



### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful Summer term so far. I am pleased that we have been able to keep all our classes open safely. If for any reason you are concerned that your child, or anyone in your household may have Covid-19 symptoms, please request a PCR test straight away by contacting NHS 111.

The children have enjoyed lots of fun activities this month including, the Big Pedal campaign which concludes today with a Bike/Scooter Day. Spanish lessons have resumed for all our pupils as well as weekly Well-being sessions and Yoga sessions.

Thank you once again to the PTA for their hard work and creative response when organising events for the children during these restrictive times. The Buddy Bear Calendar has been a huge success and without the creative minds of the core committee, money raised would be very limited.

Thank you to everyone who attended their child's Parent Consultation via zoom. If you have not been able to meet with your child's teacher for any reason, please contact the school office and a telephone appointment will be organised. It is really important for parents to have these termly meetings as this enables everyone to know exactly where their child is at or what strategies can be put in place to support your child.

The Covid catch-up programme has been extremely helpful for the children in order to bridge any gaps in their learning. If you have any questions regarding the programme, please speak to your child's class teacher. In addition to the covid catch-up programme, we would welcome parent volunteers to help in class with English and Maths. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please see me or speak to Mrs Andrews.

There will be no official KS1 tests this year, however, the children will be assessed, in class, at the end of the Summer term.

Year 4 will undertake a Times Tables practise test in June 2021, and although they will not be formally assessed, it would be hugely beneficial for your child to practise as much as possible at home (up to 12 x 12).

I would like to welcome Mr Ali to the Year 4 team. Mr Ali replaces Mrs Majevadia in Year 4 Cosmo Class and I know that he will be a great asset to Cosmo Class.

Some of you may already know but I would like to formally announce the safe arrival of Mrs Pavlakos' baby girl! Baby Eva was born on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8.29pm, weighing in at a healthy 6lb 8oz. Both mother and baby are doing well and we wish Mrs Pavlakos and her husband every happiness. Once covid restrictions allow and it is safe to do so, I am sure Mrs Pavlakos and baby Eva will visit us soon!

Thank you to Dr Neel Bowry for his nomination to join our Governing Committee as a parent governor.

We only received one nomination and now that the deadline has passed, there is no need for a formal vote. Dr Bowry has 2 children who both attend Ashmole, with one in Year 3 and the other in Year 1. For the past 10 years he has worked as a senior GP in Islington. Providing a safe, caring and supportive environment is part of his daily work. He has a special interest in child health and development and is looking forward to bringing some of his experience to support the school. I am sure you will all agree that Dr Bowry is the perfect fit especially in these difficult times. His experience and knowledge in child health and well-being will be of huge benefit to our school.

As a final reminder - if you have a child starting Reception this September and you have not yet accepted your offer with your home Local Authority, please do so as soon as possible or risk losing your child's space - the deadline for accepting offers is today!

I wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

Calyпсо class have had a great few weeks back since the Easter holidays. We have been super busy in our maths learning, revisiting 2D and 3D shapes, learning about positional and directional language and exploring halving and doubling. The children particularly enjoyed using the bee-bots and inputting directions for the 'bee-bots' to follow. In literacy, we have been focusing on developing our confidence with segmenting and blending CVCC/CCVC words and tricky word recognition. Last week, we had some caterpillars arrive in Calypso Class! All the children were extremely excited and have been looking closely at how they are changing each day. We are really looking forward to watching them turn from caterpillars into butterflies.



Orion Class have really enjoyed our topic of 'People who Help Us'. The children have loved learning about different occupations, writing about what they want to be when they are older and taking on different roles in their play. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Beattie who came in to talk to the Reception children about being a fire fighter. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and we have invited some caterpillars to join us in our classroom. The children have been looking after our caterpillars, caring for them and observing them every day to see how much they have grown. We cannot wait until they turn into butterflies!



## Year 1

Luna Class have worked exceptionally hard since returning back to school after the Easter Holidays and are continuing to impress all the adults in class. In Literacy they planned and wrote their own traditional fairy-tale, which was very impressive. In maths, we have started to learn about fractions. That's right, fractions in Year 1! We have used resources to find  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a number. Luna Class have especially enjoyed their DT lessons this term as they have created their own animal puppets. They had to sew two pieces of felt together and finally add the features of the face. Keep up all the fantastic work!



Nova Class have very much enjoyed our new topics this term especially learning all about Victorian toys. The children have been able to see and use the types of toys Victorian children would have played with. They are now beginning to learn about playground games during the Victorian period and compare them by discussing the similarities and differences to the games we play outside today. The children have also enjoyed our Design and Technology topic, where they have been designing and making their own animal puppets. All of the children have been learning how to sew and are having such great fun doing so!

Well done Nova Class!







## Year 2

Lyra Class have settled in so well since the Easter break. We started the new term with a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt on the playground the children had to solve the riddles, find the clues and rearrange the anagram to get their chocolate prize. We had lots of fun, especially when Mrs Toal found a real egg and clumsily dropped it on the floor on the way back to class!

We're having lots of fun with our wellbeing yoga sessions with Dai. It is wonderful and brings us mindful, stillness every week. Recorder lessons are going well too, and we can't wait for our first Spanish lessons.



This month in Carina Class, we have been focusing on the voyages of Christopher Columbus in History. We have been producing some questions that we would like to find out at the end of the topic, as well as creating a fact file based on who he was and what he had discovered.

In D&T, we have been finishing our moving dinosaur project book. We have worked hard to use our knowledge of levers, to create our own moving dinosaur. We are also beginning to grow beans in science, where we are observing the changes over time to understand the growth of plants.

Carina Class have been working really hard within their recorder lessons, where we are able to read the note 'b' on a score of music, as well as knowing the difference between quavers and crochets, which we are now able to play on our recorders! We have also been exploring the Glockenspiel.

During our yoga session with Yogi, we have learnt breathing techniques and balancing techniques that help to strengthen our core muscles. We have been using the time at the end of our sessions, to listen to music and meditate, calming our bodies and minds!



## Year 3

The Summer Term has started brilliantly for Astra Class. We have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new topic of Ancient Egypt and Mrs Charalambous and Miss Elia are so amazed at the fantastic knowledge the children already have. We can't wait to delve deeper into the history and way of life of the Ancient Egyptians.

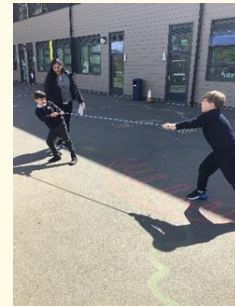
In our Science topic **The Power of Forces**, we have been learning about different types of forces, how things move and how we can make things move faster or slower. The children have loved predicting and experimenting to find out which objects will move faster and further, and on which surfaces. We found out that the ping pong ball on the table moved much faster than the cotton wool ball, it was great! This week, the children worked extremely hard to make their own pinwheel windmills. The children discussed what would be needed to make the windmills turn and we tried out different techniques in class. Our next prediction was what we thought would happen if we took our windmills outside. I think we were all amazed at how fast some of our windmills turned! Astra Class have definitely made the most of the warmer weather. We have enjoyed spending time in the wildlife garden observing nature and sketching what we can see. One of our favourite activities has been planting potatoes, we can wait to see them grow!





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This half term in History Lynx Class have been learning about Ancient Egyptians and their way of life. Lynx Class are enjoying this topic which is rich in cultural history. The children have been investigating Ancient Egyptian History and its famous pharaohs (Male and Female). In Science, Lynx Class have been investigating forces such as: push, pull and twist. Lynx Class had a fabulous outdoor lesson where they were asked to investigate the different forces they could identify around Ashmole Primary. Well done Lynx Class, Mr Osman, Mrs Keshini and Mr Ahmet are so proud of each and everyone of you. Keep up the amazing progress and outstanding behaviour. You are all a credit to Ashmole Primary.



## Year 4

This month, the children in Cosmo have been enjoying learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. We have learnt why they came to Britain and what their houses were like. We have also had a lot of fun designing Anglo-Saxon purses to make in art. In maths, we have explored how to add and subtract four-digit numbers using dienes before applying our knowledge to formal written methods. In science, Cosmo have been learning about how sound is created and debating whether something has to move to create a sound. What do you think? The children in Cosmo are working very well together to perform group work and ensure that everyone is having fun learning.



We have had a really lovely three weeks settling back into the swing of the school routine. Apollo have been really lucky to have had so many exciting extra curricular activities happening in school. The children have been really enjoying yoga where they have been learning to relax and focus on core strength. Our well-being sessions have had a focus of working together as a team and paying compliments to each other. It was lovely seeing how engaged the children were for their ukulele lesson and to hear how musical they are. Finally, it was great having another session with the author Gareth P Jones who spoke to the children about solving dilemmas and story endings. The children should be very proud of themselves!







## Art Corner

Art week will soon be upon us during the week beginning the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Ashmole Primary have organised for the children to take part in a Western African Art workshop, where the children will decorate their own masks with geometric designs led by professional artists. On day two, children will use their handicrafts to learn an African Masked Dance which will be recorded and put on the website for parent/carers to see. This will be led by professional dancers and the children will work together as a class to learn and perform this fabulous cultural dance.

All equipment and materials for every child will be provided. The masks are sculpted from sustainable Albesia wood grown in sustainable community smallholdings.

Please see the link below for more information about the African Mask and Dance workshop.

Parents/carers will be asked to make a small contribution towards the workshop in the forthcoming weeks via parent pay.

You can find out further information about the workshops in the below link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Auf54UUSoI>

Mr Osman

Art Subject Leader



## The Big Pedal and Walk to School Week

Pupils and staff (and helpers) have enjoyed a wonderful day cycling and scootering around the school. The children were asked to bring in £1.00 to go towards the purchase of new scooters and helmets for the children. Thank you to Mr Ali, Mr Constantinou and of course our very own Mr Tofallis! The day would not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, Mr Duhy, Mrs Themistokli, Mr Smith and Mr Wilson - we've had such a fun day and the weather held out too! During Big Pedal week 600 schools across the country have taken part in this event and I am pleased to say that as a school we have done very well! We ranked 30 out of 120 in all the London schools and 121st out of 600 national schools which is a great effort by all the children and parents in walking/scootering or cycling to school for 2 whole weeks! Everyone has made 3,697 active journeys this week so far!

Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May, we will be encouraging children to walk to school in return for badges and goodies! Every child will receive a special badge next week to make this achievement!





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Self-Belief

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## APPTA News

Thank you for all your wonderfully creative photos for the Buddy Bear Calendar. We had Buddy taking part in so many activities from skiing, rock climbing, playing chess and even going into Space!

We are planning an exhibition of all the entries and the children will be asked to vote for their favourites across each of the seasons. The photos with the most 'like' stickers will be going into our calendar which will be launched and available for sale before the next academic year!

We were also delighted to see so many of you at the Easter Scavenger hunt at Grovelands Park. This fun-filled event raised £283.

Thanks again to all of you who provided your addresses for our sponsored Boards Up initiative with Platinum Estates. We raised £1,750 with this initiative and want to say a big 'Thank You' to Platinum Estates for their generous sponsorship.

We also had the Happy School Bag collections on 23 April and will share details of funds raised shortly. Next Happy School Bag collection: 18 June.

### Upcoming Events

Throughout May - 21for2021, a sponsored fundraising event (details to follow)

Friday 18 June - Next Happy School Bag collection

Friday 21 May - Quiz night

Saturday 10 July - Summer Fair

If you are available to join the Summer Fair Planning Committee, please let us know at [ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com) (or let your class rep know).

Many thanks

Celeste Menich, APPTA Chair



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## Dates for your diary

Value for <b>May</b> is Self-Belief	3rd	All day	Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils and staff  KS1 Assessments
	5th	9.30am - 10.30am	Pollution Solution Theatre Workshop for children in Year 2 - online in class
	10th	All Day	Cricket Fun Day for all with Mr Clarke from Southgate Cricket Club -children to wear PE kits
	w/c 10th	All Week	Walk to School Week
	27th	All Day	Year 2 Wow Day - children to have packed lunches on this day
	28th		Last Day of Half Term
Value for <b>June</b> is Cooperation	7th		First Day of Half Term
	w/c 21st		Arts Week
Value for <b>July</b> is Courage	w/c 5th	All week	Sports Week
	7th	All Day	ABRSM exams - please see Ms Beacon for further information
	8th	All	ABRSM exams - please see Ms Beacon further information
	10th		APPTA Summer Fair - tbc
	16th	12.45pm	Last day of Summer Term
	19th	All Day	Inset Day for staff

## 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 April was Appreciation and the winners will be announced next week! There is a £5 book token for the winner each month. The Value for May is Self-Belief.





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**ALWAYS  
BELIEVE  
YOU CAN**

Our Value for May  
is  
Self-Belief

I am Wonderfully made I am Calm  
I am Unique I am Blessed I am fun  
I ENJOY LEARNING I am Thankful I am Kind  
I AM AWESOME I am honest  
I am confident I am happy with my body  
I AM FRIENDLY I AM BRAVE I AM WISE  
I AM SMART I am Thoughtful  
I am Bold I am creative I AM ME

## Celebrating Achievement

Reception	Orion	Calypso
Merits	Rheya Demir Alice Beau Aiden Alexis Sophia Marco Eleni	Serra Omur Sam Christoper Alexis Max Jayden Benjamin Sofia Ava Abigail
Values	Maxine Azra Leo	Amelia Callie Sam

KS1/KS2	Luna	Nova	Carina	Lyra	Astra	Lynx	Apollo	Cosmo
Merits	Rose Azra Evie Reya Darcey Mabel Gabriel Maya Rose	Massa Elif Amelia Aria Alexia Ayden Iklim Harry Victoria	George Roven Natalie Aun Alex Ayla Denis Adele Reyyan	Onegie Shayan Ayden Alfie Jansu Neve Kieran Kornelia	Aara Rocco Sophie Leyla Ellie Niyan George Mishika Alexander	Aaira Timofei Zhane Zachary Iza Alyssa Jude Charlie Avash	Kleo Kuzey Elias Kuzey Dante Lily Ediz Alexandra	Sia Ayaz Gabriella Andy Erin Eisa Agastya Elizabeth Ediz
Values	Emilia Klay Lukne	Rose Arianna Aria	Sebastiyan Isabella Berkin	Hazal Ayden Mason	Arman Ashwin Tolu	Elexa Jennah Tanishka	Sophie Naima Tilly	Amaya Zahir Malaika