



Ashfield Junior School

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

22nd September 2023

Headteacher's Message

It was wonderful watching the Year 6 Tie Assembly this week and award them with their special tie. It truly is a lovely Ashfield tradition and the poem that they recited was very fitting. As well as being the oldest, they are also role models for the rest of the school. They have transitioned into Year 6 seamlessly and are taking on the extra responsibilities around the school (e.g. sport leaders, play leaders, dinner monitors, IT monitors, assembly monitors to name just a few) with pride. It has been an extremely positive start to Year 6. The respect, kindness and cooperation that they have shown at the start of this year has been exceptional and they will grow in resilience as they navigate the demands of the Year 6 curriculum. Have a lovely weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Ella (5D), Dexter (6K), Gigi (3L) and Raiden (5A)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.1%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to 6H who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.5%** Well done!

A big well done to **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 **Isla (4M)** who has passed her Level 2 at gymnastics. Well done!

Congratulations to **Douglas (4M)** who won the Cyclo-X event for his age group at a Beavers. Well done!

Congratulations to **Yuna (5A)** for passing her Grade 3 Piano Practical with distinction. 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	-	147
Blackman	-	140
Fiennes	-	145
Storey	-	139

Well done to Attenborough

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week:

Year 3: Skyla (3AC) and Darien (3L)

Year 4: Ridley (4M) and Nathaniel (4V)

Year 5: Izzy (5D) and Seren (5A)

Year 6: George (6K) and Noah (6H)

Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week!

Year 3: Zayn (3AC) and Erik (3L)

Year 4: Isla (4M) Harriet (4V)

Year 5: Raiden (5A) and Leo (5D)

Year 6: Jessica , Ali (6H) and Colette (6K)

Collection of Children - After School Clubs

Just a polite reminder that children should be collected on time from an after school club. The office closes at 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 4.00pm on a Friday. Children being picked up after this time makes it difficult for staff and club leaders to carry out their other roles and responsibilities. Thank you for your understanding.

The Elms October Half Term Camps

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

Early Bird Deadline

Please note, the Early Bird Deadline for the reduced camp prices are below:

Deadline: Friday 29th September

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

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

Autumn Weather

The weather has turned and we are having more wet and colder days. Please make sure that your child brings in a rain jacket or coat. We try to go outside for play as much as possible even in light rain or drizzle.

Playtime Trainers

Please make sure that your child comes into school with a pair of trainers that they can get changed into at playtime and lunchtime. If your child does not have a pair of trainers, they will not be allowed to go onto the school field or equipment.

4V Swimming Lessons

On Monday 2nd October 4V children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. As of week beginning Monday 2nd October 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 Thursday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

We are still looking for volunteers to help walk the children to and from the pool.

Special Assembly

It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors to our school. On Tuesday, we had a fantastic assembly delivered by Rabbi Yosef from Bushey Chabad to learn more about the Jewish New Year.

Choir - Autumn Term

The School Choir started this week on Tuesday and will run until 5th December. It has been a very successful after-school club and there are a few places left if your child would like to join. Please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to reserve a place.

INSET DAY REMINDER

Please note there will be no school on the 24th November.

Secondary Transfer Application 2024

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is 31st October. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

Administering medication in school

Children should not bring any medicines into school. They may not have cough or throat sweets in school. If your child needs to take **prescribed** medicine (e.g. antibiotics), it should usually be administered outside school hours. If this is not possible it should be brought to the school office by a parent or nominated adult where you will need to complete the appropriate form. All medicines must be labelled clearly with your child's name. Only prescribed medicines will be administered. They will be given by the staff in the school office. Parents are requested not to approach another member of staff to administer medicines.

Collection of Children

Just a polite reminder that school closes at 3:20pm. Teachers will wait with children at the top gate until 3:30pm, before taking children to wait in the office area. Children being picked up after this time makes it difficult for staff to carry out their other roles and responsibilities.

Staff Car Park

This is a polite reminder that the carpark is for staff and visitors only. Parents and carers should not use it to collect children from school or after-school clubs.

Safeguarding – Before school gates are opened at 8.35am

When dropping your children at the gates in the morning, please be aware that **NO** staff are at the gates until they open them at 8.35am. We recommend that you wait with your child until the gates are open, the road can be busy with traffic and also the paths are quite narrow. In general the children are very well behaved at the gates. Please remind your children that if they are at the gates for a short while before they open to be aware of the possible dangers on the road.

Music Lessons

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, you can now book lessons via Herts Music Service (HMS). As well as violins and woodwind lessons, we are also fortunate to have a guitar and cornet teacher. If you are interested and want further information, you can click on the HMS website Music Lessons

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

Job Vacancy

We are looking for a couple of mid-day supervisors to support us at lunchtimes. The role will involve working as part of a team alongside our lunchtime staff from 12-1pm during term time. This will involve supporting, working and managing children on the playground. If you would like further information or know of someone who would be interested in the role, please contact the school office (admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) for a copy of the job description and application form.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be continuing with the book ‘Rabbit not lost’ and will be writing a story about Mini Rabbit and his adventures.

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering 3 digit numbers.

Geography : We will be continuing to explore the UK and identifying mountain ranges.

Year 4

English: we will write descriptive paragraphs using compound sentences and powerful verbs based on the book ‘Arthur and the Golden Rope’.

Maths: We will continue comparing and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and practising our 3,4 and 8 times tables

Science: We will be exploring the properties of sound.

Year 5

English: We will plan and begin to write a short story as a sequel to ‘The Wolves in the Walls’.

Maths: we will be using what we have learnt about multiplication to work out the area of shapes.

Music: we will be playing glockenspiels and learning to play along to a short melody.

Year 6

English: We will be starting our poetry unit and look at the poem Grey Seal by Robert Mc Farlane. Through this unit we will gain exposure to British flora and fauna.

Maths : We will be working on understanding the vocabulary in worded problem

Science: We will be exploring the properties of sound.

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 Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Vegetable Couscous		Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognaise 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 2nd October	ASHA Coin Trail
Monday 2nd October	4V Swimming Lessons
Friday 20th October	End of Term 3.20pm
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Half Term
Wednesday 1st November	Year 6 Height and Weight
Wednesday 15th November	Individual School Photos
Friday 24th November	Inset Day