



Ashfield Junior School

Inspiring our children to dream big, be extraordinary and change the world

16th February 2024

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy half-term and it has gone very quickly. One of our key priority points on our School Development Plan and from our last Ofsted is to have a more rigorous monitoring and evaluation timetable in place, particularly for teachers that lead a subject. The purpose of the monitoring activities will effectively raise the quality of education in all subjects and for all pupils. This half-term, we have continued to build on this priority and subject leaders have carried out a number of activities including; observations, audit of resources, work scrutiny, pupil book study and a learning walk. These monitoring activities have provided useful information about their curriculum, identify strengths, and areas that can be improved on the subject they lead. Teachers will continue monitoring after half-term and then repeat the same activities in the summer term. I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to:

This week: Charlie (6H), Isaac (6H), Emily (4V), Virina (6H), Douglas (4M) & Isaac (3AC)

Half Term: Ralph (4V), Millie (4M), Bella (4M), Georgie (6H), Ryley (6K), Maya (4V), Reyan (4V) & Elizabeth (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **93.4%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to Year **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98%** Well done!

A big well done to Year **6K** who are our Punctuality Champions.

Please help us by ensuring your child's arrival is prompt. The school gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am. If possible, please schedule doctors or dentists appointments after school.

Special Achievements

It is always a pleasure to hear about children's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Rhiannon (3L)** who has passed her Level 3 in gymnastics and moved up a grade. Well done!

Congratulations to **Virina (6H)** who has achieved Grace 3 in ballet. Well done!

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week. Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

Year 3: Charlotte (3AC) and Bella (3L)

Year 4: Bella (4M) and Oisin (4V)

Year 5: Eva (5A) and Charlotte and Christopher (5D)

Year 6: Hamza (6H) and Dexter (6K)

House Points

It is always lovely to see so many children be awarded individual house points for excellent work or effort, modelling the school values or going above and beyond in the classroom.

Attenborough	-	168
Blackman	-	156
Fiennes	-	164
Storey	-	165

Well done to Attenborough

World Book Day

World Book day is **Thursday 7th March**. Please see letter that has been sent out for details.

Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week! Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

Year 3: Stanley (3AC) and Carter (3L)

Year 4: Rhea (4M) and Joseph (4V)

Year 5: Chloe (5A) and Kit (5D)

Year 6: Esmee-Rose (6H) and Max (6K)

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 14th March** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

ModeShift STARS Accreditation



Modeshift STARS scheme is a national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting forms of sustainable travel. Ashfield have completed everything identified to achieve the **Good Travel Plan Bronze Award**. This included: 10 sustainable travel initiatives, 5 supporting initiatives and a pupil and staff survey.

4M Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 4th March** 4M children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Monday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter

Welcome to the DSPL9 newsletter. This provides families with all recent and current local SEND information. The newsletter will be published fortnightly and the next edition will be by 28th February. Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the newsletter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1klkTaTj8OWo9ixVXYFxa-E49q359rUyy/view>

4M Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4M have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Mr Fisher. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 27th February at 9:05am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9:00am where you will be escorted to the school hall.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 20th March at 2:40pm** which you are all warmly invited to.

Please enter via the lower gates and via the Year 6 double doors into the hall.

After School Choir

There will be **NO** after school choir on **Tuesday 27th February**.

What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will start reading a new book after half term called The Bear and The Piano and write persuasively.

Maths: We will finish their multiplication & division work by applying their knowledge to different worded problems.

History: We will be exploring the Bronze Age.

Year 4

English: We are continuing to write our own stories based on the book Biscuit Bear, editing and upleveling our vocabulary

Maths: We are looking at area and perimeter and completing word problems related to them

PD: We will be starting a new unit Healthy me! We are looking at the different ways we can keep our minds bodies and soul in the best shape!

Year 5

English: We will be starting a new book called Stone Girl, Bone Girl and our focus for this unit will be biographical writing.

Maths: We will be working on formal methods for adding and subtracting big numbers and decimal numbers.

Art: We will be making clay pots and decorating them in the style of the Ancient Greeks as a link to our History topic.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's group will be writing a diary entry and planning a short story inspired by the novel Kensuke's Kingdom.

Mrs Kothary's group will continue working on setting descriptions inspired by the beach where Michael is washed up on, in the novel Kensuke's Kingdom.

Maths: Mr Hardy's group will be exploring ratio and proportion. Mrs Kothary's group will start working on multiplying fractions by whole numbers and fractions.

Science: We will be exploring the scientific properties of light.

Geography: We will be beginning to create presentations on a South American country and comparing it with the UK.

School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Vegetable Couscous		Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
BLUE	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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Upcoming Events

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February	Half term
Monday 26th February	Term starts 8.35am
Tuesday 27th February	4M Cornet Performance
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting