

**Message from the Head Teacher**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all a good rest over the half term. The children have returned to school with a continued enthusiasm for learning, which is pleasing to see.

As you know, the Prime Minister announced the lifting of covid restrictions. However this does not mean that covid has suddenly disappeared; it is a virus that we all need to live with for many years to come. In order to limit the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19, please continue to follow the guidance to: wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet. Pupils with COVID-19 **should not attend school while they are infectious**. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. Any child displaying covid symptoms will be sent home, as they would for other illnesses. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support in keeping our school community safe during the last two years.

We have got a fun packed month in March. Mrs Toal has been working incredibly hard behind the scenes setting up lots of fun and inspirational activities which will take place all this week during Book Week. Parents/carers will be able to purchase books for their children at our Scholastic Book Fair in the Hall, which runs every day throughout the week before school and at the end of the school day. As normal, the week will end with staff and pupils dressing up as their favourite book character - watch this space! Science Week begins week commencing Monday 14th March. Miss Macdonald is also working hard to create lots of fun and exciting activities which will take place in class throughout the week. Again, the week will come to a close with staff and pupils dressing up as a Scientist for the day. Thank you to Mrs Toal and Miss Macdonald for all their hard work.

It is with a heavy heart to announce that Mrs Panayi (Orion Class HLTA), will be retiring at the end of the Spring term. Mrs Panayi has been with us since 2017 and very quickly became a very popular member of staff. She has seen many children transition from Reception to KS1 and I know she will be missed hugely, not only by the children, but by staff too. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Majeবাদia will be returning to our school to replace Mrs Panayi in Orion Class. Mrs Majeবাদia is happy to return to Ashmole Primary as much as we are to having her back!

On 8th March, our After School Club Assistants Mrs Stone and Mrs Pilialarmi will be leaving us - we wish them all the very best for the future. We have appointed two new members of staff: Mrs Baiarta has joined our school as the new Breakfast and After School Club Manager and Miss Waller will be joining us as an After School Club Assistant and Mealtime Supervisor. We wish them both well in their new positions.

The APPTA are busy arranging lots of lovely events throughout the Spring term, starting with class parties every Friday this month. For further information and dates specific to your child's particular year group, please see 'dates for your diary' at the end of this newsletter.

I would like to remind our Year 5 parents and carers that when travelling into school by car, please adhere to the 5mph speed limit when entering the drop off/pick up zone and please remember to be patient with other road users and members of staff.

Finally, I am aware of some recent class WhatsApp groups pertaining to the Russian attacks on the Ukraine. Our school community is very multicultural and we must all respect family ties and backgrounds. Please do not use class WhatsApp groups as a platform to discuss these attacks or as a political tool, as information can be misconstrued and is often very upsetting. Your support in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very exciting, fun packed month ahead.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

We have had a busy month in February in Calypso Class and have all been working very hard. In our topic of food last half-term, we explored bread. We found out about where bread comes from and enjoyed reading *The Little Red Hen*. We particularly liked tasting a variety of bread from around the world! In maths, we have been looking at time. All of the adults in Calypso class have been very impressed with how well the children were able to read o'clock. Everyone really enjoyed practising their learning during choosing times. We look forward to starting our new topic of 'People who Help Us' and hopefully having some exciting visitors come into our school.



Orion Class had a fantastic month in February. We enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year by making dragons, attempting Chinese writing and using chopsticks! We also loved our topic of food and focusing on the story *'The Little Red Hen'*. The children have been learning about how bread is made and we had so much fun tasting bread from different cultures. Orion class are progressing so well with their learning and are becoming more independent with their reading and writing.



Year 1

Nova Class have really enjoyed learning about 3D shapes this month. They played a fun bingo game to help them to remember the names! Nova Class also practised writing instructions and made sure that they were clear and detailed enough to follow! During history, we have been learning all about the Victorians and comparing our homes to theirs. It has been very interesting to find out how people lived long ago. In science, the children have been sorting different materials into different groups as well as testing how waterproof different materials are. The children also enjoyed learning about the Qur'an and why it is important for Muslims. They also loved learning about the Chinese New Year. Well done for working so hard Nova Class!



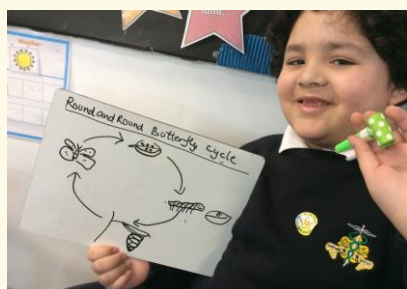
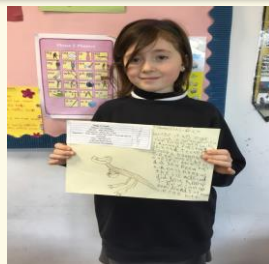
Luna Class has had another fantastic month. We have been busy creating our own non fiction books about the Victorians and how their houses are different to ours. We learnt about the features of a non fiction book and enjoyed locating these in a variety of non fiction books. In maths, we have started to learn about comparing numbers by using the vocabulary and symbols of greater than, less than and equal to. We always remember that the crocodile likes to eat the biggest number! In science, we have been investigating what materials are the most waterproof by testing their durability in water. Well done Luna Class, keep up the fantastic work!





Year 2

What a lovely term we have had. The children have worked very hard and became great explorers uncovering lots of facts about dinosaurs. It was brilliant to see the children come up with their own ideas of how the dinosaurs became extinct. The children wrote their brilliant facts about their favourite dinosaurs and added some great 'Did you know?' and captions to accompany their work. In Maths the children have looked at statistics and money, they extended their skills by developing ways to add and subtract amounts. Thank you all for your ongoing support. Mrs Aliberti and the Carina class team.



What a great month Lyra class have had! The children have been working hard writing their own traditional tales and they have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly in order to write an explanation text. In Maths the children have been using coins to add amounts together and using their skills to answer word problems. It has been interesting learning about the different continents of the world and using an atlas to identify different countries. Thank you for all your amazing projects you have been working on at home. Keep up the hard work Lyra Class.

Year 3

The highlight of last month was our fantastic and unforgettable trip to the Mosque just before half term. We had a very informative talk and tour by the Imam and Bibi Khan when we learnt lots of exciting facts about the Mosque and the Muslim religion. We had a real adventure as we took the tube and we were even escorted by the police to the Mosque.

In Literacy we read lots of books by the famous author Anthony Browne and we even wrote a letter to persuade him to visit our school as we love reading. We loved reading the book of the Stone Age Boy and writing some setting descriptions as well as our own stories. In maths we learnt how to multiply and divide in different ways. In science we learnt about how to keep our bodies healthy and also about different types of skeletons. We really enjoyed our Art lessons where we used different mediums to create our own cave paintings. We are looking forward to Book Week next week when we will be learning about deforestation as well as the importance of buying fair trade products.

Dear Lynx Class, I would like to take this opportunity to say how excited I am to be the new Year 3 teacher in Lynx class!

I have only had a few days to get to know the children, but I am already impressed with their positive attitude and fantastic work ethic.

This week in maths we have started a new topic on fractions, and to heighten the children's engagement (and taste buds!) we cut a chocolate cake to demonstrate halves and quarters. It's grammar week and so the children have been focussed on their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills in literacy.

Finally, our new topic in science is all about forces. The children really enjoyed using the forces of pushing, pulling and twisting on toy cars, plasticine and spinning tops in our experiments. I look forward to a great year ahead filled with lots of learning and of course lots of fun!

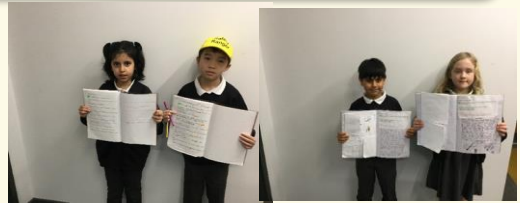
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Year 4

Apollo class has been doing lots of fabulous learning. In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and how food is digested in the human body. We have also been learning about our teeth and how they help aid digestion and how we can keep our teeth healthy. Apollo class also learnt about what a healthy diet is and what food chains are. We started the new half term by looking at the positive and negative impact humans are having on the planet. In Literacy, we have been looking at adventure stories and how we can write our own adventure story including lots of different punctuation, feelings and lots of different settings. The children were encouraged to use figurative language to keep the reader interested in their story. Well done Apollo Class, you have been superstars this half term.



In Cosmo Class, we have been busy completing our PE topic Cats. We used what we had learnt throughout our PE topic to create a final performance. We then have a chance to perform our dance sequences to our partners and peer assess each other's work. In maths we have been busy learning our times tables. We have also been looking at different positions and directions, which included moving and placing co-ordinates on a grid. In Science, we have enjoyed learning about our digestive system and where all our food goes. We looked at different food chains, the purpose of different organs and teeth within digestion, as well as how we can keep our teeth healthy. Well done for all your hard work Cosmo Class! 😊

Year 5

Another busy few weeks for Aquila, everyone is making such great progress with their swimming. We are so proud of how confident you are getting. We have been working hard on our art unit, focussing on the work of Peter Thorpe. We have designed and decided on our style, painted the background in an abstract style and added the rocket detail to the foreground. We have been looking at stories from other cultures over the past few weeks too and have written some beautiful pieces of work focussing on figurative language. We had a great drama session where we created a conscience alley based in the story of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.



Welcome back Vesper class! Before half term, we started our Space topic and the children thoroughly enjoyed creating space art in the style of abstract artist, Peter Thorpe. We worked on backgrounds and foregrounds using a variety of materials such as paints, oil pastels and colouring pencils. In history, we have finished our Benin topic and learnt key dates, drawn accurate timelines and understood who the Oba was. We loved making the clay sculptures for the Oba! We are so impressed with how they came out! We have also enjoyed our swimming lessons at Arnos Grove where all of the children passed their yellow band. Well done Vesper class!



Special Recognition

Isla in Year 4 Cosmo Class has been learning Recorder at school as well as Piano. She recently passed both of her ABRSM exams with Distinction; grade 4 piano and grade 3 recorder. Well done Isla, what a fantastic achievement.

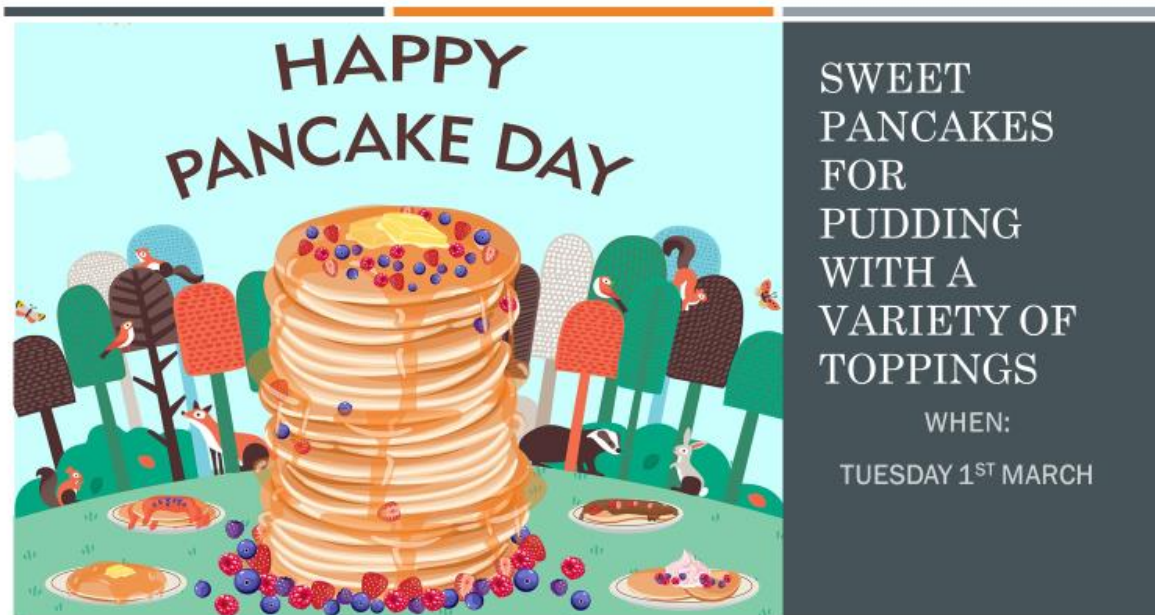


Well done to all the children on their amazing achievements, everyone at Ashmole is very proud of you 😊

If you would like to share your child's special achievements with us, please email Mrs Andrews office@ashmoleprimary.org

Pancake Day

Sweet pancakes will be served tomorrow, 1st March for pupils purchasing a hot school lunch.





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Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
1 st March	All week	BOOK WEEK
1 st	Lunch time	To celebrate Pancake Day, pancakes will be served at lunchtime
4 th	All Day	Dress Up as your favourite book character
8 th	All Day	International Women's Day
10 th	AM	Sustrans assembly for pupils in Year 2 - Year 5
11 th 11 th	6pm - 8pm PM	APPTA - Year 4 party Mid Year Reports for all parents/carers
W/C 14 th	All week	SCIENCE WEEK
14 th 17 th	AM AM	Reception ONLY - Hearing & Vision check Reception ONLY - Hearing & Vision check
17 th and 18 th	PM	Sustrans - working with pupils in Year 5
18 th	All Day	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Pupils to donate £2.00 and will receive a Red Nose!
18 th	All Day 6pm - 8pm	Dress up as a Scientist APPTA - Year 2 party
18 th	AM	Year 4 trip to Christ Church in Southgate
w/c 21 st	All week	The Big Walk and Wheel. Everyone to walk, cycle or scooter to school for 2 weeks!
25 th	6pm - 8pm	APPTA - Year 3 Class Party
w/c 28 th	All week	The Big Walk and Wheel - for one more week!
30 th	7pm	Fully Governing Committee Meeting



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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.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

We are a **NUT FREE** school. This also includes Sesame Seeds. Other banned items include, Pesto, Kinder Bueno, Peanut Butter and other nut spreads, including Nutella.

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

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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noun

noun: **tolerance**; plural noun: **tolerances**

1. the ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with.

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Tolerance means...
appreciating and respecting
differences in people.



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

Taran, Sevda, Evelyn, Bazil, Ameila, Alex, Ares, Kaiden, Torden, Aarashi, Andrei.

Orion Class

Dream, Olivia, Achim, Alexandros, Kerim, Amaanah, Yasemin, Jay, Aairian, Eva, Maria and Aiden.

Year 1

Nova Class - Anastasia, Camelia, Sophia, Yoana, Ravi, Marco, Amelie, Leo, Demir, Aiden, Alexa, Azra, Alice, Oliver, Arrian, Sophia and Ella.

Luna Class - Sam, Suendam, Saara, Alice, Jayden, Arianna, Conor, Ayla, Mya, Vihaan and Caspar.

Year 2

Carina Class - Michael, Elias, Mairi, Ella, Eesa, Massa, Murat, Iklim, Zoya, Flo, Aria and Arjun.

Lyra Class - Inaya, Oliver, Emilia, Dominic, Lukne, Orla and Daniyal.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Lynx Class - Well done to all the pupils in Lynx Class that have received an achievement award this month!

Astra Class - Amani, Denis, Natalie, Johan, Reyran, Isabella, Callum and Sienna.

Year 4

Apollo Class - George, Mara, Freya, Anya, Gulchihan, Rocco, Roan, Haris, Ella, Ashwin, Nathaniel, Sophie and Armin.

Cosmo Class - Iza, Kenan, Joseph, Ben, Abigail, Sofia, Marina, Zach, Avash, Timofei, Isla and Zhane.

Year 5

Vesper Class - Erin, Armin, Eisa, Laurence, Keana, Malaika, Elizabeth, Oliver, Jimmy, Amaya and Ediz.

Aquila Class - Nikolaos, Serena, Muzeeba, Tily, Natalie, Naima and Ankit.

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 February was Trust and the winners are Christopher in Year 1 and Sia in Year 5. Our Value for March is Tolerance. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!