



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. Sadly, we are aware of some families that have lost either friends or loved ones recently and my deepest condolences and prayers go to those that are dealing with the loss of a loved-one at this time. The pandemic has been a hugely difficult time for many families, for many different reasons, but I want you to know that you and your children are part of our 'Ashmole family community' and if there is anything we can do to support you during these difficult times, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or a member of staff. Children will deal with the loss of a loved one in many different ways - please click on the following link where there is lots of useful information and charitable organisations to help you through this difficult time: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/children-and-bereavement/>

This week, the Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8th March - although this will be confirmed closer to the time. Our school will remain open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers after the February half-term, as we are now. All other pupils will continue to receive high quality remote learning at home.

The online teaching has been brilliant for all the children with excellent use of Zoom/ Google Meets and Google Classroom. The staff have been working incredibly hard during this time. Thank you for all the extra time and effort that everyone has put into this new online platform. Remote learning can be very difficult for parents whilst trying to work from home themselves, however, your continued effort in supporting your children at home is greatly appreciated.

It is wonderful to see the children every Friday for the weekly Merit Assembly and I'm so pleased that we are able to continue this over the next few weeks. The children have worked incredibly hard during 'lockdown' and I know that their teachers are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Their resilience and good humour never ceases to amaze me. We also appreciate that four live lessons each day means lots of screen time for the children so we have decided that there will be no fourth zoom session on a Friday afternoon after Merit Assembly for Year 1 - Year 4. Please use this time to allow your children to rest, recuperate or get active! Teachers will still be available on Google Classroom during this time, should any children want to share what they are doing or ask any questions. The children in Reception will still have their scheduled lessons after their morning merit assembly apart from their last one of the afternoon. This means the 1.15pm zoom session will be the last of the day on each Friday.

Some of you may know that Mrs Pavlakos (Deputy Head) will be leaving us in mid-March to start her maternity leave. Mrs Pavlakos has been with us since the very beginning and we will miss her greatly. We wish her and her husband all the very best with their new baby which is due in April and we look forward to seeing her again on her eventual return. The vacancy for the temporary Deputy Head position will be covered internally and we hope to appoint someone before the February half-term.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

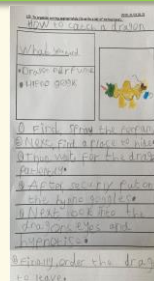
Everyone in Calypso Class has adapted exceptionally well to learning remotely! We have been busy exploring our new topic of food and finding out about the different food groups and the importance of eating a healthy balanced diet. We have also been learning new digraphs and trigraphs and have developed our confidence in using these in our writing! In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction number sentences and the children have been using lots of different resources at home to help them. I am really impressed with the positivity that each child has shown and thoroughly enjoy seeing all the work that they are doing at home. Keep up the fantastic work Calypso class. :)



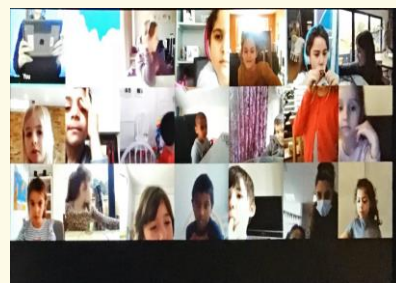
Orion Class - What a strange month this has been. We have moved to online learning and I cannot even begin to express how proud I am of all the children, at school and at home! The way they have adapted, persevered and taken all of this in their stride with smiles on their faces still, has impressed me so much. This month we have continued all of our phonics learning and the children are beginning to develop the confidence to sound out their words and write independently. In maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction and Orion class are fantastic at writing number sentences and finding the total. In topic we have been learning about fruit and vegetables and we have also had lots of fun doing music and PE over zoom and it is wonderful to see all of the lovely work you are doing at home still. Keep up the fantastic work Orion class.

Year 1

Luna Class have adapted amazingly to our remote learning via zoom and have all been working very hard to complete all the work set and even at times we completed more! In literacy we have been learning about how to write instructions. We heard Ashmole Primary School was taken over by Aliens, Monsters, Dragons and Fairies and we urgently needed to write instructions on how to catch them. Luckily, our instructions worked...phew! In Maths, we have started to learn about the properties of 3D shapes, we have all enjoyed our scavenger shape hunt during our lessons. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the grown-ups of Luna Class, for supporting and helping your children during their lessons. Miss Burke and Mrs Tibbs



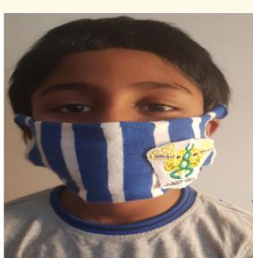
Our lovely Nova class, what a different start to the year we have had! You have all been absolutely amazing during our online live lessons. You have focused so well and all shared your ideas with our class. It has been wonderful to see you all enjoying our topics and uploading such great work each day. Many of you have shown lots of interest in our topic about Victorian houses and even asked members of your family to describe the features of the houses that they live in. You have also gained lots of new knowledge on a variety of animals including: their diet, their habitat and how they move. Keep up the great work everyone, you are making us so proud! Miss Costas and Mrs Demetri





Year 2

What a strange way to start 2021 but Lyra class have done it with amazing resilience and positivity. I'm so proud of how hard they are working online. We have started coding using scratch, and have completed our DT unit designing and making facemasks. We've also had lots of time thinking about kindness and generosity creating our own kindness calendar to make us think about thoughts and deeds to make February a positive month for everyone in our lives.

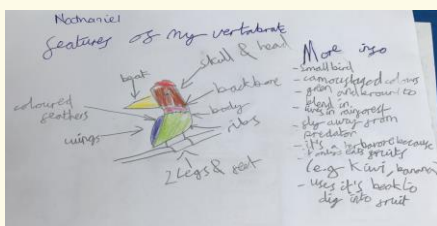


Carina Class have worked extremely hard to adapt to online learning. They have learnt lots of new skills and have deepened their knowledge and understanding in subjects across the curriculum. In addition, they have continued to produce high quality pieces of work to the best of their ability. They have learnt all about Mary Anning (the fossil hunter) in our History lessons and how to locate and plot the continents and oceans of the world on maps, in our Geography lessons. They have carried out a very important task for Mr Tofallis, where they have designed and made some incredible masks in D & T. In Science, they learnt about animals and their habitats. The list to what they have worked hard in learning is endless.

The Carina Class team are proud of every single member of the class. Finally, the Carina Class team would like to thank all the Carina Class parents! Without your support, this term wouldn't have been as successful as it has been! :)

Year 3

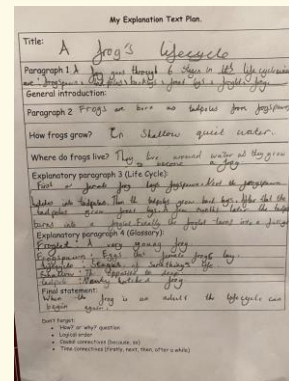
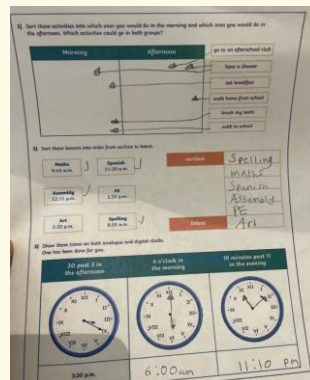
January has been an interesting month and school has looked very different for us all. We are SO proud of how well all of our Astra Class superstars have adapted to our new way of learning on Zoom and the fantastic work they are producing. We have loved travelling back in time to Prehistoric Britain to find out what life was like through the ages. The children spent some time analysing cave art, discussing what the art-work consists of and discussing why Stone Age men and women created cave paintings. We are glad they did as it has helped us learn all about their way of life! In Science, we have investigated vertebrates and invertebrates and found out the importance of having a skeleton. The children loved creating their own vertebrate creatures. We moved our learning on by flexing our muscles and feeling the effects of exercise on the different muscles. Well done again Astra Class!





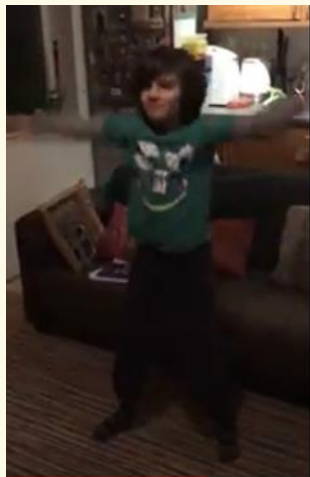
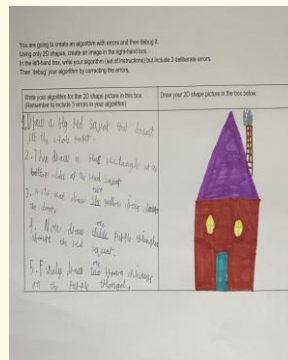
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This half term Lynx have been absolutely fabulous. Each member of Lynx class as shown amazing determination and resilience during the lockdown and have persevered with their online learning. Mr Osman, Mrs Keshini, Mrs Mustafa and Ms Ahmet are extremely proud of each and every one of you. Lynx class created some fantastic explanation texts on the life cycle of a frog which included lots of imaginative description. In Maths, we have been focussing on time and specially looking at the analogue clock, including using Roman numerals, 12-hour clocks and 24-hour clocks.



Year 4

Cosmo have been working very hard this month while getting used to learning online. We have been learning about the digestive system in science and using our newfound knowledge to help us write fact files in English. We have also been practising using formal written methods to solve a variety of calculations in maths. In history, we are learning all about the Tudors and King Henry VIII with his many wives! Algorithms have been our focus in computing, and we had a lot of fun creating dance sequence algorithms! Despite being at home, the children in Cosmo are trying very hard to learn and complete the activities assigned to them. Well done Cosmo!

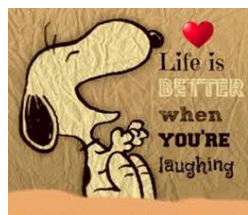


What a fantastic start to the new term Apollo class! Our learning looks a bit different at the moment but we have been so impressed with how you have all adapted and how mature you have been. You are all working so hard and the quality of work has been really great. You should all be very proud of yourselves. We have been learning how to write non-chronological reports about keeping our bodies healthy, multiplying three numbers and a highlight has been the algorithm dances you made up. Here are some pictures of you in action. Well done everyone!

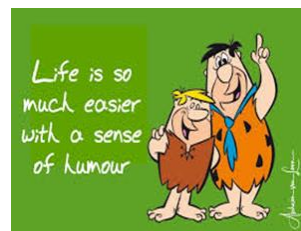


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EYFS Celebrating Achievement

	Orion	Calypso
Merits	Alexa Leo Amelie Alexis Ella Marco Noah Maria	Elsa Sam Millie Jayden Amelia Conor Piya Vihaan
Values	Demir Sophia Aiden Evelyn	Serra Leo Max Abigail

KS1 and KS2 Celebrating Achievement

	Luna	Nova	Carina	Lyra	Astra	Lynx	Apollo	Cosmo
Merits	Inaya Evie Daniyal Tia Arthur Eddie Oliver Luca	Alexia Ibrahim Harry Sara Ayden Aria Eesa Emily	Ashok Alborz Aayan Reyyan	Neve Lucas Aron Alaz Elisia Alexander Anabelle Henry	Nicholas Leyla James Aara Freya Ella Nathaniel Gulcihan	Jayden Jennah Sara Zhane Sophia Charlie Timofei	Elias Muzeeba Aston Elodie Tilly Eren Rahi Seb	Keana Andy Freya Ediz Lara Vivaan Amaya Armin
Values	Karim Dominic Darcey Rose	Milo Zoya Ameilia Mira	Riki Johan Adele Simeon	Alexandra Kornelia Shayan	Kheon Poppy Aaryan Niyen	Tanishka Timofei Jayden	Kuzey Arden Serena Ediz	Lewis Eisa Gabriella Zahir



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Dates for your diary

February	1 st	All week	Mental Health Week
	8 th		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) School closed for <u>all</u> pupils on this day.
	23 rd		First day of Half term. Return to online learning. School open for the critical worker and vulnerable pupils.
March	1 st	All week	Book Week Value- Respect Mid Year Report update for parents
	8 th	All week	
	15 th 22 nd	All week	Science Week Online Parent Consultations tbc. Friday 26 th March - Last day of Spring term

Values Competition

Thank you to all the pupils who have created fantastic pieces of work based on the Value of the Month. Our Value for January was Positivity. The winners will be announced next week! The value for February is Humour. As our value for February is Humour, we would like the children to share their favourite jokes with their teachers via Google Classroom (let's face it we need some laughs) and the children with the funniest jokes will win a £5 online book token.



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Wellbeing

It is so lovely to see so many of our pupils engaged in online learning. Of course, this is extremely important but we would also like to emphasise the importance of the children's wellbeing and mental health. **This is always at the forefront of our minds but will be even more so during the first week of February (1st-7th), as this is Children's Mental Health Week.** We will be sending out some activities children could make use of at home in order to support them should they be feeling any negative effects from our current 'Lockdown' situation. You can also find some free wellbeing activity packs here: <https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-wellbeing-activities-for-teaching-staff-and-families.html> These activities use many different strategies to support children and their families. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school should you need any support or advice regarding children's mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you!

Christmas seems like such a long time ago, but we just wanted to thank all the parents and carers for their kindness and generosity at Christmas. The staff were deeply touched by your kindness.

PTA News

Welcome back after Christmas! Sadly we are still operating in a virtual world so our activities are still very limited. However, we wanted to thank all of you who participated in the **Christmas Songs Video & Photo Donation** request; we raised a fabulous £775 to support the Library and the Wildlife Garden. And we've had some great entries for our **Virtual Winter Junior Bake-Off**, from which we've raised £90! Please join us for the virtual **Bake-Off Awards Show** next week (this is open for everybody, not just the children who entered), judged by Mr. Tofallis, Mrs. Chown, Mr. Osman, Miss Tibbs and Mr Constantinou. A link to join will be sent out via the APPTA WhatsApp Group next week.

To start the year in a healthy manner, we are currently offering **Free Yoga with Roza**; please email if you would like to join; classes are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8.30am.

Finally, don't forget to join our **APPTA WhatsApp Broadcast Channel** to keep informed about all our PTA activities - ask your class rep for the link to join or email us

at ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com.