costas and Mrs Demetri 😊



We have had a very busy first term in Luna Class. Every single one of you has worked so hard and has shown lots of determination to learn lots of new things in each subject, I am very proud of all of you. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, get plenty of rest and recharge your batteries ready for January. Miss Burke and Miss Tibbs 😊



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Year 2

What an exciting December Carina Class have had! We have had lots of fun learning about Florence Nightingale in History. We really enjoyed it when our class got turned into a filthy hospital to investigate how Florence changed the hospitals for the better. We also enjoyed writing our persuasive letters to the government and a letter of complaint to Duncan. Carina Class once again have worked incredibly hard this year. The Carina Class team want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year! Miss Stavri, Miss Tibbs and Miss Kaya ☺

What a busy December we have had Lyra! Singing songs, Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinner with a visit from Santa and those cheeky elves!

We have had lots of fun but you've also worked so hard too and I'm so proud of you. I'm very happy that we got Monday together to say goodbye before Christmas and I just want to tell you all how fantastic you are being in Google Meet, online learning is not easy and you are doing so fantastically well. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas, eat lovely food, play with your new toys, enjoy family time and most importantly stay safe and healthy. Merry Christmas Lyra class. Mrs Toal and Mrs Morreale.



Year 3

We are so proud of how hard all of Astra Class have worked during the Autumn Term and during the difficult times that we have faced. We have loved learning about lots of fun things such as the Ancient Greek way of life, how light affects shadows and celebrating the various different festivals of different religions such as Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in January. We hope you all have a restful, relaxing and well-deserved break! From Mrs Charalambous and Miss Elia.



Lynx Class have been superstars during the month of December. They have been very resilient and determined during their Online Home Learning via Zoom. Well done Lynx!

We have been learning about different religions this half term and have focused on the how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah. They have enjoyed learning about different religions and how they celebrate during different festivals.

In Science, Lynx Class have also been learning about shadows and how light and distance can affect the size and shape of a shadow. Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas and a well deserved rest. Mr Osman, Mrs Keshini and Mrs Ahmet ☺





Year 4

Apollo class have been working really hard this month. They have been working as detectives and journalists trying to work out who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the wall! They have been learning shading skills in Art and have used these skills to draw and shade a self-portrait. The children have enjoyed doing our Christmas activities leading up to the end of term. They have learnt the class Christmas song Jingle Bells and performed it beautifully, enjoyed the delicious Christmas lunch and had fun watching the pantomime. Well done Apollo class you deserve a well-earned holiday and rest. Happy holidays, we wish you a fun and safe holiday. The Apollo Team.



It's nearly time for the children in Cosmo to have a very well deserved break! In the past month, we have learnt about earthquakes and practised what to do when we experience one. We had a lot of fun collecting data about the cars around our school to create colourful bar graphs. In science, we created lovely posters that describe the water cycle using scientific vocabulary to explain the changing states of water. In literacy, we wrote and edited newspaper articles about poor Humpty Dumpty who was pushed off his wall by an unknown person. Miss McNamara would like to wish all of the children in Cosmo and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Everyone should enjoy the season and look forward to continuing to learn and have fun after the break. Have a wonderful and joy-filled holiday! The Cosmo Team

Art Corner

Mrs Curtis and Mr Osman have been running lunchtime Art sessions every Friday, where children are encouraged to use paint to explain and interpret different emotions. This has been a highly successful and positive experience for both the teachers and pupils. We look forward to continuing these sessions in the new year.



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Monthly Attendance Figures



Calypso Class 99.67%	Orion Class 97.42%
Luna Class 98.15%	Nova Class 94.53%
Lyra Class 97.97%	Carina Class 99.81%
Astra Class 95.38%	Lynx Class 97.73%
Apollo Class 97.85%	Cosmo Class 92.28%

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Celebrating Achievement

	Luna	Nova	Carina	Lyra	Astra	Lynx	Apollo	Cosmo
Merits	Azra Darcey Reya Emilia	Iklim Harry Rose Milo	Amani Simeon Lewis Ria	Anna Skye Shayan Olivia Arya	Kaner Della Tolu Arman	Well done to all the children in Lynx Class for your outstanding efforts and Determination this month.	Well done to all the children in Apollo Class for your outstanding efforts and Determination this month.	Freya Vivaan Eisa Lara
Values	Maya	Ayda Michael	Alex Nora	Neve Lucas Aron	Mara Aara			Gabriella Keana
Handwriting	Oliver	Mira	Lia Sebastiyan	Kieran Alfie Lucas	George Roan			Elizabeth Sia



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Dates for your diary

January	4 th		First Day of Spring Term
February	8 th	All week	Safer Internet Awareness week
	12 th		Last day of half term
	15 th – 19 th	All week	Half Term
	22 nd	All day	Inset (Staff Training Day)
	23 rd		First day back at school
March	1 st	All week	Book Week
	15 th	All week	Science week
	26 th		Update reports to parents

HANDS

30 SECONDS



FACE



SPACE



INFECTION RATES IN LONDON ARE RISING
WE ALL NEED TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO
BRING THINGS UNDER CONTROL



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PTA News

In December, we asked parents to sponsor the **Christmas Songs Video & Photo**, and the photos of our children in their festive outfits are absolutely fantastic. (Printed copies of photos and the Songs video will be shared in January.) Thank you to those who have donated already; if you still want to donate, the PayPal Pool will remain open until January 10th. Please see the digital flyer shared on our WhatsApp channel and click on the link to donate.

We're running a **Virtual Winter Junior Bake-Off** over the winter holidays and would love every child to join in. Each class will get a 'Star Baker' and 'Highly Commended' award, and the class with the most entries will also win cupcakes! Everyone is welcome to attend the 'Virtual Awards Show' on January 15th, judged by our very own Mr. Tofallis and team. Please see the digital flyer shared on our WhatsApp channel for more information; we look forward to seeing our children show off their favourite bakes!

Thank you to those who have joined our new **APPTA WhatsApp Broadcast Channel**; if you haven't joined yet, please do, as it's a great way to keep informed about all PTA and school activities. We will be using this channel as the primary way of sharing our communications in the new year. (Ask your class reps or check the PTA newsletter for the link if you haven't already joined.)

Finally - we welcome all parents/carers to get involved with the PTA; if you would like to suggest or lead on an event, please contact us at ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com and we can help make it happen!

Happy holidays!
From the PTA Committee