



Ashfield Junior School

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

26th April 2024

Headteacher's Message

It was Earth Day on 22nd April and the children took part completing some activities on how we can make the Earth a better place. Mrs Kothary introduced the idea to children last week and followed it up with an assembly on Monday. Each year group had theme that they could explore and look at the causes this has on planet Earth. Each of the themes linked into our Science and/or Geography units of work and what the children have been learning about as follows:

Year 3 - reducing, reusing and recycling

Year 4 - water

Year 5 - ocean pollution

Year 6 - deforestation

It was nice to see the children engaged in an important topic and how we can all make a difference. On Monday's assembly, the Eco-Council shared what they had been learning about in their class. Thank you to Mrs Kothary for organising the event and activities. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Charlotte (5D), Alex (6H), Bella (5D), Skyla (3AC), Rohan (5A), Charles (4M) & Hana (5A)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **93.6%** 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 **98%** Well done!

A big well done to **3L** 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 **Charlotte (5D)** who passed her Grade one clarinet exam and gained a merit. Well done!

Congratulations to **Nathaniel (4V)** who has passed his Stage 1 swimming. Well done!

Congratulations to **James (6K), Noah (6H) and Shreaya (6H)** who supported their older age group to play rugby against a team from Lisbon who were touring the UK. They played really well and demonstrated all the values of rugby namely sportsmanship, teamwork, resilience, enjoyment, discipline. 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	-	193
Blackman	-	190
Fiennes	-	200
Storey	-	192

Well done to Fiennes

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: Haruto (3AC) and Cian (3L)

Year 4: Farzam (4M) and Harriet (4V)

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

Year 6: Daniel (6H) and Bertie (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: Hanzala (3AC) and Finn (3L)

Year 4: Elizabeth, Muhammad (4M) & Mia-Nevaeh (4V)

Year 5: Ferdaws (5A) and Alina (5D)

Year 6: Ethan (6H) and Ebou (6K)

The Elms Whitsun Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Whitsun 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 17th May 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/>

Half Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th May** for half term. Children return to school on **Monday 3rd June**.

Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 5 will visit Bushey Synagogue on **Thursday 9th May**.

5D will be leaving school at 9:00am to walk to the synagogue and 5A will be leaving at 10.00am. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate footwear on the day. **They have requested all boys wear a covering on their head (a cap or hat).**

If you are available to help walk the children to and from the synagogue, please contact the school office by email. We will let you know by **Friday 3rd May** if your offer of help is required.

(admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk).

Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Tuesday 7th May 2024**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

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

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

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/13y7hBONWTfRLNzLm6mMsWimhpXAa6bMC/view>

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

Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

13th to 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 24th May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Monday 3rd to 14th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 6th June	-	4V French Café at 9.15am
Friday 7th June	-	4M French Café at 9.15am
Wednesday 12th June	-	Fathers' Day Secret Rooms
Thursday 13th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 19th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 20th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Saturday 15th June	-	Merry Hill & Ashfield Summer Fair (at Merry Hill)
Monday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet new teacher
Wednesday 10th July	-	Open Evening (3.30pm to 5.30pm)
Thursday 11th July (TBC)	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 12th July	-	Reports go home
Friday 12th July	-	Year 3 to visit Merry Hill Infants to watch the Year 2 performance
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 19th July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Tuesday 21st May 2024**.

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Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children SATS will begin on **Monday 13th May** so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 6th May**.

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The letter previously sent will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

The deadline is Friday 14th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint the has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>



We're thrilled to share that on Monday, April 22nd, Ashfield School joined in the global celebration of Earth Day. Teachers and students alike fully immersed themselves in activities aimed at raising awareness about our planet's precious resources.

The day began with a special assembly, where we delved into the importance of Earth's natural resources. We discussed the ways in which humans impact the environment and the animals that call it home, prompting thoughtful reflection on our responsibilities towards them. The assembly also inspired students to explore environmental conservation further within their year groups.

Following their research and learning, our students showcased their creativity and dedication to environmental awareness through various projects. Year 3 created informative posters highlighting the importance of the 3Rs: Recycle, reduce, reuse. In Year 4, students crafted posters and poems emphasizing the value of water conservation and ways to avoid waste. Year 5 focused on the detrimental effects of plastic pollution, especially on marine life, and shared bold messages to encourage change. Meanwhile, Year 6 students embraced the topic of deforestation, becoming eco-superheroes as they illustrated the causes and effects through engaging cartoon strips. They also spread a powerful message about sustainable living, inspiring others to follow suit.

We're incredibly proud of our students' dedication to environmental stewardship and their efforts to make a positive impact on our world. Through their creativity and passion, they're demonstrating the importance of caring for our planet and inspiring others to do the same.

Thank you to all our teachers and students for their enthusiasm and commitment to Earth Day and environmental conservation. I hope your child will engage you in an interesting discussion around their learning.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue to write a persuasive letter to save the trees.

Math: We will start our multiplication unit by investigating the effect of multiplying larger numbers by ten.

Science: We are going to be starting our new topic on Plants.

Year 4

English: We will start looking at a new book, Fly, Eagle Fly and we are going to create a story map based on the story.

Maths: We are going to solve word problems working with decimals and money.

History: We are going to investigate the Vikings invasion in Britain.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a diary entry based on a mystery book called 'The Watertower'.

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering fractions in Maths.

History: We will be creating an Ancient Egypt timeline.

Year 6

English: Mrs. Kothary's group will revisit setting descriptions. Mr Hardy's group will begin a new text, Boy by Roald Dahl, to write a narrative using dialogue.

Maths: Mrs. Kothary's group will continue working on ordering and comparing fractions. Mr Hardy's group will be revising: mean, ratio, pie charts/line graphs and Venn and Carroll Diagrams.

History: We will be learning about the countries involved in WW2 and whether they were neutral, allied or part of the axis.

PE: We will be exploring Disco dancing.

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	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Chicken Paella with Potato Bravas	Roast Gammon, New Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Fajita with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Vegan Chilli with Rice	Veggie Meatballs with Potato Bravas	Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese and 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

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Tuesday 7th May	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 21st May	Year 3 Trip to COAM