



Message from the Head Teacher

It has been another incredibly busy month at Ashmole Primary. We have enjoyed Book Week when we all dressed up as our favourite book character. We also dressed up as Scientists and the children in KS2 visited Ashmole Academy's Science Department to take part in some very exciting experiments!

We have also been doing lots of work with Molly from Sustrans this month and I am delighted to say that we have won a brand new bike for our school. Thank you to everyone who has walked, cycled or scooted to school for the last two weeks.

Many thanks to the APPTA for organising the year group parties every Friday in March. They have been a great success and it is so lovely to see the children socialising properly once again. The APPTA have lots of fundraising initiatives planned, including Break the Rules Day next Friday 8th April.

Pupils in Reception had their Hearing and Vision checks this month and I understand that follow up checks for some children will be necessary. If your child does require a follow-up appointment, you will have already received an email from Mrs Mustafa.

Our school netball and football teams are doing a fantastic job in representing our school. The girls football team won 3-2 against St.Johns Primary School yesterday and we are so incredibly proud of them. Well done to all the boys and girls in all our teams, we are very proud of you too. An important point to note is that our Year 5 pupils are competing against Year 6 pupils who are often much bigger and taller than them, so a big pat on the back for you all.

Parent Consultations will take place next week and we look forward to all our parents and carers booking an appointment to see their child's class teacher. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. The last day to book appointments is **Monday 4th April at 4pm**. If for any reason you are unable to make one of the appointments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting our uniform policy. Pupils should be wearing full school uniform to school every day. PE kits should be in school ready for your child's PE lessons each week; PE kits should not be worn to school. Black sensible school shoes should also be worn; please do not send your child to school wearing boots, unless there is a medical reason for this, which must be put in writing to the school office. I appreciate your support in continuing to keep our school looking smart and professional.

Our recruitment drive for September is well under way, with the successful appointments of teachers and support staff. We will announce our new staff in due course.

We are sad to be saying farewell to Mrs Panayi who leaves Ashmole Primary, next Wednesday 6th April and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her retirement.

Finally, if a need arises to contact the school, in the first instance please contact your child's class teacher. If you need to follow up the outcome, please contact the relevant Key Stage Leader; Miss Cleary (EYFS), Miss Costas (KS1) and Mrs Toal (KS2). If you need further support, then please contact the Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Costas. If you are still not satisfied that your query has not been dealt with sufficiently and you wish to contact me as Head Teacher, please call Mrs Andrews at the school or email office@ashmoleprimary.org. The school expects that Parents/Carers who need to contact the school does so in a courteous and polite manner. Thank you.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



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Reception

What a very busy and exciting month we have had in Calypso! The children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the themed weeks and days that we have had at school. We had lots of fun during book week, in which we engaged in many activities such as meeting the lovely author named Catherine Jacob, dressing up as our favourite book characters and reading a story called 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett in which the children thought about what would happen if we chopped down all of the trees. During Science week, the children had opportunities to get involved in experiments and make predictions about what they thought was going to happen. All the children enjoyed thinking about and sharing their predictions! They particularly liked the experiment involving fizzy drinks and mentos! We also wanted to say thank you to all of our volunteers who came in as 'Mystery Readers' and to Torden's dad for coming in and speaking to the whole of Reception about what it is like to be a doctor!



What an exciting and busy month we have had in Orion class. At the beginning of the month, we enjoyed celebrating book week; meeting some wonderful authors, reading wonderful books and dressing up as our favourite book characters. A huge thank you to the mystery readers who came in and read to the children, they were so excited. This term we have been learning about 'people who help us' and have enjoyed looking at different occupations such as; doctors, nurses, dentists, police officers and postal workers. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different roles and asking how and why questions. During our topic of dentists, the children were learning about oral hygiene and Orion class had so much fun brushing their teeth at school every day! We also made some lovely cards for special members of our family whilst learning about postal workers. We were so excited to put them in envelopes and walk to the post box to post our letters home!

Year 1

Luna Class has had a busy month at school. We all enjoyed our Geography trip to Brunswick park where we investigated our local area by carrying out a travel survey, compared man-made and natural features and finally we discussed what we would do to improve the park. We also had lots of fun celebrating our own Holi festival. We learnt why Hindus celebrate Holi and what the colours symbolise. In Literacy, we have been learning all about traditional tales and have been using our acting skills to retell the story before writing it using lots of adjectives, connectives and interesting vocabulary. Well done Luna Class, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter involving eating lots of chocolate!



Working in groups, Nova really enjoyed sorting materials during science this month. Using a checklist of features, the class also retold traditional fairy tales using descriptive language. The children had great fun designing cards with moving parts in DT. In maths, Nova Class was very busy learning all about dividing and sharing using both concrete objects and pictorial representations. Now, we are looking at measuring different objects. In RE, Nova have learnt about the celebration of Holi and even pretended to celebrate it outside using coloured paper instead of powder! Science week was very exciting and the children had the opportunity to see cress seeds begin to grow after they 'planted' them in plastic cups. It has truly been an exciting month for Nova!





Year 2

What a lovely term we have had! Now the sun is beginning to shine a little bit more we have brought our learning to the outdoors. Carina class have looked at the change of habitats as the season has finally moved into Spring. For our computing topic, the children identified insects, then they tallied their findings and placed the data into a bar chart. They have very much enjoyed spending time outdoors. The children brought nature indoors and grew cress on the classroom windowsill, observing the changes throughout its growth cycle. Carina class also kindly helped build a fence and planted some onions in the Nature Garden!

Our Maths lessons have been outside too, we identified directional language and gave specific directions using positional language. In English we have studied a broad range of topics, from non-chronological reports to fantasy stories! It was wonderful to see all their amazing ideas written in such an imaginative way.

Our topic on dinosaurs has taken us to far away lands, discovering where and when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth.

As always, thank you all for your ongoing support.



Lyra have been working really hard this month in class. They have enjoyed learning about the Easter story and all the significant things Christian families might do together over this special festival. They especially enjoyed talking about Easter eggs! In Science the children have been learning about whether certain dinosaurs were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We were learning about how to identify this by looking at the dinosaur teeth! In Maths the children have had fun giving each other and mini teddy bears directions by using positional language. In computing the children have been taking photos of mini beasts and learning how to edit the photos. Well done children, you deserve a lovely restful Easter break.

Year 3

Wow! What a month it's been!! Lynx class absolutely loved Book Week and were particularly fascinated during the 'Meet the author' assembly. We met Tom McLaughlin who is an award-winning author and illustrator who dazzled us with his art skills using just an iPad. He also has dyslexia, showing the children that a difficulty doesn't stop you achieving your dreams.

Science week was jammed packed with events. We visited Ashmole Secondary and saw an experiment where the teachers set fire to methane bubbles! The children met parents who spoke about their careers, after this lots of conversations were had about what they wanted to be when they were older. And finally, Science week ended with a bang when we set off our rockets on the school field!! We can only hope April is as explosive!!



Astra Class have had a fantastic month! We had a great time in Book week when we studied the book Greta and the giants and we learnt all about deforestation. We also spent 2 weeks learning about how to make chocolate and we wrote an amazing explanation text using lots of technical words such as tempering, winnowing and fermentation and we included some very interesting facts about chocolate. Did you know that roasting the cocoa beans intensifies their flavour?

Science week was also very exciting as we had the opportunity to visit the secondary school to take part in some amazing experiments. At the end of the week, we all dressed up as scientists and made our own rockets which we tested on the school field. In maths, we have been learning about measuring length and perimeter as well as extending our skills about fractions and money.





Year 4

This month in Cosmo Class we have been enjoying book week, where we carried out a variety of different activities and did an amazing job of coming into school in our book character costumes. We also enjoyed science week, where we made our own rockets and used baking powder, vinegar, coca cola and mentos to make them explode.

In literacy, we have been looking at playscripts and the different features included within playscripts. We have been performing Fantastic Mr Fox within our groups, looking at stage directions and character directions. We then had a go at watching a short narrative and creating our own playscript with stage directions.

In PE we have been looking at gymnastics, working on how to be an excellent gymnast. We have been looking at creating bridges individually and with a partner for a performance, where we have moved onto using the apparatus to form and create our bridges.

Well done for all your hard work Cosmo Class 😊



This month, Apollo class have done some amazing work. In Computing, we have been learning about blogs, so pupils can understand how to use blogs safely and responsibly, understand how the internet makes blogging possible, write a blog post, comment of a blog post, add an image, audio or video to a blog post. In literacy, the children have been focussing on writing alternative endings to different stories. The children have had to include the following figurative language such as: adverbs, powerful feelings, 3rd person, paragraphs, a range of conjunctions and interesting openers. Well done Apollo Class. On the 1st April 2022 the children will be visiting Hampton Court Palace as we have been studying the Tudors in History. This will allow children to put what they have learnt about the Tudors and apply it in a practical context and visit Henry VIII's most beloved palace.

Year 5

This month, Vesper class have been very busy and have enjoyed lots of activities during Book Week and Science Week. We were lucky enough to be joined by authors, Catherine Jacobs and Tom McLaughlin and members of Year 5 wrote about this in our new child led newsletter called 'Ash the Mole.' Amazing work Year 5! During Science week, we visited the Academy and loved watching and taking part in exciting experiments! We also learnt lots through our challenging stereotypes workshop where volunteers and parents discussed their careers and allowed children to feel like they can become anything they want! A very BIG thank you to all parents who volunteered this day. Have a great Easter break, Vesper class 😊



We have had another busy month. Swimming has now finished and I couldn't be prouder of the progress all the children made with their confidence and distances. Look out for certificates very soon. During March we had book week and Science week, lots of fun dressing up and science investigations that may or may not have gone to plan. We took part in the Sustrans workshop encouraging us to bike and walk in time for the Bike it week, We also went to the big school for some amazing science experiments working with some of the pupils on some amazing chemistry experiments that made us want to do science every day. There was also the Gender Stereotyping workshop which really made us stop and think. A great fun-filled month and what a way to end it with our Year 5 movie night.



APPTA News

It's been another busy month for APPTA.

We'd like to start by saying happy birthday to Buddy Bear who turned one in March! Each child at the school received a Buddy Bear last year, to support the children in returning to school following lockdown. Thanks to those of you who have sent in photos showing the exciting things Buddy has been up to; we look forward to sharing these with you soon - first glances show Buddy having had a brilliant first year 😊

Book week: Thanks to everyone who contributed to raising money for the annual book week author visits. We raised a total of £650 to support this valuable event. The children really enjoyed meeting the authors and got a lot out of the visits.

Friday night parties: March has seen a few fun Friday night Parties for various year groups. It's been fantastic to put these on for children after the last couple of years; seeing them all enjoying being together socially has been a wonderful experience. Thank you to all who have donated their organisational skills and time for these events. We've raised around £100 per event, so thank you for your kind donations. We look forward to the final Friday night party in April!



PTA Meeting - Thanks to everyone who attended our PTA meeting on Tuesday 22nd March in person and online. It has been lovely to start meeting in person and get to know more of the school community through these meetings, and we welcome and encourage all parents and carers to join us. A couple of highlights from the meeting:

• **Outdoor Learning Space** - this is a great way for children to learn and play. We're working with parents to review the proposals we've received and hope to have an amazing space for the children to use in the next few months!

• **Summer Fair** - the date has been finalised as **25th June**, so please hold this in your diaries, and watch out for comms to help organise the fair coming your way shortly via class reps.

Dates for the diary:

April

- 6 April - Summer Fair planning meeting
- 8 April - Break the Rules Day - a list of rules that can be broken has been shared on the APPTA Broadcast Channel
- Easter Holidays - Lego competition - more information to follow

May

- 8 May - Sponsored fun run, scavenger hunt, picnic, and Lego exhibition - more information to follow
- 10 May - PTA meeting

June

- 15 June - Happy School Bag
- 25 June - Summer Fair

Rash & Rash Sponsorship - We'd like to say thanks to Rash & Rash for being one of our lead sponsors this year which is their 40th Anniversary in Southgate. Ashmole Primary is mentioned on page 24 of their brochure, along with the winners of the logo design: <https://www.rashandrash.com/40th-anniversary-magazine/>. If you are letting or selling soon, APPTA receives 10% of fees generated if your property is listed with Rash & Rash.

Finally, we'd like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

APPTA Team.



Sports News

Boys Football - Youguns Ashmole Face League Leaders Foulds

On the 1st March 2022, Ashmole Primary School faced a disappointing loss to fierce Foulds. It was a strong Ashmole side vs the Foulds giants. In goal we had a single strong keeper and a powerful back two, Nikolaos was the super sweeper and Seb the strong tackler in midfield, Dante and Jimmy played the role of holding midfield and were beasts winning all their challenges! The team were held together down the left and right by Ediz and Maxi. Every time they got the ball they looked for Eren and Elias.

Although we tried our hardest, it finished 0-6.

Well done boys and keep trying your best!

By Maxi in Year 5 Aquila Class

Netball

On the 25th of March, we played in Ashmole's 3rd netball match. It was at the end of the day, and we were really excited! Our team strolled onto the pitch, and after a few minutes of stretching and warming up, we were ready to play. The first quarter flew by quickly and Brunswick Park played amazingly. Evie played as captain, and she cheered us up throughout the whole game. Elodie scored an unbelievable goal, which kept our spirits up. Even though we lost, we walked out with a smile on our faces, knowing we tried our best.



By Elizabeth in Year 5 Vesper Class

Girls Football

Our first football match and we WON! We won 3-2 against St. Johns Primary School.

It was such a great match, I really enjoyed being part of the team. Arabella was amazing in goal, saving so many shots that headed towards her. We worked together really well and this will only get better as we continue to train. We were fierce and ferocious on the pitch but good sports people when congratulating our team and commiserating with St Johns.

Sophie did a great assist and set up Elizabeth for the first of her two goals of the match. Lily scored and gave everyone a massive boost in confidence.

Despite the fact that the opposition scored first, the motivating words from the side-lines powered us to victory.

The team as a whole played fantastically well and the rotation system gave everyone an opportunity to show their skills. I feel that midfield was a perfect position for me.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the coaches and the parents for being a great crowd and cheering us on!



Well done girls!

By Erin in Year 5 Aquila Class

Netball

This was our fourth netball match it took place on the 30th of March 2022. We were playing fiercely even though St John's beat us. We always learn from our mistakes because we are a resilient team and we always work together. While we have improved we still need a little bit more practice finding big spaces, and using our footwork (don't need too much improvement on that actually). Our marking - it was good to have a Year Five team to compete at our level. We are a fierce determined beast and we only lost three nil this time. People were intercepted by Kleo Sia, Rahi and Serena. We are very proud of ourselves representing our school. We all took turns at different positions in the match. There's always room for improvement and we are getting better every single week. St John's team are very tall so am I proud that we intercepted them and they only managed to score 3. We tried our very hardest like determined tigers hunting down their prey. As we are improving, we're getting better with our tactics, everyone is really trying to shoot and I made an effort, but we didn't quite get it in the hoop. We can't wait for our next game!

By Rahi in Year 5 Aquila Class

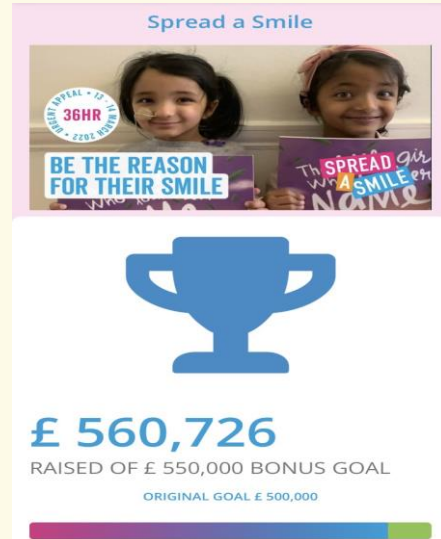


In other news...

Two of our Reception pupils who are Champions for the charity Spread a Smile, twin sisters Daya and Jasmine, shared their story and used their network as part of a wider team, to help raise over £550,000 in 36 hours!!

Spread a Smile makes a profound and lasting positive impact on seriously ill children and their families, providing enhanced play and entertainment to help them cope with illness and long term hospitalisation. Hospitals and hospices recognise the REAL difference they make in bringing smiles and laughter, significantly enhancing wellbeing and quality of life for very sick children and their families. Two years ago they had just nine NHS hospital partners; due to extraordinary demand, today they have 22, and it's their ambitious goal to work with an amazing 56 NHS hospitals across the UK by the end of 2024.

Everyone at Ashmole Primary is super proud of the girls ☺



Breakfast and After School Club

Our Breakfast and After School Club continues to be extremely popular, especially with the introduction of new and exciting activities.

Children have fun making different objects out of recycling materials. For example: cars, robots, spaceships and Mother's Day cards.

We would be grateful for donations of any unwanted art and craft materials i.e.: buttons, beads, straws, glitter and anything which could be useful for our arts and crafts!

The children have a wonderful time each day, which is clear to see in these wonderful pictures...

Many thanks
Mrs Urso Baiarda





Diary Dates

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Date	Time	Event
1 st	All Day	Non uniform - Park and Stride Day. Children should scooter, cycle or walk to school. The Year 5 drop off and pick up zone will be CLOSED to Year 5 parents and carers on this day.
	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court
	6pm - 8pm	APPTA - Year 5 Class Party
5 th	4pm - 8pm	Parent Consultations
6 th	AM	Class Photos - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
7 th	AM	Class Photos - Years 3, 4 and 5
7 th	3.45pm - 6.15pm	Parent Consultations
8 th	All Day	APPTA - Break the Rules Day
8 th	All Day	Last day of term - school ends at 3.15pm (EYFS, KS1) and 3.25pm (KS2)
11 th - 22 nd		Easter Holiday
25 th	8.50am	First Day of Summer Term

Calling all Year 5 parents/carers...

The 20 places of the 261 available places in Year 7 for September 2023 will be allocated to children who show an aptitude for music, namely those who have demonstrated potential to develop musical skill and who will benefit from the music related facilities of Ashmole Academy. No previous knowledge or experience of musical practice or theory is necessary.

Applications to the Musical Aptitude Listening Test is now open to current Year 5 pupils for September 2023 entry to Year 7.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 20th May 2022 at 3.30pm**

For more information, please click the following link - <https://www.ashmoleacademy.org/page/?title=Musical+Aptitude+Te&pid=488>

ASHMOLE ACADEMY MUSICAL APTITUDE

Year 5 Students due to enter Year 7 in
September 2023 are invited to

To be held on
**Sunday
12th June 2022 at
Ashmole Academy
Cecil Road, Southgate,
N14 5RJ**

Application to the Musical Aptitude Listening Test is open NOW to current Year 5 students for September 2023 entry to Year 7. Application closes on Friday 20th May 2022, 3.30pm

Successful applicants from the test on 12th June 2022 will be invited to audition on 5th, 6th or 7th July 2022.

For any further enquiries please visit:
[Ashmole Academy/Musical Aptitude 2022 for 2023 Entry](https://www.ashmoleacademy.org/page/?title=Musical+Aptitude+Te&pid=488)



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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 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

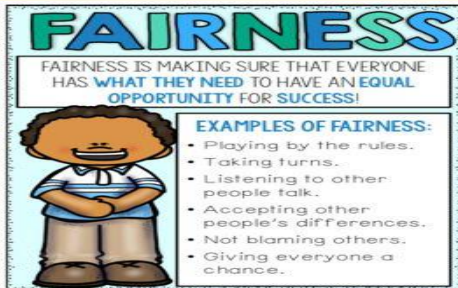
A variety of facilities at Ashmole Primary school are available for hire to clubs and organisations, both in the evenings and at weekends. Facilities include a hall, a 5-a-side football/ basketball/ netball multi-use games area (MUGA) and outdoor space. In certain circumstances classrooms may also be 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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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

Andrei, Daya, Tiana, Amaya, Edward, Asli, Elias and George.

Orion Class

Artemis, Dimitri, Aadi, Achim, Zimal and Leyna.

Year 1

Nova - Maria, Oliver, Arjan, Sharne, Beau, Aiden, Marco, Anastasia, Noah and Ravi.
Luna - Ella, Mayra, Vihaan, Max B, Millie, Ava, Sofia, Caspar and Serra.

Year 2

Carina - Arianna, Milo, Olanna and Victoria.
Lyra - Gabriel, Rose, Karim, Olivia, Nikol, Daniyal, Tia, Johnny, Luca and Lukne.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Lynx - Anabelle, Kayden, Olivia, Mason, Arya, Neve, Hazel, Elisia, Ali, Maria, Aron and Kornelia.
Astra - Adele, Alborz, Berkin, Sebastijan, Ria, Ayaan, Denis, Akwasi, Simeon, Lia, Almira and Nihal

Year 4

Cosmo - Sara, Ariyan, Jude, Avash, Aaira, Jennah, Anoushka and Jayden
Apollo - Rohan, Freya, James, Ellie

Year 5

Aquila - Kiki, Nikolaos, Seb, Kleo, Arabella, Dante and Eliza.

Vesper - Musa, Jenna, Freya, Vivaan, Jasmine, Ted and Sia.

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 March was Tolerance and the winners are Ella in Year 1 Luna Class and Liyana in Year 4 Cosmo Class. Our Value for April is Fairness. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!