



### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

December really is the 'most wonderful time of the year'! We have had so much fun this month. The children have been to the theatre to watch a pantomime, which they thoroughly enjoyed...OH YES THEY DID! The Reception and Year 1 pupils were able to perform their Christmas Nativity to their parents and carers. A special thank you to Ashmole Primary's Media Team for recording the show; this will be shared with all parents and carers, free of charge, in due course.

We had a wonderful Christmas lunch thanks to Chef Ellie and her fabulous team. Santa and his Elf even made a special appearance during the day- thank you to Mr Anastasi and Mr Andreas for making this possible. Thank you also to the PTA for making the day even more special with a special gift for all the children.

At the end of this term, Mrs Huggins will be leaving her post as Lynx Class Teacher. We would like to wish Mrs Huggins all the very best in her new job and for the future. From January - February, Mr Constantinides will be Lynx Class teacher during this time and then from mid-February until the remainder of the academic year, Mr Evaghoras will be the class teacher. In February 2022 there will be an opportunity to meet and greet Mr Evaghoras in our school hall. Miss Davies will be moving to Year 5 Aquila Class to support Mrs Toal and Moreale. Mrs Hassan (SEN TA) will also be leaving us at the end of this term and we wish her the very best for the future.

Mrs Athanasi (Reception HLTA) began her maternity leave in December and has been replaced by Mrs Medway.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of our new Caretaker. Mr Di Francia will be joining us from the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

From January 2022, Mrs Rodrigues will be joining us as a Catch-Up Tutor in Year 3 and Year 5.

I am delighted that pupils in Year 2 have completed their Phonics Screening Check. Well done to all the children for their endeavours throughout this process.

Tomorrow is our last day of the Autumn term and the children will be having lots of fun in class. It is party day for everyone with non-uniform. School finishes at 12.45am for all pupils, with no After School Club.

With new government guidance in place in regards to Covid and the new Omicron variant, we don't yet know what the new spring term will bring. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your dedication and support during our first term. We have worked together to keep everyone safe in our community and will continue to do so. If there are any government changes in regards to lockdowns over the Christmas period, which I hope there won't be, we will of course keep you informed.

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

Wishing you all relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

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Orion have had a wonderful month this December. We have enjoyed all the festivities of getting ready for Christmas and practising our nativity show. 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 were very lucky to go on a school trip to Christ Church in Southgate, where we learnt all about the Christmas story and acted out our very own nativity in the church. The children have gained so much confidence with reading and writing words independently and describing the properties of 2 and 3d shapes. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in January 2022!



## Year 1

This month, Nova have had a lot of fun practising for the Nativity performance. We hope that the parents really enjoyed watching the children perform! The children have also shown great creativity during arts and crafts sessions and created some lovely decorations for Christmas. What's more, in literacy, we have continued to learn about diary entries and their features and written one as if we visited the moon! We all loved watching the panto. It was a great experience! Well done for working hard this year Nova Class!



Luna Class, we have had a very busy but fun first term in Year 1. You have been on your first school trip to Christ Church in Southgate, learnt all of your phase 5 sounds and completed lots of work in between all of that. A huge focus of this half term has been dedicated to the children's nativity show. I think you would all agree, that they were fantastic and you are as proud of them as we are. Well done Luna Class! I hope you all have a wonderful and restful Christmas holiday.







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## Year 2

I cannot believe that we have completed our first full term together. What an eventful term it has been. The children have settled in so well, and it has been wonderful to see the children progress and mature in such a short space of time. They have developed so many wonderful skills, and have become very comfortable in sharing their wonderful thoughts, ideas and views with each other. It is lovely to see that they are able to celebrate in each other's achievements and are proud of one another. This term we celebrated the life of Florence Nightingale, we became historians, researchers, chefs and then truly immersed ourselves in the life of Florence Nightingale in our WOW day. We had lots of fun and consolidated our understanding through making paper lanterns, sashes, hats and yummy vegetable broth! It has been such a pleasure to teach Carina class this term and we very much look forward to discovering more exciting topics together in the New Year. Have a wonderful Christmas break and thank you all again for your ongoing support.



Lyra class have been working so hard this half term we are so proud of all their achievements.

We had lots of fun on our Florence Nightingale morning where the children immersed themselves into the life of a nurse and what it would have been like. They made sashes, nurses' headwear, lanterns and made a stew. In Maths we have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and sorting them into tables and Venn diagrams. The children also had a great afternoon at the pantomime and represented the school beautifully. We hope you have a peaceful and well deserved break over the winter holidays and look forward to seeing you back in 2022!

## Year 3

We have had a wonderful festive month in Lynx. In Literacy we created our own shape poems, based on the Christmas holidays using objects such as stars, Christmas trees and baubles. We had a blast singing "Feliz Navidad" and danced; we truly got into the Christmas spirit. We had a lovely surprise visit from Santa who told us that we have been great this year! In maths we had loads of fun learning about 2D and 3D shapes looking at their different properties. In science we have been busy creating shadows with different light sources such as the sun and torches. We even experimented with changing the size of a shadow. In DT we created our own circuits, which we used to help make our torches that we designed. We have definitely had tons of fun this month!!



Astra class have had a great December. We have been practicing our year group Christmas song in Spanish and then we performed it in the hall to our teachers. We really enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers and eating the delicious Christmas lunch. In class we have been learning about parallel, perpendicular, vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines as well as 2D and 3D shapes. It is amazing to see how many of these lines and shapes we can spot in our environment. In literacy we have been making our own persuasive leaflets about Greece and also trying to persuade Mr and Mrs Twit to be kinder to each other! In Science and DT we are learning about light and shadows. We had a go at making our own torch this week!







## Year 4

This month in Cosmo class, we have been looking at different forms of poetry. We have been creating our own calligram and shape poems, based on the topic of winter.

We have also been busy getting our class ready for Christmas, making lots of Christmas decorations and carrying out lots of Christmas activities.

We have also enjoyed finishing our topic of earthquakes and volcanoes, where we created an earthquake simulation experiment.

Well done for all your hard work this term Cosmo Class, and we hope you have a lovely Christmas and a well deserved break!



What a fabulous half term Apollo class have had. In Maths, we have been learning about place value in four-digit numbers, mental strategies to add and subtract, partitioning 2- and 3-digit numbers and check answers using the inverse operations to check our answers in calculations. In Literacy, we have been learning how to write imaginative myths, analyse writing to identify the main features of a fable and to be able to write our own imaginative fable. Also, in Science we have focused on different states of matter such as: liquid, solid and gas.

## Year 5

I can't quite believe that we've reached the end of the Autumn term and the end of 2021!

What a busy term we have all had. We have worked so hard right up to the very end too, we wrote some beautiful personification poems in literacy and they are on display for the other children to see. Lady Winter, whispers her icy spells, all over our literacy books and Mrs Toal was so impressed. We then had a fantastic IT WOW day where we not only learned about codes and ciphers, we looked back at the history of message sending too and used Morse code and semaphore to encode and decode secret messages, but we also created our own code. We used scratch to create a jumping or catching game. Finding the right code and making sure there were no bugs was tricky, but we had a great day.



With Christmas just around the corner, Vesper class have enjoyed rehearsing for their Christmas performance. Year 5 sang 'Merry Christmas' by Slade beautifully in their Christmas jumpers and we look forward to you viewing the video. Thank you for your generous donations towards the Save the Children charity, it makes a great difference. In class, we have become computing wizards and have coded our own Scratch games, both individually and in groups. The children have learnt how to create jumping and catching games and are confident adding sprites, backgrounds and sounds to their games. We have also become cryptographers and are able to send messages using semaphore codes, Morse code and pig pen codes. See if your child can send you a message in code! Lastly, a massive well done to the Year 5 girls who played in Ashmole's first ever netball match last Thursday. (Erin, Elizabeth, Evie, Gabriella, Lily, Elodie and Serena) We are so proud of your efforts! Have a lovely Christmas all ☆





## Year 5 Inter School Netball match

Last Thursday, we got to take part in our very first netball match against a Year 6 Osidge School netball team. It was a joy to take part and play but even though we lost, I was glad for the experience. However, it was a surprise that we had to change our positions every 6 minutes! I played my preferred position as goal attack in the first 6 minutes and goal defence in the second 6 minutes!

Every Wednesday, we trained harder and harder each week but at least Elizabeth scored an epic goal when I was off the pitch as a substitute. We were so elated when the ball went into the net and it was a complete shock when we scored just after Osidge. It was tiring to chase after the ball and mark the other players, but it was a great experience. We will continue to keep training and preparing and hopefully next time we will WIN!

by Serena (Year 5, Aquila Class)



## Parking

You must not park partially or wholly on the pavement in London. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. Brunswick Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team have been receiving reports concerning vehicles parked carelessly around Ashmole Primary School. If the police continue to receive reports about offending vehicles, it may be necessary to flag the vehicle on the Police National Computer as a vehicle of concern, which may result in the vehicle being stopped by police on a regular basis.

As a reminder, our new 'Parking Buddies' will be outside the school every day during school drop off and pick up. Please look out for our buddies and take notice of what their signs say! Please help us in our efforts to keep YOUR children SAFE! A huge thank you to GoodEgg Media for donating two out of the four signposts.



## Christmas Card Competition

Well done Ashmole Primary for all your entries into Theresa Villiers' MP Christmas card competition. I would like to congratulate Sophie in Year 4 Apollo Class for winning the competition. You will also be pleased to know that the following pupil's entries have been highly commended:

Tanishka Year 4 Cosmo Class  
Gabriella Year 5 Vesper Class  
Jenna Year 5 Vesper Class  
Liyana Year 4 Cosmo Class

Congratulations to you all!  
Mr Osman  
Art Subject Leader





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## APPTA News

December has been a busy month for us. Here's a whistle-stop tour of what we have been up to!

In place of the Winter fair, the children enjoyed some festive fun at school, with a surprise visit from Santa and his elf, bringing gifts for all the kids.

We also arranged for each class to have a Christmas photo and video of them singing festive songs, from *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* to *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*. We'd like to thank our new Media Team for their support in making this happen, and hope you enjoy the photo and recording!

Thanks to all who generously donated to these events and purchased items from the pop-up stall this month. We raised **£1088.98**.

This year, APPTA supported the school with the children designing their own Christmas Cards. Thank you to those of you who took up this offer; we raised **£125**.

We were thrilled that the Christmas Nativity was able to go ahead this year; all the Reception and Year 1 children made us so proud. We hope the hot drinks and mince pies served by the APPTA team warmed you up and brought you a little festive cheer! Reception and Year 1 parents should receive the recordings of the Nativity in the new year.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Rash & Rash who invited Ashmole children to take part in creating a new logo for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The designs are currently being reviewed with top designs receiving a book voucher.

The current APPTA team would also like to say a huge thank to our previous Chair, Celeste Menich. All those hours she gave to volunteering last year were supported by her employer, Adobe, who donated an astounding **£1,400** to APPTA. If your employer is able to support in a similar way, we'd love to hear from you!

As we couldn't hold our Winter Fair, we chose to participate in The Big PTA Raffle, organised by Parentkind. We sold 170 tickets which raised an amazing **£255**. Thank you so much and good luck to those who bought tickets.

Also, some fantastic news to end the year, as we were able to sell over 120 tickets, APPTA were entered into the Parentkind PTA prize draw. We are the lucky winners of **£2500** towards our funds for the school. Thanks again for buying a ticket!

We'd like to thank our outgoing sponsor, Platinum Estates, for all their support over the last few years. We're opening up the opportunity for other businesses within the school community to support us through being our official sponsor. If you'd like more information, please get in touch with one of the APPTA team.

We're excited to take the first steps in creating our outdoor learning classroom; we're looking for a contractor to build this. If this is something you are able to help with, we'd love to hear from you, so please get in touch with one of the APPTA team. Finally, we'd like to remind you of the volunteer groups you can get involved with to support the school through the PTA:

1. Wildlife Garden
2. Library
3. Art & Decor
4. Face Painting
5. Media Team
6. First Aid

If you have any ideas for further groups or fundraising activities, do let us know. Please email [ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com) for further information. We hope you have a restful and safe festive break and look forward to seeing you all in January.

Many thanks  
APPTA Team

### Forthcoming Events

#### January

Winter APPTA Junior Bake-Off  
Bimonthly PTA - 11 January 2022  
Year 1 Friday Party - 21 January 2022

#### February

Happy School Bag - 2 February 2022  
Year 2 Friday party - 4 February 2022



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## Dates for your diary

Value for January is Compassion	Date	Time	Event
	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.50am	<u>First Day of Spring Term</u>
	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming lessons will commence for all pupils in Year 5.

## Parent Governor End of Term

Mr Nick Scott, Parent Governor is up for re-election in January 2022.

If anyone is interested in standing for Parent Governor, please contact Mrs Andrews, Clerk to the Governing Committee, by no later than Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9am.

If we do not receive any interest from other parties, Mr Scott will be re-elected for a further four years.

For further information regarding our Primary Governing Committee, please click here:

<https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Governance&pid=16>

## Year 5 Swimming

During the Spring term, Year 5 will be taking part in weekly swimming lessons at Arnos Swimming Pool. I am sure you will agree, that this is an exciting opportunity for the children. Further information has been sent to all our Year 5 parents and carers.





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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](http://www.ashmoleprimary.org)

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



**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](mailto: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
Mya Abigail Yusuf Alice Amelia Caspar Ayla Max O	Arjan Amelia Ella Brandon Aiden	Murat Elif Emily Massa Mia Alexia Arianna	Frankie Nikol Pariza Danyal Azra Arthur	Simeon Isabella Almira Amani Alborz Ashok Nihal Callum	Neve Alfie Henry Olivia Edward Onkie Alexander Mason	Armin Haris Mishika Gulcihan Poppy Rohan	William Liyana Avash Jayden Alyssa Tanishka Ben Jude	Jimmy Lara Jasmine Elizabeth Lewis Oliver Andy	Ankit Elodie Aston Ediz Rahi Sophie Arden Arabella

## 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 December was Kindness and the winners are, Emily M in KS1 and Aaryan B in KS2. Our Value for January is Compassion. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!