



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you from myself and on behalf of all the staff for the wonderful gifts and treats at the end of last term. We are always blown away by your generosity and kindness. Thank you!

We have had a positive start to the new year so far, although with the rise in Covid cases, we have needed to take extra precautionary measures by placing some of our classes into 'bubbles'. This has worked really well and we are happy that we have been able to contain the spread of Covid within our school. It is really important that parents/carers inform the school office if their child tests positive for Covid - without this information, we would not know if we should place your child's class in a 'bubble'. If your child's class is placed in a 'bubble', you will be notified immediately via email.

Pupils in Year 2 have been preparing for their SATs assessments that are due to take place in May 2022. Thank you to those of you that were able to attend the SATs meeting last week. However, if you were unable to attend the meeting, please take a look at the PowerPoint slides that have been sent out via email and placed on our website. Please also look at obtaining the extra resources and books that have been recommended by Miss Costas from CGP. Thank you.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Sidarenou as part-time Caretaker. Mrs Sidarenou will be working alongside our full time Caretaker Mr Di Francia.

Thank you to the APPTA for organising the year group events. Unfortunately, due to the rise in Covid cases within our school, the Year 2 event was postponed, but they hope to do something again soon. The PTA are busy organising the Year 3 event, which is due to take place this Friday, all being well. There is a Happy Bag collection this Wednesday. Bags must be taken to the Muga where they will be collected by members of the APPTA. Thank you to the APPTA for organising the Junior Bake Off competition. I can confirm that myself, Mrs Mustafa, Mrs Tibbs, Mr Osman, Miss Burke and Miss Costas were given the enviable job of taste testers! Not only did the cakes look amazing, they tasted amazing too! On Friday, via zoom, the winners and runners up were announced and the APPTA will be sharing the names of the children soon.

We have lots of exciting focus weeks to look forward to next month, such as Safer Internet Week, Children's Mental Health Week and Book Week. Book Week is always so much fun and a chance to 'dress up' as our favourite book characters, so start planning your outfits now, I know I am!

Can you believe that we only have two more weeks left until the end of this half-term! Please remember that Monday 21st February is an Inset Day, so pupils should not come to school on that day. The first day back for pupils after half term is Tuesday 22nd February.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

We have had a busy month in Calypso class. In Maths, we explored addition and subtraction and enjoyed using resources and writing number sentences. We are now beginning to explore length and have been using our feet, measuring worms, cubes and rulers to find out how long or short an object is. In Phonics, we have been very busy learning lots of new digraphs and tricky words. We have started writing an 'I can see' sentence each morning when we come in to the classroom. Many of us have been trying super hard to form our letters and use our sounds when writing. Well done Calypso Class for having a great start back to the new year! 😊



Orion Class have had a great start to the new year! In Phonics, we have nearly learnt all of our phase 3 sounds and tricky words. The children are becoming superstars at beginning to use these sounds independently in their reading and their writing. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction and the children have been writing number sentences independently and using their fingers and a number line to help them find the answer. This term, our topic is 'food'. We have been learning about the different food groups and how to live a healthy lifestyle!



Year 1

Luna Class have worked exceptionally hard this month in all of our subjects. We have started our new History topic in which we are learning about the Victorian Era and how their homes are different to ours. In Literacy, we have been reading the story Oliver's vegetables and wrote a fantastic character description using lots of adjectives and similes. In Maths, we have been learning about money and had lots of fun setting up our own shop in our classroom. Well done Luna Class, you have all worked so hard and we are very proud of everything you have done this month. Miss Burke, Mrs Keshini, Mrs Davis and Mrs A.



Nova Class have been very busy! In Maths, we have been learning how to use coins to pay for different things and solving problems involving money. During Literacy, Nova have been reading a story about a boy who only wants to eat chips but then tries a variety of vegetables after encouragement from his grandfather. The children wrote their own versions of the story using lots of lovely adjectives, similes and connectives. In History, Nova Class have been learning about the Victorians and comparing their houses to modern ones. Their homes were quite different to ours! The children also really enjoyed using stencils to create patterns during Art. Well done Nova Class!





Year 2

We have had a interesting start to the Spring Term in Carina Class and I hope that things are starting to normalise a little now. The children have coped very well adapting and I am incredibly proud of them. The children have really immersed themselves in our Science (Our Changing World) topic. We explored the Wildlife Garden and discussed how the seasons change the habitat of creatures within it. We then looked in the pond and we saw air bubbles coming from the bottom - we can't wait to see what is living in there! We have grown our broad beans and have hypothesised what will happen to those on the window and those in the dark cupboard.

The children have created some fantastic character writing, and have developed their dictionary and glossary skills.

Carina Class have developed their Maths skills, understanding data and statistics - they 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 Class have had a great start to 2022! We have been enjoying our topic on 'Dazzling Dinosaurs' and have written some brilliant, informative reports about them. We learnt how to research and make notes, then we used these notes to describe the appearance, habitat and diet of different Dinosaurs. We have also enjoyed our Science lessons. In the first week back, we made a visit to the Wildlife Garden where we observed animals and plants, comparing the similarities and differences from Autumn to Winter. The children have used their photography skills to take some great photos of their observations.



Year 3

It has been a great start to the year in Lynx Class. We have just begun reading Stone Age Boy in Literacy, which has helped us develop our descriptive writing and figurative language. We have also been making comparisons between Anthony Browne publications and studying his illustrations too - furthering our ability to use comparative language. Our new History topic, 'The Stone Age', has given us some brilliant opportunities to develop our art work, including making sketchings of Stone Henge and also producing animal portraits using chalk, charcoal and oil pastels. In Maths, we have been developing our multiplication and division skills, learning different strategies to solve problems and taking more of an in-depth look at what happens to numbers when we solve calculations. In Music, Lynx Class have been learning to sing Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and also appraising some of his other songs too. Furthermore, we are all looking forward to our trip to the London Islamic Cultural Centre and Mosque next month, which should be a rewarding end to this half term. Finally, I would like to add that it has been a sincere pleasure teaching your children in Lynx Class this half term and I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them. They have demonstrated a lot of potential for success in the future!

Mr Constantinides ☺



Astra Class have made a fantastic start to 2022! In Literacy we have been making delicious healthy sandwiches and writing instructions. We have been comparing and contrasting books by the famous author and illustrator 'Anthony Browne'. We wrote some fantastic book reviews and also a letter to persuade him to come and visit our school!! This week we started reading 'The Stone Age Boy' book using a range of descriptive language techniques to write setting descriptions. In Maths, we have been developing our multiplication and divisions skills and applying our knowledge through solving problems. In Science, we have been learning about healthy eating and we even designed our own healthy packed lunch as well as learning about different skeletons and their functions and purposes. In Humanities, we have been learning all about the Stone Age and we drew some fantastic cave paintings in Art!!



Year 4

This month in History, we have been looking at the Tudors and how the Monarchy influenced the latter centuries. We investigated Tudor England through what has been left behind, looking at artefacts and using the internet to help gather information. We also looked at the Battle of Bosworth and how the War of the Roses influenced the Monarchy. The children also learnt about Henry VIII and his many wives. In our Science topic "Where does all that food go?" the children have really enjoyed the work. We started off by looking at the digestive system and the functions of all the different organs. Then we looked at our teeth and how they help us to digest food and how to keep our teeth healthy. Apollo Class have worked so hard this month and I am super proud of each and every one of them!



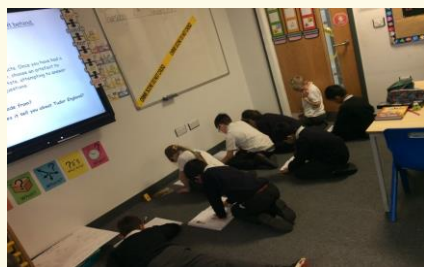
This month in Cosmo Class, we have been extremely busy. We have been looking at our natural environment, identifying the different changes in plants and habitats from Winter to Spring. We looked at how the trees and habitats have changed and the reasons as to why these changes have occurred.

We have also been investigating a Tudor crime scene! We had lots of different artefacts scattered around the room, where we had to identify what we thought the artefact was, what it was made from and what we thought the Tudors used this for. We had lots of fun looking at the different Tudor objects around the room!

We have also been looking at adventure stories which we have really enjoyed. We have been thinking about whether Arthur should or should not go on his adventure into the land of the Minimoy and created our own alternative ending to the film Arthur and the Minimoy. We have also been looking at lots of different features that are included within adventure story writing and how adventure stories are structured.

We have also enjoyed exploring different movements and expressions to do with our PE topic, Cats. This term we are exploring the dance, including different movements and expressions that we can incorporate to portray the character of naughty, mischievous and lazy cats. We have been working in partners, peer assessing each other's work, working as a team and in cannon to improve and enhance our dancing skills.

Well done for all your hard work Cosmo Class! 😊



Year 5

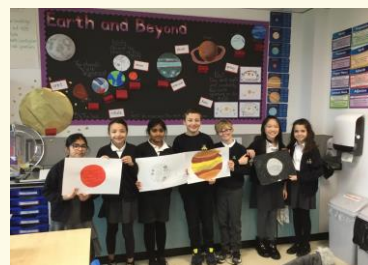
Welcome back Vesper Class! This month, we have started our new topic all about space and beyond. The children have enjoyed learning about planets and the stars during Science and used fruit to visualise the vast distances between planets! This term, Year 5 will be attending Arnos Swimming Pool for 10 weeks of swimming and they have made great progress in just 3 weeks! We have enjoyed the weekly walk through the park also. In Literacy, we have focused on a silent movie called 'The Piano' where we learnt how to write a flashback narrative using 'show, not tell' sentences by describing the character's facial expressions and body language. I have been most impressed! In Maths, we are recapping addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using formal written methods. We have even started to practise Year 6 SATs style questions!



What an exciting start to the new year we've had with our weekly trip to Arnos Pool for swimming lessons. The weather has been cold and bright for our walk across the park every Wednesday morning. The children are doing so well and we are already seeing them improve their skills and their water confidence.

We have started our new Science topic, Earth and Beyond, and have created a fantastic class display where we painted the planets. We had a great lesson where we used fruit to look at the scale of the planets and their distance from the sun. We are looking forward to seeing the homework projects.

We have been working on the Glockenspiels in Music and learning to play along to Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On a Prayer', Friday morning rocking out in Aquila Class.





Online Safety Monitors

We are delighted to introduce you to our team of Ashmole Primary School Online Safety Monitors:

Year 5

Aquila - Aston and Tilly
Vesper - Jasmine and Vivaan

Year 4

Apollo - Leyla and Nathaniel
Cosmo - Liyanna and Rory

Year 3

Lynx - Skye and Kayden
Astra - Aryan and Nihal

Year 2

Carina- Milo and Mira
Lyra- Rose and Olivia

Year 1

Lynx - Amalie and Beau
Luna - Kvaan and Mya



Below you can see our roles and responsibilities on how to keep Ashmole Primary safe online at all times.

Our Mission:

To keep the pupils of Ashmole Primary School safe when they are online.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Arrange themed online safety assemblies.
- Conduct an online bullying assembly during Anti-Bullying week.
- To organise a special assembly on Safer Internet Day (SID) in February.
- Monitor the online safety displays in the classroom and IT suite i.e. ensure that the SMART rules are on display.
- Once a term, they need to consult the views of all children and see if there are any concerns or issues they need to be aware of.
- Help the online safety coordinator identify any areas of concern on social media, which may need to be mentioned in the termly newsletter.
- Meet with the online safety teacher termly, to update him/her with information regarding online safety in the school.

Thank you.
Mr Osman



Competition - The 100 Word Challenge

Last term saw the launch of an exciting new writing competition at Ashmole Primary School; **The 100 Word Challenge**.

The 100 Word Challenge is an established online national creative writing initiative. Each week a prompt was given, which could have been a picture or a series of individual words, and the children were asked to create 100 words to write a creative piece.

The children really enjoyed taking part in our one-off school based event, using their **own ideas** or prompts from the website.

The idea was that the children told a whole story in (about) 100 words with the beginning, middle and end. They had to be very creative with their words to make their story as interesting as possible. We received some wonderful pieces of writing and are delighted to announce the following winners and runners-up from each Key Stage:

KS1 Winner - Christopher in Year 1

KS1 Runners Up - Flo in Year 2 and Maxine in Year 1

KS2 Winner - Keana in Year 5

KS2 Runners Up - Elodie in Year 5 and Joe in Year 5



The winners will each receive a £10 Amazon gift card and the runners-up will each receive a £5 Amazon gift card.

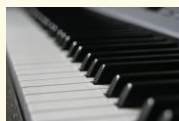
Thank you to everyone for taking part.

Special Recognition

Well done to George in Year 3 Astra Class for his outstanding performances at the Chicken Shed Theatre over the Christmas period. George gave 100% during each performance and has made his Mummy and Daddy very proud - he even won a trophy for being 'Star of the Show'!



Congratulations to Jake and Seb in Year 5 for passing their ABRSM Grade 1 Guitar exam with Distinction! What a fantastic achievement!



Congratulations to Ediz and Eren in Year 5 for passing their ABRSM Grade 2 Piano exam. Well done boys!

Well done to all the children on their amazing achievements, everyone at Ashmole is very proud of you ☺
If you would like to share your child's special achievements with us, please email Mrs Andrews

office@ashmoleprimary.org



APPTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and thanks to all of you who came to the bi-monthly PTA meeting earlier in January.

Minutes for this meeting are due to go out shortly, and we'd like to take this opportunity to let you know that at the meeting, it was agreed that we will move the AGM to January 2023, as this will work better for new Reception parents and event planning.

We are thrilled to announce that Rash & Rash will be sponsoring us this year, and this will raise a phenomenal £1,800 for the school. They've already been busy, holding a logo competition and sponsoring the Ashmole Primary Junior Bake Off. Rash & Rash have also generously offered to donate money to the school for each sale / rental that goes through them; please contact us for further details. We look forward to working with them over the year.

Rash & Rash Logo competition: Congratulations to Iza (Cosmo), Sofia (Cosmo) and Kuzey (Aquila) who had the top designs for the Rash & Rash 40th anniversary later this year.

Bake Off: We started this year with our Ashmole Primary Bake Off. What an amazing amount of talent and creativity the children have, with cakes from beehives to planets! A tough job for the judges (but we think they enjoyed tasting the bakes)! The bake sale after school raised an astounding **£403.50**. The winners and runners up were announced at our online awards show (names below) on **Friday 28th January from 6.30 - 7.30pm**. Sugar Shack have kindly donated prizes for our winners, and Rash & Rash for our runners up.

Outdoor learning space: We will be inviting contractors / suppliers to develop a new outdoor learning zone. 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 as soon as possible.

Happy School Bag: A reminder to do a clear out, Happy School Bag will collect bags of clean clothes on **Wednesday 2nd February from 9-10am**. Bags to be dropped off in the morning by the Muga.

Future events: We are planning to have a fun run, scavenger hunt and picnic in place of the Winter fair and just finalising the date so do watch this space.

Friday night parties: Unfortunately, we had to postpone Year 2's Friday party due to Covid but hope to re-arrange this for after half term. Year 3 is due to go ahead on **Friday 4th February**. Please ensure your permission slips are sent in. If you have any ideas for further groups or fundraising activities, do let us know. Please email ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com for further information.

Forthcoming Events

February

Happy School Bag - 2 February 2022

Year 3 Friday party - 4 February 2022

March

Bimonthly PTA meeting - 8 March 2022

Year 4 Friday party - 11 March 2022

Here are some pictures of our Judges who had the envious job of tasting the amazing bakes.

Bake Off Winners and Runners Up

Virtual Entries

KS1 Winner - Serra (Luna Class)

Runners Up - Millie (Luna Class) and Leo (Nova Class)

KS2

Winner - Tilly (Aquila Class)

Runners Up - Naima (Aquila Class) and Erin (Aquila Class)

Taste Entries

Reception Winner - Edward (Calypso)

Runners Up - Rory (Calypso) and Esteban (Calypso)

Year 1 Winner - Christopher (Luna)

Runners up - Leo (Luna)

Year 2 Winner - Orla (Lyra)

Runner Up - Mabel (Lyra)

Year 3 Winner - Anabelle (Lynx)

Runner Up - Anna (Lynx)

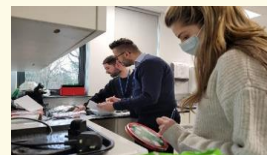
Year 4 Winner - Anoushka (Cosmo)

Runners Up - Anya (Apollo) and Aara (Apollo)

Year 5 Winner - Dante (Aquila)

Runner Up - Elizabeth (Vesper)

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Dates for your diary

Value for February is Trust	Date	Time	Event
	2 nd	AM	APPTA Happy Bag collection
	4 th	6pm - 8pm	APPTA - Year 3 Party Night TBC
	w/c 7 th	All Week	Safer Internet week
	w/c 7 th	All Week	Children's Mental Health Awareness week
	10 th	All Day	Year 3 Trip to London Islamic Cultural Society and Mosque
	11 th	9am	APPTA - Coffee Morning
	11 th		Last Day of Half Term
	w/c 14 th	All Week	HALF TERM
	21 st	All Day	Inset Day - School Closed to pupils
	22 nd		FIRST DAY OF HALF TERM
	w/c 28 th	All Week	Book Week - to include virtual author visits and workshops - further information to follow.
	4 th March	All Day	Dress Up as your favourite book character

Parent Governor

As we did not receive any nominations for Parent Governor, we are delighted to announce that Mr Nick Scott will remain as Parent Governor for a further four years.

Thank you to all our Governors for their dedication and ongoing commitment to the success of Ashmole Primary School.



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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:

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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

School Uniform

Please be reminded that pupils should be wearing uniform as per our Uniform Policy <https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26>. Girls should be wearing appropriate footwear and **not boots**. Pupils should also be wearing the correct Ashmole Primary PE kit. School coats should be black or navy ONLY and hairbands should also be school colours.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named. Thank you for your support.

Drop off and Pick up

Children should not be running or riding on their bikes/scooters during drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately we have had a few accidents that have involved children running into each other resulting in bad injuries. It is also really important that children do not ride their scooters or bikes on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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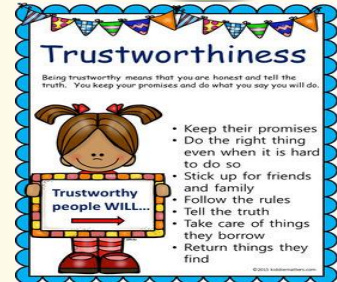
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TRUSTWORTHY IS TO
TRUST HIM

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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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.

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Calypso Class

Summaya, Rory, Edward, Gian-Carlo, Evelyn, Basil, Esteban, Elsa, Elias, Sovereign, Torden and Ares.

Orion Class

David, Kiya, Layla, Mya, Sameeha, Aaditya, Amaanah, Noah, Zimal, Aria, Nate and Alexander.

Year 1

Nova Class - Anastasia, Camellia, Sophia, Yoana, Ravi, Marco, Alexis, Anna, Alice, Arjun and Aiden.
Luna Class - Serra, Arianna, Leo, Callie, Kvaan, Jayden, Saara, Christopher, Abigail, Ava, Max B and Vihaan.

Year 2

Carina Class - Olanna, Zoya, Rafael, Rose, Harry, Ayden, Alexia and Amelia.
Lyra Class - Reya, Klay Mabel Darcey and Johnny.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Lynx Class - Alexander, Hazal, Jansu, Mason, Neve, Shayan, Alfie, Ayden, Georgia, Edward, Kayden and Skye.

Astra Class - Riki, George, Isabella, Johan, Alex, Roven and Aun.

Year 4

Apollo Class - Nihan, Freya, Aleana, Elia, George, Mishika and Della.

Cosmo Class - Joseph, Charlie, Ben, Zhane, Sophia, William, Jason, Tami and Rory.

Year 5

Vesper Class - Freya, Jake, Max, Ted, Zahir, Ayaz, Andy, Sia, Amaya, Armin, Evie and Florrie.

Aquila Class - Rahi, Naima, Eren, Muzeeba, Henry, Seb, Maxi, Lily, Joe, Joshua and Alexandra.

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 January was Compassion and the winners are, Rose M in KS1 and Arman in KS2. Our Value for February is Trust. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!

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