



Ashfield Junior School

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

29th September 2023

Headteacher's Message

Buna, bonjour, bom dia, beunos dias!. On Tuesday, we celebrated European Languages Day with an assembly led by Mrs Kothary who is our French subject leader. It was nice to see children talk about and celebrate the many different languages that they can speak, whether it was an European language or from another country around the world. Children shared that they could speak French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Albanian, Ukrainian, Romanian and Polish to name just a few European languages. Children could also speak Mandarin, Urdu, Malay and Tamal to name just a few more languages. Learning another language is very important and research shows that there are many cognitive benefits to learning a language. It is also a lovely way to learn about other cultures and customs. We are making good progress with our French curriculum and am fortunate that we have some skilled staff to deliver our lessons. I'm also proud of my 125 day streak on Duolingo - Tenha um bom fim de semana! Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Alina (5D), David (4M), Niamh (6K), Isobel (5D) and Leo (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.3%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5A** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.5%** 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 **Douglas (4M)** for completing the Ready, Set, Read! reading challenge over the Summer holidays. Well done!

Please let the office know if your child has an achievement they would like to celebrate in assembly and the weekly newsletter.

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

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	-	165
Blackman	-	178
Fiennes	-	169
Storey	-	168

Well done to Blackman

Achievement Assembly

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

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

Year 4: Charlotte, Millie (4M) and Emma (4V)

Year 5: Scarlet (5A) and Kyle (5D)

Year 6: Esmae (6K) and Andrei (6H)

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Alma (3AC) and Sophia (3L)

Year 4: Avyutka (4M) and Leah (4V)

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

Year 6: Shraeya (6H) and Chloe (6K)

Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.

This can be done by ringing the school number 02089502350, choosing option 2 or alternatively, please send an email to the school office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk by 9.10am **everyday of your child is absent.**

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 (today)

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

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

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

Coin Trail

ASHA have organised a 'Coin Trail' and we will start collecting coins in school on **Monday 2nd October**. We will see what class has the longest coin trail the following week.

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Tuesday 14th November**. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). It is important to complete the online form even if you **do not** want your child to have the vaccine. The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you.

If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found on the attachment.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire>

Year 4 Swimming

Just a polite reminder to parents in **4V** that swimming will start on **Monday 2nd October** and children will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. 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.

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

Home Reading

Please make sure that you are listening to or ensuring that your child is reading their home reading book every night.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be reading 'Dr Xargle's Earth Hounds' book and creating fact files.

Maths: We will finish our work on comparing and ordering numbers and start to look at measuring, using our comparing skills.

Science: We will continue to learn about the Skeleton.

Year 4

English: We will start planning and writing a short adventure story based on the book Arthur and the Golden Rope.

Maths: We will be securing addition and subtraction using mental fluency.

French: We will continue to learn about the names of different fruits and practise talking about our preferences.

Year 5

English: We will be starting our new unit based on the book Monsterology and we will be writing letters explaining how excited we are to be students at the sanctuary for fabulous beasts.

Maths: We will be reviewing addition and subtraction of fractions

PE: We are going to be learning about the features of a synagogue and how Jewish people worship God.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring a set of practice SATs Tests to help identify areas of the curriculum that need revising.

Maths: We will be exploring a set of practice SATs Tests to help identify areas of the curriculum that need revising.

Science: We will be exploring the classifying of animals and plants through the use of classification keys.

Geography : We will explore map skills and reading compass directions. In Art we will be exploring typography and its use in packaging.

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	Tomato Pasta	Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken with Seasoned Wedges	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Loaded Jacket Potatoes		Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Cheese Omelette with Chips & 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
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