



Ashfield Junior School

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

1st March 2024

Headteacher's Message

This week, we had our annual Governor Day which involved a visit to the school from the school governors. We were joined in lessons by Chris Holt (Chair of Governors), Jo Barnett (Vice Chair), Fiona Waloff, Anne Swerling and Don Barrell. They all gave some lovely feedback about the school and took pleasure talking to the children and seeing them learning in lessons. Chris Holt and Jo Barnett were put to the test and questioned by the School Council on their role and what they are doing to improve the school. The children were excellent, well behaved and talked very positive about the school. We have updated our Governor Board on the school website where you can learn more about our Governors - click on this link to see who they are [Governors – Ashfield Junior School](#). However, the highlight of the week was definitely the 4M Cornet Performance led by our talented cornet teacher, Mr Fisher. 4M have only been playing the cornet for a few months but performed superbly demonstrating a lot of cooperation and resilience in learning this instrument. Next up will be the turn of 4V who I am sure are also looking forward to their first cornet lesson next week! Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Phillip (5D), Dana (6H), Emma (3AC), Ella (3AC), William (3L), Gracie (4M) and Elijah (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.7%** Well done!

A big well done to **5A** 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 **Muhammad (4M)** for coming joint 4th place on the Multis Sports after school club leaderboard. Well done!

Congratulations to **Dana (6H)** who has been recognised as an Outstanding Achiever at the Jack Petchey Foundation. She will attend a ceremony to receive her gold medal given by the Mayor of Barnet and receive £300 to spend on equipment for her club she attends. Well done!

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	-	118
Blackman	-	151
Fiennes	-	133
Storey	-	121

Well done to Blackman

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: Alma (3AC) and Erik (3L)

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

Year 5: Caitlin (5A) and Poppy (5D)

Year 6: Ali (6H) and Jacob and Benji (6K)

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: Jessica (3L) and Ilinca (3AC)

Year 4: Kaelan (4M) and Amelia (4V)

Year 5: Layah (5A) and Isobel (5D)

Year 6: Kaya (6K) and Vithuran (6K)

The Elms Easter Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 22nd March 2024** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>
<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

Year 3 - Science Lesson

If you have a spare shoe box or something similar at home please could you send this in with your child on **Monday 4th March** for the Science lesson on Tuesday.

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>

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.

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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.

Easter Holidays

A polite reminder that we break up at **1.30pm** on **Thursday 28th March** and will return to school on Monday 15th April for the Summer Term.

Ancient World Lunch

This term Year 4 and 5 have been learning about Ancient Greece and Rome in History.

Embracing the student curriculum, Caterlink will be cooking a themed ancient world lunch on **Tuesday 19th March**. If your child does not usually order a school meal please contact the school office for your child's log in details. Payment of £2.80 will be taken from your child's Caterlink account which must be in credit.

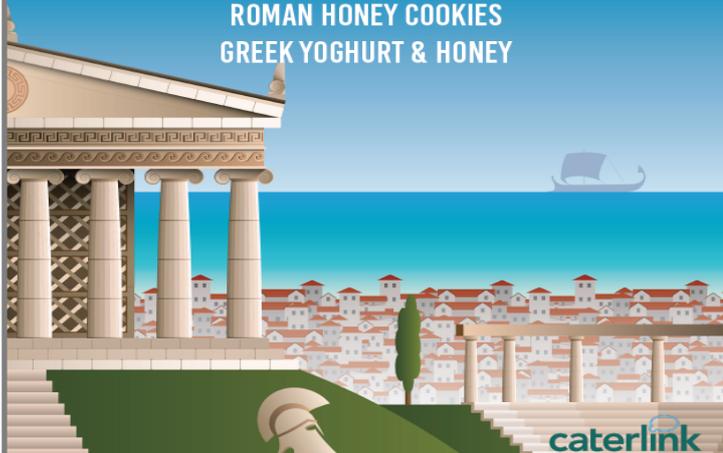
ANCIENT WORLD MENU

ROMAN MEATBALLS

GREEK 'YAMAS' VEGETABLE PINWHEEL (V)

OREGANO POTATOES
ROASTED VEGETABLES
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD & OLIVE OIL

ROMAN HONEY COOKIES
GREEK YOGHURT & HONEY



Year 4 - Change to PE Days

Starting next week until the end of the academic year the PE days for Year 4 will be as follows: -

4V - Mondays and Fridays

4M - Swimming on Monday, PE on Thursday

After School Clubs

Please look out for the bookings forms for the after school clubs which will be coming out over the next week.

Eco Council

We are very pleased to have our Eco Council. Two member from each class have been chosen.

River & Ineya (3AC) - **Roman & Gigi** (3L)

Douglas & Gracie (4M) - **Mia-Nevaeh & Sean** (4V)

Ashley & Scarlett (5A) - **Lana & Kyran** (5D)

Kannah & Isaac (6H) and **Louis & James** (6K)

DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter **NEW**

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1owIYey0F2aaWPNj0eWrjWbqXnCCR_u-A/view

This can also be found on our [website](#)

Mother's Day Secret Room

Friday 8th March 2024

£3.00 per child (1 gift each)

Please send payment to:

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

We will be taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling to school challenge. Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **11th - 22nd March 2024**.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue to look at our story The Bear and the Piano and write a diary from the bear's point of view.

Maths: We will start our statistics unit, looking at pictograms, tally charts and tables

Science: We will explore light and how shadows work.

Year 4

English: We are starting to look at Roman Myths and their characteristics.

Maths: We are going to look at symmetry and lines of symmetry in geometrical shapes.

RE: We will be learning about the Easter story and aspects of forgiveness.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a short biography about Mary Anning.

Maths: We will be practising the formal written methods for short and long multiplication.

Science: we will continue our materials topic and will be looking at reversible and irreversible changes.

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's group will be starting a new unit in writing. This unit focuses on adding detail through describing actions.

Mr Hardy's group will be writing a narrative inspired by our book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.

Maths: Mrs Kothary's group will continue working with fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents.

Mr Hardy's group will be revising line graphs and learning to interpret pie charts.

French: We will learn about French rap music as our cultural enrichment unit develops.

Geography: We will be continuing our research projects to compare the UK with a South American country.

Science: We will be exploring light.

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	Cheesy & Pepper Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Choice of Meat or Vegetarian Burger with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips
GREEN	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Crunchy Top Vegetable Bake with Roast Potatoes	(as above)	Cheese Frittata with Chips
BLUE	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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Upcoming Events

Monday 4th March	4M Swimming Lessons
Friday 8th March	Mother's Day Secret Room
Thursday 14th March	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Tuesday 19th March	Ancient World Fun Lunch
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting