



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy month it has been at Ashmole Primary School. As we come to the end of another academic year, I just wanted to thank everyone for their support over the year: staff, parents and carers and especially the children. The children have continued to work so hard in class and in the Covid catch-up programmes. They have enjoyed many activities this month such as Yoga, Music, Spanish and Sports sessions. Some children have even benefited from small group activities such as Art Therapy and Lego Therapy. The well-being of the children is at the forefront of everything we try to do at Ashmole Primary.

As you already know, following the government's announcement earlier on in the month, restrictions are still in place until Monday 19th July which has had an impact on the large events that we planned to organise in June and July. Nevertheless, we remain very positive and everyone is working really hard, behind the scenes, to ensure that the children do not miss out. Unfortunately our Summer Fair has been postponed and will now go ahead on Saturday 18th September. However, the APPTA are busy organising a Summer Fun Day for all the children on Monday 12th July in School - more information to follow.

Many thanks to Mr Osman for organising a fantastic Arts Week. As well as lots of fun activities in class, the children made African Masks and took part in an African Dance Workshop - they had so much fun! Next week is Sports Week and we are looking forward to the many wonderful activities that Miss Cleary has planned. I know many of you are disappointed that you won't be able to be here in person to cheer your child on during Sports Day but with thanks to Mr Wightman, you will be able to attend 'virtually'. He has many wonderful and creative ideas up his sleeve!

As you know, our planned 'Open Day' has also been cancelled. This would have been a great opportunity for parents and carers to look around the school and see all the wonderful work the children have done this year.

School reports will be sent home during the week commencing 5th July. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please speak to their class teacher.

I have been extremely busy with interviews over the last couple of months, but I am pleased to announce that we are now fully staffed for September.

I know that many of you are keen to find out who your child's teacher is going to be next year. This information will be shared with parents and carers before the end of next week. We do hope to have meet the teacher meetings in our school hall for each class, in September.

A gentle reminder to you all that this Friday 2nd July is an Inset Day. This is a really important day for staff as we prepare for the next academic year and welcome all new staff.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

We have had a very exciting month in Calypso Class! We were very excited to have the opportunity to meet some local firefighters. They told us lots of information and explained what they do. They even let us try on their helmets and have a go at using the hose! It was great fun. We also really enjoyed participating in Art Week and made beautiful African masks. We thought carefully about the colours that we wanted to use and used different tools to create dots. We learned a dance later in the day and enjoyed performing it at the end. In Maths we have been super busy identifying coins and attempting to make amounts up to and beyond 20p. We have become very confident with our coin recognition and have enjoyed playing 'shops' to practise using money to buy items.

Orion Class have had a great month. They really enjoyed Art Week, where they got to experiment with making different African patterns and making their own masks. The children have loved exploring with money in maths and have grasped the concept of making an amount using different coins. The children are now becoming more confident in using their skills to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. In literacy, we looked at the features of writing instructions. Orion Class wrote their own instructions on how to make a jam sandwich and had so much fun making jam sandwiches for our birthday parties.



Year 1

Luna Class have had a fantastic month! In literacy they have been reading the story of 'Aisha the Superhero Princess' and have planned their own dilemmas. I think we have some potential authors in our class, their stories are phenomenal. Luna class also thoroughly enjoyed Art Week in which they created their own African sunset inspired by the story Handa's Surprise. They used water colours to create a sunset and then finally cut and stuck some animal silhouettes on top. Luna Class also enjoyed participating in an African Mask and Dance Workshop.



Nova have had a wonderful Summer term so far and are looking forward to finishing the year with more fun and exciting learning opportunities. We have learnt lots of new skills in Maths, developing our fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills. During Literacy lessons we have developed our stamina for writing extended pieces and are producing some wonderful pieces of descriptive writing. We have all very much enjoyed Spanish lessons this term. We have learnt lots of new Spanish vocabulary through a variety of songs and activities. The children look forward to their Spanish lessons each week. Nova Class have also learnt how to play the recorder this term with Mrs Pocock and performed in a concert, we can't wait for you to see it!





Year 2

Lyra Class have had a busy June. So many wonderful fun activities. We had a fantastic Music Workshop where we learned about the body percussion in the musical Stomp. We also took part in a recorder concert that we will be sharing with parents soon!

It's also been Art Week and we have had a wonderful time looking at art from Africa. We made Kenyan torque jewellery, and had fun looking at the culture of the Masaai tribe. We also had a workshop day where we made masks and learned some traditional and modern African dancing. We've continued our yoga too and had some well-being lessons about filling our buckets. There's a great book about this if you'd like to find out more.



Carina Class have been focusing on diary entries and story writing. We have enjoyed writing a diary entry from the perspective of Christopher Columbus. We have also been looking at the story Leon and the Place Between within our literacy lessons, writing our own setting descriptions and making predictions about a text.

We have enjoyed a variety of creative activities based on our African theme for Art week. We learnt some African dances, made African masks and necklaces.

In some of our afternoons, we have been undertaking rehearsals for our end of year show. Practising our lines and songs. We have also been practising our pieces of music for our end of term recorder concert.

Within humanities, we are continuing our topic, Christopher Columbus. We have been looking at Columbus' first voyage from Spain to the Caribbean within Geography, plotting it onto a world map. Also, we have been identifying and comparing the human and physical features of environments within the Caribbean and the UK.



Year 3

Astra Class have had a wonderful month taking part in some exciting and new activities. We continued our learning about Forces and Magnets in Science and the children worked hard, having lots of fun, investigating which surfaces would allow a toy car to move the furthest and fastest. The children planned their investigations using Scientific vocabulary, making sensible predictions and evaluated their findings after our exploration of different surfaces outside and around the school.

The children have enjoyed a fun packed month taking part in things such as the Stomp Workshop, African Mask and African Dance workshops during Art Week and, more recently, performing along with three other schools in the Barnet Schools Music Festival on Zoom where they showcased the fantastic songs they have been learning in class. During the Stomp workshop, we learnt about how we can make music using Stomp-style body percussion. We all had lots of fun experimenting the ways we can use our voices and bodies to make different noises. The children particularly enjoyed learning short sequences putting together all of their percussion styles.





Cont'd.....Year 3

This month in Lynx class, we have been learning about lots of interesting topics. In Literacy, Lynx Class have been writing autobiographies about themselves and key events that have happened in their lives. I am super impressed with how Lynx Class used lots of literary features in their writing such as: writing in the past tense, writing in chronological order and including lots of factual anecdotal writing to tell their story. In Maths, Lynx Class have been focussing on recognising equivalent fractions and how to solve word problems involving equivalent fractions. We have also been focussing on measure and being able to measure the volume of different objects.



Year 4

Apollo have had a fantastic month despite the rain here and there! The children really enjoyed Art Week and showed off their artistic talents when decorating their African masks and when taking part in an African dance workshop. The children have particularly been engaged with our Science and D&T topic of electricity. They have enjoyed learning how to make a complete circuit and the differences between a series and parallel circuit. They have also been working hard writing non-chronological reports about electricity. Congratulations to Elodie and Henry for being elected onto the school council, your student voice will be extremely valuable on upcoming events. Thank you to Max's mum for designing an amazing mural on the staircase and in our junior library. This really brightens up the corridors and puts a smile on everyone's face who sees it!



Working in groups, Cosmo really enjoyed researching electricity for our non-chronological reports this month. Using a checklist of features, the class used their research to write very clearly laid out and informative reports. The children also had great fun experimenting with electric circuits to make bulbs light up! In Maths, Cosmo were very busy learning all about fractions. We found equivalent fractions as well as fractions of whole numbers. Now we are looking at analogue and digital clocks. In RE, Cosmo have learnt about the central beliefs of Jainism and compared them to the beliefs of other religions. Art Week was really fun and the children of Cosmo created beautiful masks inspired by African masks. They also created lovely paintings of the jungle inspired by the artist Henri Rousseau! It has truly been an exciting month for Cosmo!



Art Corner

During Art week, we had the amazing Mrs Jossie from Pineapple Dance Studios teach the children at Ashmole Primary several different dances and design some beautiful African Masks. The children really enjoyed the workshop and on behalf of all the children at Ashmole Primary, we would like to thank Mrs Jossie for all her fabulous hard work during Art Week.

Mr Osman, Art Subject Leader



Recordings

Many thanks once again to Mr Wightman who will be coming in to school to record the following projects:

- Year 2 end of year assembly to be recorded for our parents/carers.
- Whole class singing project!

Music Corner

Music at Ashmole Primary school is really beginning to take a high profile. We have recorder, glockenspiel, African drumming and Ukulele lessons happening for Year 1 - Year 4.

The Year 3 and Year 4 pupils took part in the Barnet Online Music Festival and have been busy singing and recording the songs this half term before having a fun afternoon singing with other schools. It was a shame that it was online but they still had a great time.

As a whole school we have been learning Sing by Gary Barlow. We have been learning it in singing assembly with Luna class and Miss Tibbs teaching us the song using sign language!

Singing practice has been taking part outside and you can hear the sound all around Southgate on a Wednesday afternoon if you listen carefully!

Mrs Toal

Music Subject Leader



Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons will continue next year for pupils in Year 3 and above. Please find below the link to the application form for instrumental lessons for the next academic year (Autumn term 2021-2022)

<https://forms.gle/ZFMBFnYQwfEqgpCe7>

Please note: All instruments are offered for **Year 3** and above, apart from one to one **recorder lessons** which are offered from **Year 2**.

The instrumental tuition offered is one to one tuition and extra-curricular - it is not the same as whole class curricular instrument learning offered by the school.

Please make sure you fill in the form with the class your child will be in NEXT academic year.

Please submit a separate form for each instrument your child learns.

Please make sure you read the terms and conditions and other information carefully before you sign the form.

Childcare vouchers cannot be used to pay for instrumental lessons.

A payment request will go onto parentpay on the date shown on the form.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or questions.

Ms Beacon - Music Manager, musicmanager@ashmoleprimary.org



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STUDENT NEWS

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Apollo Class News

It has been an exciting month for Apollo class! We've all been working really hard trying to achieve our pen licences and we have had a really fun art week. For art week we were painting on canvases in the style of Henri Rousseau, made African tribal masks and did an African tribal dance.



We also have had an amazing mural painted onto the staircase next to our class by Mrs Apostolou. Our school councillors were voted in and we want them to help keep making our school an even better place.

Written by Naima and Henry

Cosmo Class News

We had an amazing time at the art workshop. For part of the day we decorated African masks with different colours and metallic colours. We used both ends of the paint brush and a dotting stick to create the effects.



On the same afternoon we had an African dance workshop. It was fantastic and everyone was excited. First we did some warm ups and then danced to a song. After that we held our masks while dancing to another song. Cosmo and Apollo took it in turns to perform to each other. We clapped for each other. It was the best Tuesday ever!

Written by Amaya and Jake



Caretaker's Corner

A big welcome back to Caretaker's Corner! I wanted to take this opportunity to update parents/carers on the school's new recycling scheme. Over the past few months I have been procuring a waste and recycling removal partner. My key focus was on cost, accountability and data.

As always, when selecting a site contractor, we strive to achieve value for money and look for an individual or organisation who will provide expertise and support. Next, an important element when it comes to waste and recycling is traceability and transparency of where our waste and recycling ends up. This is fundamental when it comes to the school's efforts. We all want to know that when we recycle, it goes to the correct place and is treated or recycled in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Finally, the only way we can improve our recycling is if we know how we are performing, therefore it is vital we have the data to help us track this.

The company that delivered on all three points was Veolia and our partnership with them commenced in March. Working with Veolia, we established our waste streams and the next phase of the project was how to effectively capture those waste streams.

In June we introduced new recycling bins into every classroom. We are now capturing paper and food waste. We are also going one step further and composting the captured classroom food waste through our Wildlife Garden compost heap.

Each class have selected Eco Warriors who are responsible for bringing out their classroom food caddies every day at 3pm and are accompanied by myself to the compost heap to dispose of this. We give the caddies a quick rinse and the Eco Warriors return them to their classrooms.

This is a great way of joining up recycling with sustainability and will allow the children to witness first hand on what can be achieved by recycling. I am sure you will hear more about the school's Green Council in the coming months.

Our recycling journey does not end there! We still need to introduce more bins into our office areas and the playgrounds. However, can I please ask all parents/carers that if your child attends an after-school activity session that they must only bring in healthy snacks and where possible please use no packaging. Any rubbish left over must go back into your child's lunchbox. This too applies to packed lunches in the hall at lunchtime. We will be introducing new initiatives and guidance in the lunch hall for our push against food waste and healthy eating.

Any comments, questions or suggestions please email me at premises@ashmoleprimary.org

Take care

Your Caretaker,
Mr Constantinou





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Dates for your diary

Value for July is
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2 nd w/c 5 th 5 th	All Day All week 4pm - 6pm	Inset Day - School closed to pupils Sports Week CANCELLED - Open Evening for all parents.
7 th	All Day	ABRSM exams - please see Ms Beacon for further information
8 th 8 th 9 th 9 th	All AM PM AM	ABRSM exams - please see Ms Beacon for further information Sports Day for KS1 Sports Day for EYFS Sports Day for KS2 School Reports out for children
10 th 12 th	All Day	CANCELLED - APPTA Summer Fair 1-4pm APPTA Fun Day in school
16 th		Last day of Summer Term 12.40pm - Reception finish 12.45pm - KS1 finish 12.50pm - KS2 finish
19 th	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 June was co-operation and the winners will be announced soon. Our Value for July is Courage. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month.

Friendly Reminders

Parking and Pollution

Please consider our neighbours during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park over driveways, even a tiny little bit, and if you are staying in your car, please turn off your engine. Thank you ☺

Packed Lunches and After School Snacks

If your child brings a packed lunch to school or a snack for their after school activity, please remember that we have a strict **NO NUTS** policy at our school. In addition to this, all lunches and snacks must be healthy and should not consist of crisps, chocolates or fizzy drinks. Please refer to our Food Policy for further information

<https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Policies&pid=14> Thank you for your support.





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ROAR. SOMETIMES COURAGE
IS THE QUIET VOICE AT THE
END OF THE DAY SAYING
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Celebrating Achievement

Reception	Orion	Calypso
Merits	Sharne Oliver Anastasia Alexis Ella Beau Rheya Anna	Alice Jayden Sam Ava Christopher Vihaan Leo Saara Callie
Values	Camellia Amelia Alice	Conor Benjamin Kvaan

KS1/KS2	Luna	Nova	Carina	Lyra	Astra	Lynx	Apollo	Cosmo
Merits	Luca Deniz Klay Tia Pariza	Elias Mia Olanna Ryka	Berkin Natalie Ayla Almira Simeon Nihal Amani Sebastiyan Callum	Olivia Michael Anna Maria Aron Georgia Elisia Alaz	Mishika Alexander D Poppy Haris Arman Rocco Ashwin Leyla Nathaniel	Jason Sophia Joseph Abigail Iza Aaira Avash Dimitar	Arden Tilly Nikolaos Naima Elias Aston Eliza Lily	Vivaan Florrie Amaya Ted Jasmine Erin Sia Lewis Oliver
Values	Daniyal Evie	Eesa Arianna	Ria Akwas Denis	Henry Michael Skye	Gulchihan Haris George	Marina Isla Tami	Seb Rahi Tilly	Musa Lara Jake