



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**6th October 2023**

## Headteacher's Message

As we move forward throughout this year, we will be doing some work towards our **School Travel Plan**. This week, Year 4 children took part in a practical workshop using the local roads in Bushey to learn about Pedestrian Skills and how to cross the road safely. The workshops were run by HCC and they will be working with the school to deliver more workshops for Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6. Whilst it is good to educate the children, I still have many safeguarding concerns on road safety. Last week, I met with Maxie Allan (local councillor) to voice my concerns and efforts to improve School Lane, and I will be following this up by having a second meeting with Maxie Allan and the headteachers at Merry Hill Infants and St. Margaret's School. A big thank you for Mrs Marskell for organising all of the road safety workshops and for the volunteers who gave up their time to support the children this week.



A very happy birthday to: Stanley (3AC), Louise (4M), Aaron (6K), Mia (5A), Jasmine (6K), James (5A), Haruto (3AC) and Billie (5A)

## Attendance Matters!

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

Congratulations to **5D** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of 99.5% 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

Congratulations to **Evelyn (5D)** who came top of the Tennis Leaderboard for the Summer Term at The Elms after school club. Well done!

Congratulations to **Maya (4V)** who came joint 4th of the Multisports Leaderboard for the Summer Term at The Elms after school club. Well done!

Congratulations to **Khushi (3L)** who has passed her Level 2 in gymnastics and is working towards Level 3. Well Done!

Congratulations to **Charlotte (4M)** for being player of the week at her Rugby Club.

## 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 - 109  
Blackman - 101  
**Fiennes - 136**  
Storey - 101

**Well done to Fiennes**

## Achievement Assembly

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

**Year 3: Lily (3AC) and Bella (3L)**

**Year 4: Emelie (4M) and Iya (4M)**

**Year 5: Eva (5A) and Mason (5D)**

**Year 6: Joseph (6H) and Louis (6K)**

### Writer of the Week!

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

**Year 3: Benji (3AC) and Anna (3AC)**

**Year 4: Louise (4M) and Reyan (4V)**

**Year 5: Yuna (5A) and Hollie (5D)**

**Year 6: Ellie (6K) and Dana (6H)**

### Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 are studying evolution and inheritance in Science this term and we are also looking at biomes in Geography. We have arranged a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** to support our learning in these areas.

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

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

### 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](http://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.

### Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Thursday 19th October at 9am**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th October. A list of the food items we are collecting have been detailed on a separate letter sent this week. Thank you for your support.

### ASHA - Coin Trail

Final call to bring in any loose coins for the ASHA 'Coin Trail'. Next week, we will see what class has the longest coin trail and have raised the most money for the school.

### 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>

### 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.

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 8954 8787

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

### Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place in the week commencing 16th October 2023. Further details will be shared by letter next week.

## Year 4 Pedestrian Skills



This week the Year 4 children enjoyed their pedestrian skills workshops.

Each session ran for approximately 45 - 50 minutes outside the school on nearby local pathways and roads. The children learnt about the road environment, understanding the importance of being seen as well as being able to see and practicing road crossing techniques in a number of live scenarios while under

the supervision of staff from Hertfordshire County Council and the school.

Pedestrian Skills is one of the building blocks to help children become independent travellers and your continued reinforcement of their learning plays a crucial role in this too.

## Year 3 - The Hodgeheg

Year 3 are reading The Hodgeheg in guided reading and we thought it would be nice to make some hedgehogs in school. The children would need a thick-ish chapter book that they wouldn't mind not reading again as we are going to be folding the pages and decorating them. They would need to start bringing them in with them as soon as possible as we are going to be starting to make them next week (w/c: 16<sup>th</sup> October).

## School Council

We are very pleased to have our School Council elected. It was lovely to meet with them to discuss why they wanted to join. Two members from each class were elected by their peers.

**3AC** - Ella and Tristan

**3L** - Bella and William

**4M** - Elizabeth and Muhammad

**4V** - Amelia P and Joseph

**5A** - Cassian and Freya

**5D** - Aquil and Hollie

**6H** - Dana and Noah

**6K** - Antonia and Khalid

## Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 15th November** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.



## The Elms Summer Term Leaderboard

Marc from The Elms presented both **Maya (4V)** and **Evelyn (5D)** with their awards at the achievements assembly.

**Congratulations to you both!**

## Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink account. As a reminder, meals cost £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be continuing our work based on the book Dr Xargle's Book of Earth Hounds.

**Maths:** We will finish our measuring work on length and mass and start thinking about mental methods for addition.

**Science:** We will be looking which animals have vertebrates and invertebrates skeletons.

### Year 4

**English:** We will finish writing and editing our stories based on the book Arthur and the Golden Rope.

**Maths:** We will continue to secure our mental strategies for addition and subtraction.

**History:** we will be exploring the religious traditions and beliefs during Celtic times.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be reading linked texts based on novels that have great openings. We will be working with extracts from The Clockwork Crow, Cogheart and Storm Keeper.

**Maths:** We will continue our work on fractions and will be finding fractions of amounts in Maths

**Art:** we will start on our final piece for our Typography unit. We will be creating signs based on the onomatopoeia we have been using in writing.

### Year 6

**English:** Year 6 will continue working from the poem Grey Seal from Lost Spells. We will analyse and apply the author's style to produce our own poems.

**Maths:** We will be exploring the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages.

**Art:** We will start to turn our draft packaging designs into our final pieces.

## 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	A choice of Tomato or Carbonara Pasta with toppings	Mexican Beef with Rice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Salmon Fishcake with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN		Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Vegan Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage 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

Friday 20th October	End of Term 3.20pm
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Half Term
Wednesday 1st November	Year 6 Height and Weight
Tuesday 14th November	Nasal Flu Spray
Wednesday 15th November	Individual School Photos
Friday 24th November	Inset Day