



Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back after the Easter break; I hope you were able to get some rest and that the children are looking forward to a busy summer term. With the anticipation of sunny days ahead, the summer term is always filled with excitement. The children have so much to look forward to this half term ending in a Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's 70 year reign.

After a turbulent couple of years, KS1 SATS are back! Pupils in Year 2 are working incredibly hard practising, with the final assessments taking place throughout May. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support during this time.

Thank you to everyone that managed to see their child's class teacher during the recent parent consultations and for completing the parent comment forms. Your feedback is very important to us and I am pleased to say that all comment forms that were received have been extremely positive. If you missed your appointment, or were unable to attend for any reason, please speak to your child's class teacher.

This year, Ashmole Primary School received one of the highest number of applications in Barnet with 375 people applying for a Reception school place for September 2022. Our team of dedicated staff make our school a popular choice for families of young children within the local area.

Can you believe that our school will be full from September 2022. As you know the school opened in September 2016 to it's very first cohort of just 60 pupils. We were housed in porta-cabins for the first two years, but the children had fun and worked incredibly hard. I am so proud of everything that we have all worked so hard to achieve since the school's infancy - long may it continue. My proudest moment was definitely achieving our 'Outstanding' status by Ofsted in May 2019. Our 'Outstanding' status is never taken for granted and everyone continues to work at this level.

Have you noticed our Kindness wall in the playground? Isn't it fantastic? Thank you so much to Kayt, Leyla, Andria and Liudmila for creating this amazing piece of art work. It definitely is a statement piece of art and rightly so! We at Ashmole Primary all agree that Kindness definitely wins! We are incredibly lucky to have so many amazingly talented parents. During the recent parent consultations, I hope that you also managed to see the incredible murals on the KS2 stairwells as well as the history timeline along the KS1 corridor - thank you to Lauren for her fantastic work. You are all incredible!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Luxman who joins our kitchen team. Welcome back to Mrs Majeবাদia who has joined Calypso Class as a HLTA. We have also appointed a new teacher for September, Mrs Leo. Mrs Leo is a highly experienced teacher who joins us from the local area. Best wishes to all our new members of staff for a long and successful career at Ashmole.

Just a gentle reminder that there is no school on Monday 2nd May, due to the May Day Bank Holiday.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception

This week in Calypso class, we have had some very exciting visitors come and surprise us in our investigation area... Caterpillars! We have really enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly this week and we can't wait to observe how the caterpillar's change over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to exploring our new topic on 'Animals' this half-term and learning about different habitats!



Orion class have had a lovely first week back after the Easter break. We have been reading the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' this week and the children were very excited to see that we had some special visitors in our classroom on Monday - caterpillars! Orion class have enjoyed watching and observing them each day and noticing how much they have grown; we can't wait to watch them turn into butterflies and release them into our wildlife garden. The children have also been learning about positional language in Maths this week and we have had lots of fun giving directions to the class Bee-Bot and watching it move!

Year 1

Luna Class has settled into this term and are very excited about their new topics. In Science this week, we went into the Wildlife Garden and studied the conifer tree as part of our ongoing changing world topic. The children collected some leaves and produced some crayon rubbings, they also worked excellently as a team to create a fantastic leaf collage.

"The leaves are green and wide so they can catch all the rain and sunlight", Caspar
"I love spending time in the Wildlife Garden because we get to explore all the different plants", Leo



It's been a fantastic start to the Summer Term in Nova Class. The children have shown a lot of resilience adapting to their new teacher and it's been lovely getting to know each other's personalities. This week in Maths, we have been revising our knowledge on place value, whilst in our Literacy lessons, Nova Class have been reacquainting themselves with the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Furthermore, we have continued our learning about the Victorians, with a study about Victorian toys, whilst in our Science lessons we are delving into a look at Our Changing World. This week has seen two birthday celebrations in Nova Class, which has been a great opportunity to have some fun and see each other's dance moves!





Year 2

The children in Lyra Class were asked to write a few sentences about what they are most looking forward to during the summer term.

Oliver said, "I'm looking forward to Sports Day, especially the running races. I am excited to create an art frame in D&T made out of wood. I can't wait to learn about Christopher Columbus and his adventures!"

Mabel said, "I'm excited to learn about Christopher Columbus in History. I'm looking forward to learning about circuits in D&T. I'm especially looking forward to the sack race on sports day!"

Thank you children, I am so happy to hear that you are looking forward to everything we have planned for you during the summer term. Miss Costas ☺



It has been a lovely April, the children have been working very hard practicing everything that they have learnt so far in Year 2. They have been amazing; we are very proud of them.

Before half term, we had a wonderful 'Break the rules day', the children had a brilliant day making mischief (but not too much).

We had a great 'Wow day', learning about all things dinosaur related, from observing the dinosaur's diet to making our own dinosaur fossils.

We will be spending more time outdoors as the sun (hopefully) begins to shine, discovering where minibeasts live around our school and how to pin point the minibeast location on Google Earth.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Mrs Aliberti

Year 3

Lynx Class - The summer term has started with earnest and the children are really excited to hear that their new topic is on Ancient Egypt!

After just a few days the children already know that the Ancient Egyptians built over 120 pyramids and they believed in over 1,400 gods!!

Our RE topic is on the Torah and how Jewish stories provide valuable life lessons. The children really related to the story of Joseph, where despite his ill treatment at the hands of his brothers he still forgives them.

They've also been working on their Kenning poems in Literacy, which are pairs of words used in a poem to describe something of interest.

The term is already shaping up to be a...Rip-roaring Super-success!!!

Mr. Evaghoras



Astra Class have had a great start back to the summer term after a lovely Easter break. The children have enjoyed catching up and sharing stories about their holidays. This week we visited the Wildlife Garden and observed the changes that occur in the different seasons. The children did some great sketches and made some good observations. The children are very excited about learning the Ukulele and they have also enjoyed singing and performing their musical talents on different instruments. We are looking forward to starting our new topic about the Ancient Egyptians and also designing and printing hieroglyphs in Art.

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about how to write mystery stories and we will be reading Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx. We will be learning more about fractions in Maths such as how to recognise equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. In RE we will be learning all about the Jewish religion and we are hoping to visit a local synagogue. In science we will be 'rock detectives' when we will be investigating and learning about different rocks, their properties and uses.



Year 4

Year 4 visited Hampton Court Palace and took part in the Exploring Tudor Kitchen workshop. The children learned about the Tudors during their visit and how Henry the IIIIV kitchens were run and understood the role of the different Tudor kitchen departments, and of those working there, through examining fabrics and furnishing. They also investigated what the Tudor kitchens tell us about life at Henry VIII's court which helped the children draw conclusions about what it was like to work in a Tudor kitchen and make comparisons with their own lives. The workshop helped the children develop a chronological understanding beyond 1066 and has given the children an understanding of methods of historical enquiry and how evidence is used to make historical claims.



We had a lovely time at our Hampton Court trip before half term! It has been lovely to be back in school after the Easter holidays. In Cosmo Class, we have been looking at riddle poetry and we have been enjoying writing our own riddles. We are excited to learn more facts and information about the Anglo-Saxons as well as learning about vibrations and how we hear within Science. We are also looking forward to being creative within our Art and D&T lessons. We are all really excited to represent Ashmole Primary school at the music concert in June and some more school trips this term. 😊

Year 5

Welcome back Year 5! We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Easter break. We have had a great start to our summer term and enjoyed our daily mile run around the school. The children ran 5 laps around the school and practised different running techniques. As part of their PE athletics topic, they have learnt how to sprint and what makes an excellent sprinter through strides and using their arms to help. In Literacy, we are focusing on Cressida Cowell's 'How to Train Your Dragon' and this week they have created their own dragons and written recounts of the story so far. Going forward, we will be writing setting and character descriptions. In maths, we are revisiting place value and the four main operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be applying learnt techniques to reasoning questions and word problems and even start to attempt SATs style questions! Our overall topic this half term will be the Vicious Vikings and we will be looking at the importance of the Viking civilisation and how their invasion impacted the lives of Anglo Saxons in Great Britain and the things they left behind which still influence our lives today. We know we will enjoy this topic and look forward to learning lots!





Thank You!

Ashmole Primary School is lucky to have so many wonderfully talented parent and carer helpers and volunteers.

Our vast team consists of library volunteers, classroom and reading volunteers, the Ashmole Media Team, Gardening Team, as well as an array of talented artists - we are so lucky! Your hard work and dedication never goes unnoticed and we are always grateful for the time you put into your child's school; a huge thank you to you all!





Special Recognition

A huge congratulations to the following pupils for passing their ABRSM Piano exam with Distinction! Mrs Pocock is very proud of you!



Jude - Year 4 Cosmo Class
Agastya - Year 5 Vesper Class
Keana - Year 5 Vesper Class
Edward - Year 3 Lynx Class
Jimmy - Year 5 Vesper Class

Well done to all the children, everyone as Ashmole Primary is very proud of you too ☺

Big Walk and Wheel

During the Big Walk and Wheel 78% of pupils at Ashmole Primary either walked, scootered or cycled to school!

We came 112th out of 813 schools nationally and 42nd in London out of 174 schools.

Thank you to everyone that took part in this initiative. Due to your fantastic efforts, we are the lucky winners of a brand new bike!



Can you spot an imposter in the second photo? He was so friendly!!

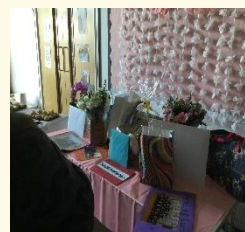
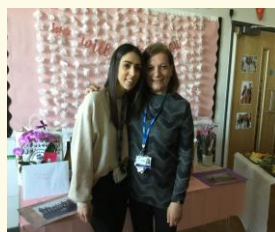
Thank you from Mrs Panayi

Hello everyone, I just wanted to say a big thank you for your generous cards and gifts and for surprising me on my last day - I really did have no idea! It was so lovely to see so many of the children and their parents and to be given the opportunity to say a proper goodbye.

My retirement has definitely got off to a busy start, with the birth of my second grandchild, Mia! She arrived safely a few weeks ago and both mother and baby are doing absolutely fine. I am very much enjoying spending more time with my family and grandchildren!

Thank you once again for your generosity and best wishes.

With much love to you all. Mrs Panayi (ex Calypso Class HLTA)





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Diary Dates

Value for May is Excellence

Date	Time	Event
2 nd	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
All month	All Day	KS1 SATS all month for pupils in Year 2
4 th	AM	Year 3 Road Safety workshop
5 th	PM	Ashmole School Choir at the O2 Arena
8 th	10am - 1pm	APPTA Fun Day (scavenger hunt, fun run). Lego competition winners will also be announced at this event.
9 th and 16 th	All week	Walk to School Week. Badges will be given to pupils who cycle, walk or scooter to school every day!
11 th	7pm-9pm	Governing Committee Meeting (Finance and General Purposes)
18 th	7pm - 9pm	Governing Committee Meeting (Standards and Curriculum)
23 rd	All Day	KS2 choir - trip to St Michaels Church, Muswell Hill
27 th	All Day	Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations - details to follow
27 th	3.15pm/ 3.25pm	Last Day of Half Term
Save the Date		Saturday 25 th June - Summer Fair



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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 in the school grounds during drop off and pick up times. 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

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Calypso Class

Jasmine, Kimon, George, Alex, Tiana and Enzo and Asli

Orion Class

Aarian, Kiyan, Artemis, Emirhan, Mya, kiyan, Kerim, Olivia and Alice

Year 1

Nova Class - Christopher, Eleni and Evelyn
Luna Class - Alice, Kvaan, Elsa, Yusuf, Max B, Jushn, Ava and Conor

Year 2

Carina Class - Rafael, Mia, Elias, Zoya, whole class
Lyra Class - Evie, Tia, Oliver and Pariza

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Lynx Class - Skye, Shayan, Alexander and Georgia
Astra Class - Berkin, Nora, Alex, Lewis, Denis, Callum, Johan and Nihal

Year 4

Apollo Class - James, Mara, Anya and Della
Cosmo Class - William, Tami, Zach and Sophia

Year 5

Aquila Class - Serena, Ediz, Maxi, Alexandra, Henry, Eliza, Seb and Kleo

Vesper Class - Evie, Jimmy, Lara, Agastya, Laurence, Amaya, Eisa and Keana

House Points



Blue Sapphires

38 points



Red Rubies

34 Points



Yellow Diamonds

31 points



Green Emeralds

17 points

Well done to all the children, especially to the Blue Sapphires for winning the most house points this Spring term.

Values Competition

Due to the short time spent at school this month, we have been unable to select any winners, so we look forward to picking two winners next month. Our Value for May is Excellence. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month!



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PTA News

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Here's a quick overview of PTA activity over the last month!

Friday night parties: We had our final Friday night party in April with Year 5, raising £88. The kids have all really enjoyed their parties and we look forward to bringing them back next year!

Break the Rules: We ended last term with our first ever Break the Rules Day. It was so lovely to see and hear about the excitement in the build up to the day, so many of the kids got involved and looked fantastic. We raised an astounding **£1,138** for this event! Thank you so much for making such a huge effort.

PTA Meeting - We held a hybrid meeting in March - thank you to everyone who joined us online and in person - it was particularly lovely to be able to meet in person at the school!

These meetings are open to all parents and carers and are a great way to hear about what is going on in terms of fundraising and having input into what the priorities of PTA projects should be, as well as getting to know more of the school community.

A few updates since March's meeting:

- **Outdoor Learning Space** - Our sub team (Andria, Sam & Claire) are working with contractors to get this started, and we hope to be able to provide an update at the May PTA meeting.
- **Summer Fair (Saturday 25th June)** - Our first planning meeting took place before the Easter holidays, thanks to everyone who attended and provided their ideas. We've selected a **Festival theme** and will shortly allocate stalls to each class / year group, along with a PTA core team lead. We'd love to see as many of you involved as possible, so please do come to our future planning meetings, or put yourselves forward (via your class rep) to support on the day!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10th May**, please join us if you can.

Lego Competition - Participation was from around 10% of the student population, which is quite low, but the entries received were truly creative and of a high standard. Well done and thank you to those that contributed. Those shortlisted for the gallery will be contacted soon and the winners will be announced at the Fun Morning on 8th May. We hope you can join us then.

We're also looking for your Lego builds (following instructions from Lego kits) for our gallery - if you have anything we can display, please let us know.

Dates for the Diary

May

- **8 May Morning of fun run** - Sponsored fun run, scavenger hunt, picnic, and Lego exhibition - your child should have received a sponsor form, or you can print one which was sent via the APPTA WhatsApp Broadcast channel. Please see APPTA WhatsApp channel for full details.
- **10 May - PTA meeting**
- **18 May - Summer Fair Planning meeting**
- **27 May - Jubilee Party:** Thanks to Claire for taking the lead in preparing a day of fun for the children. We're inviting all children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue or as royalty. We're hoping to hold a cake sale after school and will be asking parents to bring in their bakes - watch this space for more details.

June

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

As always, a big thank you to our lead sponsors, **Rash & Rash** for their ongoing support with our events.

We would also like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

Finally, if you would like to get involved, please email us (ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com) or speak with your class rep.

APPTA Team.