



Our Value
for December
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Kindness

November
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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed another busy month here at Ashmole Primary. The Year 5s enjoyed a WOW day and sleepover in the school hall! I'm not sure they got much sleep, but they all had so much fun. Thank you to Mrs Toal, Mrs Macdonald and all the staff that helped throughout the night!

Many thanks to Miss Burke for organising and hosting the Year 1 and Year 2 Barnet Infant Music Festival. It was great to see the children perform with other schools.

Unfortunately, due to rising cases of covid in the school, the PTA have made the difficult decision to postpone the Winter Fair which was due to take place this Sunday 5th December. They are working really hard to ensure the children do not miss out too much, so with the help of Santa and his Elves, they intend to bring some Christmas fun to the children during the school day! Please watch this space...

As an avid football supporter myself, I am delighted that we now have our very own Year 5 school football team. Miss Powell, PE Subject Leader is working in conjunction with Foundation Sports to bring the team to life. The children played their first match against a Year 6 Monkfrith Primary and lost 2-1. Considering it was our Year 5s against their Year 6s, I think we all agree that they did a great job and did Ashmole Primary proud!

During the last few weeks at Ashmole Primary School we have seen an increase in the number of children testing positive for covid. Whilst we do not wish to cause any undue panic, we are asking everyone to take extra precautions. If your child has any cold like symptoms, please ensure they undertake a PCR test and as an extra precaution, please stay at home until you get a negative result. Please do not rely on class WhatsApp groups for factual information. If you have any questions or need advice, please contact the school office. We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe and your support in this matter is very much appreciated. If your child's class is put into a 'bubble', you will be notified immediately via email. If your child is at home or has been asked to isolate, work will be set for them on Google Classroom in due course. Our school Risk Assessment has also been updated in regards to face coverings in corridors and communal areas for staff, visitors and volunteers.

I would like to say a special thank you to our team of dedicated volunteers who give up their free time to help our school every day, in particular the library volunteers and the class helpers. Thank you also to Darcy and Maxi's mummy for the wonderful work she has been doing around the school. The Values mural on the KS2 staircase is rather magnificent!

As we head into the last term of the calendar year, we can all be grateful for everything we have achieved so far this year. The children continue to astound me with their strong work ethic and their need to do well in all of their subjects.

As a reminder, please note that due to the Queens Jubilee next year, our first day back after the Christmas break will be Wednesday 5th January 2022.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



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Reception

Calypso have been busy this month finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number in maths! We used cubes and a variety of counting objects to firstly explore this concept and then began to use the number line to solve questions too. In Phonics, we have now finished all of our phase 2 sounds and have enjoyed using our finger sound buttons and jumping in hoops to segment and blend sounds together. We are becoming much more confident in reading simple CVC words!

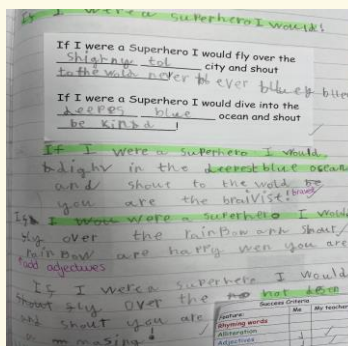
We also really enjoyed the Children in Need day this month. We had lots of fun meeting Pudsey, decorating biscuits and dressing up to raise money.



Orion class have had a lovely month in November. It has been wonderful to see the children forming such lovely friendships and working so well together. We have been working really hard on our phonics sounds and we have learnt all of phase 2 sounds! The children have been amazing at using their robot voices to segment and blend cvc words. In maths, we have been using practical resources to help us with addition and subtraction. There have been lots of celebrations this month and Orion class have developed an understanding of different beliefs and cultures of others such as; Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. Thank you to Mr Cohen who came in to talk to Orion and Calypso class all about Hanukkah, the children loved it!

Year 1

Luna Class have had an extremely busy but exciting month at school. They participated in the Barnet Infant Music Festival which was held at our school and they were all such wonderful hosts to the other three primary schools that attended. All the children sang beautifully and were perfect role models (Keep an eye out for the video which will be sent to you soon). We have also started practising for our Nativity play which is very exciting, the only issue is that the children can not stop wiggling 😊. In Literacy, we have been learning about poems in which the children wrote an amazing heartfelt poem about anti-bullying and in maths, we have been learning all about time. Finally, in Art, we have completed our topic on portraits by painting our own portraits. Firstly, we had to sketch our facial features and then we painted it using tempura paint. Keep up the fantastic work Luna Class!



This month, Nova have had a lot of fun creating self portraits during art. The children painted some lovely pictures! During science lessons, learning about our senses and experimenting with them has been very interesting. In RE, we have been learning all about the Christmas story and its significance to Christians. Nova Class are also practising a great deal for our performance of the Nativity. Everyone is very busy learning their lines! The children of Nova have been learning about writing poems in literacy and they learnt about alliteration and rhyming to help them with this. Nova have also been working very hard during maths while learning about telling the time. It has been a very productive month for Nova. Well done to the pupils for working hard!



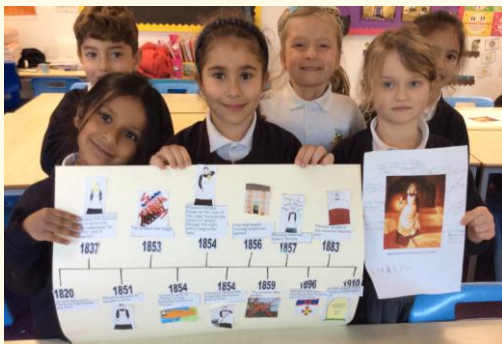
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Year 2

We have had a fantastic first full term in Carina Class and I cannot believe how quickly time has flown. The children have really immersed themselves in our topic work, from the Great Fire of London to the detailed exploration of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale! The children have created some beautiful imaginary writing, ranging from journeys in to the forest, to writing as Cinderella or Prince Cinders, and not forgetting our brilliant (yet messy) instruction writing of how to make a jam sandwich!

Carina class have developed their Maths skills in time and number and have very much enjoyed applying these skills every day in the classroom. Thank you again to our parents and carers for your ongoing support. Mrs Aliberti and the Carina Class team.



Lyra have been working really hard in English learning about the features of a letter and how to use emotive language to express feelings and emotions. They have also been practising how to divide using the bar model in Maths. It has been lovely to see how knowledgeable the children are about Florence Nightingale and how interested they are in her life. The children enjoyed creating a time line of events to show what amazing things she did during her life. In RE the children have been learning about Chanukah and all the customs that Jewish people do during the festivities. Well done Lyra, keep up the hard work.

Year 3

Astra class have had a fantastic, busy month learning. In literacy we have been writing our own adventure stories based on 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. We also wrote our own Haiku poems based on the four seasons. This week we have been looking at the features of leaflets and next week we will be writing our own leaflet all about Greece which links with our Geography topic.

We have been learning about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita and we created some colourful, symmetrical rangoli patterns. In maths we have been developing our skills at multiplication and division and we have been learning how to count money and find change.

We had great fun dressing up for 'Children in Need day' and we even took a class photo!



This month in Lynx we have had a fantastic time, especially in Literacy we have been looking at the features of leaflets such as alliteration, exclamations and rhetorical questions, as we will be creating our very own leaflet about Greece, which is an amazing place!!! In maths we have learnt how to be savvy with our money, we have been adding money, subtracting money, converting pounds into pence and learning to give the correct change. In science we have been learning about light!! We have been experimenting with different materials such as foil, mirror, black card and wrapping paper to find out which material is the best for reflecting light. This has been such fun as it helped us to create circuits in our D&T lessons to make lightbulbs light up!!!! We had surprise guests share a presentation on Hanukkah which was amazing. We learnt all about the battle between the Greek and the Jewish people and why Hanukkah is so important to Jewish people.



Year 4

This month in Cosmo class we have been artists, experimenting with different materials to create different textures. We have been using these materials to experiment with different drawing techniques to create effect to an image of a volcano and earthquake. We have also been very busy with looking at different experiments within science to support us with our understanding of different states of matter. We are now able to use our understanding to explain what happens within different environments such as the water cycle. In PE, we have been exploring dance and space. We have been looking at how to be an excellent dancer and how we can use movement and expression to support the telling of a story or event. We have been looking at working in canon and exploring how we can use different heights to portray the character of an alien and spaceman. Well done for working so hard Cosmo Class! Keep up the hard work! 😊



This month Apollo class, we have been doing lots of learning. In Maths, we have been looking at decimal equivalents, halves and quarters of decimal equivalents, identifying units of measure and comparing between different units of measure. In Literacy, we have been looking at acrostic poems, writing with purpose to describe characters, settings and come up with alternative endings. We have also been learning about explanation texts and all the different features within an explanation text. In Science, we have been focusing on changes of state and conducting evaporation investigations. The children have really enjoyed their learning this half term and been a pleasure to teach. Well done Apollo class.

Year 5 WOW Day

Remember remember the month of November and what a month it has been for Year 5. We finally managed to have our amazing WOW Day and sleepover! During our WOW Day we looked at homelessness and as part our theme we created fantastic art which is now hanging outside our classroom. We made a wonderful hearty vegetable soup and we wrote some amazing shape poems all about what it feels like to be homeless. We then had a fantastic sleepover. What fun we had setting up the hall as our bedroom! We served each other soup, enjoyed each other's company and eventually got some sleep. The teachers didn't look like they had any sleep the next morning though! A busy week followed in school writing all about the rainforest. Well done Year 5, you have been absolute super stars this month. Mrs Toal, Miss Macdonald and all the Year 5 Team.





A month in the life at Ashmole Primary School

Children In Need

On Friday 19th November, the School Councillors organised a biscuit sale after school to raise money for Children In Need. We sold the biscuits for 50p each and at the end of the sale, we discounted them to 10p. The biscuits were beautifully made and were so tasty and yummy - they sold out really quickly!

We raised a massive £781.66 in total, this included everyone's generous donations for wearing Pudsey outfits. All of this money will go towards Children In Need.

Children In Need is a charity that helps children who are less fortunate than us and we do this every year at Ashmole Primary School. By raising money, we help this really good cause.

By Henry and Elodie, School Councillors (Year 5 Aquila Class)



Year 5 inter-school Football Match

On Tuesday 9th November the Year 5 football team played our very first school match against Monkfrith Primary School. I was really nervous because I had never played in a team. We played against their Year 6 team and lost 2-1, but like the saying goes, you learn more from a loss than you do from a win! I went off injured but then came back on. I think it was really fun. We also have other matches which I am really looking forward to. Our team consisted of Joe in goal, myself, Nikolaos and Ediz in defence, Dante, Maxi and Eren were in midfield and Jimmy and Eren were in attack. Jimmy scored our goal!

By Seb, Year 5 Aquila Class.



Photos from the Year 1 Movie Night





Advice for all Parents and Carers

Please help our school remain open every day during the winter months.

You can support us with minimising the transmission of Covid by following these recommendations:

- If your child develops any Covid symptoms, please take them for a PCR test and keep them home until you get a negative result.
- If any household member tests positive for Covid, all members of the household must take a PCR and stay home until you get a negative result.
- You may also wish to conduct a lateral flow test twice a week or daily if your class has seen a rise in cases to help catch asymptomatic cases.
- If your child tests positive, consider keeping siblings at home to isolate as well (remote learning will be provided).
- Continue with hygiene routines - increased hand washing and sanitising.
- You may want to wear a mask when coming to and from school.
- If you undertake a PCR test for any reason for your child, it is **highly recommended** that they stay home until you get a negative result.

- It is also really important to note that if your child's class has been placed in a bubble and they attend any of our on-site after school clubs, please provide a weekly negative PCR result to the office before attending any of the clubs for that week. Thank you.

If you ever have any questions, please call Mrs Andrews, Mrs Mittins or Mrs Mustafa in the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.



APPTA News

It's been a busy month for APPTA, with lots going on behind the scenes!

*A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend and show their support at this year's AGM. **Congratulations** to the new APPTA Core Committee for 2021-2022: Roza Aufogul (Chair), Sonal Shah (Vice-Chair), Vinod Nakrani (Treasurer), Andria Themistokli (Secretary), Caroline Bon (Vice-Secretary), Dale Wightman (Elected Trustee), Tripti Tanna (Elected Trustee).*

We're looking forward to working with the school community over the next year. If you would like to get involved, please email ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com or come and speak to one of us. You can join the APPTA Broadcast Channel to keep up to date with all APPTA activities here:

*We started our year with an entertaining **Quiz Night**. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us. A fun evening was had by all, testing our knowledge on Sports, Science, Music, Maths, English and the extremely amusing 'balloon round'. The evening also included some impromptu karaoke at the end of the evening. A very BIG thank you to our quiz host, Nigel Parsons, and Roza's mum Raheelah who supported us with delicious home-cooked food. **We raised an amazing £497**, all of which goes to supporting our children's learning environment.*

*We have taken the difficult decision to **postpone the Winter Fair**, that was due to take place on the 5th December, due to current Covid circumstances. We will, however, be arranging a **Winter fun day** for the children so that they don't miss out on some of the fun activities. More information will follow. Thank you to everyone who has helped with planning and organising so far; we hope to hold a Winter Fair in February 2022, and the hard work you have all done now will be carried forward for the February event.*

***Upcoming events:** The Year 1 Movie night too! take place on Friday 26th November. Please look out for details of Friday night events for other year groups in 2022!*

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support in what has been a challenging couple of years.

APPTA Core Team



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Dates for your diary

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Date	Time	Event
5 th	1PM - 4PM	Winter Fair <u>POSTPONED</u>
10 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day - £1.00 donation
10 th	Lunch	Christmas lunch for all pupils
14 th	All Day	EYFS/KS1 Panto Trip to Millfield Theatre
15 th	9.15am	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity - viewing for <u>Reception</u> parents only - tbc
16 th	9.15am	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity - viewing for <u>Year 1</u> parents only - tbc
16 th	All Day	KS2 Panto Trip to Millfield Theatre
17 th	12.45pm	Last day of Term - pupils will be dismissed at 12.45pm



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School News and Reminders



Lost Property

If your child has lost any of their belongings, please speak to their class teacher or take a look through the lost property bin which is located outside the school office.

Keeping Children Safe

For your information, our Designated Safeguarding Officers are:

Miss Costas - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Toal - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mr Tofallis - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Our School Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our website: www.ashmoleprimary.org

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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!



Lettings and Hall Hire

A variety of facilities at Ashmole Primary school are available for hire to clubs and organisations, both in the evenings and at weekends. Facilities include a hall, a 5-a-side football/ basketball/ netball multi-use games area (MUGA) and outdoor space. In certain circumstances classrooms may also be let for educational activities. We are also happy to take bookings for birthday parties etc. Please contact Mr Georgiou at gge@ashmoleprimary.org for more information. Thank you.



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Celebrating Achievement

In recognition of their outstanding work this month, the following pupils have received an Achievement Award from Mr Tofallis.



Year 1 Luna	Year 1 Nova	Year 2 Carina	Year 2 Lyra	Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila
Sam Conor Saara Millie Suendam Ayla Max B Ella Yusuf Mayra Elsa Jushn Leo Callie	Sharne Rheya Sophia Ravi Eleni Beau Evelyn Marco Maxine Maria Anna Noah Christopher Demir Rheya Leo	Easa Amelia Ryka Mairi Kaiden Arianna Ibrahim Aria Ayda Ella Milo Iklim Mira Rafael	Pariza Johnny Oliver Anyu Maya Mabel Tia Dominic Luca Inaya Azra Olivia Deniz	Melis Sienna Reyyan Roven Lewis Ayaan Riki Almira Nora Ayla Akwas Natalie Alex	Arya Anabelle Onokie Skye Lucas Maria Alfie Jansu Kierna Alexander Alaz	James Mishika Nicholas Harris Armin Keon Gulcihan Ellie Ashwin Nathaniel Anyu	Iza Charlie Kenan Sara Ben Abigail Liyana Aaira Yiannis Timofei Marina Dimitar Elexa Isla William	Agastya Keana Laurence Vivaan Elizabeth Malaika Gabriella Jasmine Armin	Dante Eliza Aston Arabella Kuzey Ankit Joshua Jasmine Ediz Nikolaos Ankit Rahi Seb

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 November was Friendship and the winners are, Arianna in Year 2 Carina Class and Aaira in Year 4 Cosmo Class. Our Value for December is Kindness. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!