



Ashfield Junior School

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

8th March 2024

Headteacher's Message

This week we celebrated World Book Day and had a range of activities for the children to immerse themselves with books and reading. On Monday, a parent gave an assembly on being a librarian, their role and the importance of reading. On Thursday, each class choose a familiar book and had to work collaboratively to create a new class book cover. Children had to think about colour, images, lettering and were encouraged to be creative using a range of equipment. At the end of the day, children shared their 'book cover' in assembly and children had to guess what book they had chosen. Classes also arranged some other activities within each year group including a mini-autobiography, book reviews and reading for pleasure! Reading is such an important skill for all children's learning and enables children to learn not just in English, but across the whole curriculum. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. We recommend that children read daily at home. Y3 and Y4 for 10 minutes, Y5 for 15 minutes and Y6 for 20 minutes. Reading everyday will accelerate your child's learning, vocabulary, knowledge and also improve your child's writing. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Iya (4V), Hamza (6H) and Khushi (3L)

Attendance Matters!

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

Congratulations to **4M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.5%** Well done!

A big well done again to **4M** 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.

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 by 9.10am **everyday your child is absent.**

Email: 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	-	153
Blackman	-	139
Fiennes	-	166
Storey	-	173

Well done to Storey

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

Year 4: David (4M) and Sean (4V)

Year 5: Eva & Layah (5A) and Alina & Kyran (5D)

Year 6: Max & Khalid (6K) and Benjamin (6H)

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: Sonny (3L) and David (3AC)

Year 4: Jack (4M) and Iya (4V)

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

Year 6: Noah (6H) and Virina (6H)

3L - Sponsored Activity

3L are having a sponsored pyjama and art activity day on **Wednesday 13th March**. For this, the children will need to come into school in their pyjamas or comfy clothes (such as tracksuit bottoms and a jumper). We will also be doing an art activity in the day so please could you make sure that your child also brings in an apron/old large top to put over their clothes.

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/>

5A Cake Sale

Monday 11th March 5A will be holding a cake sale at the end of the day on the playground. **We can only accept cash payments.**

After School Dance Club

There will be **NO** after school Dance Club on **Friday 15th March**. This was pre-arranged when bookings were made so therefore there will be no additional date added.

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>

School Fundraiser

The table below gives the dates and activity that your child's class will be doing.

3AC	22nd March	Sponsored Art Activity
3L	13th March	Sponsored Pyjama day
4M	21st March	Sponsored 2km run/walk
4V	5th March	Sponsored Art Activity
5A	11th March	Cake Sale at 3.20pm
5D	26th March	Sponsored 3km run/walk
6H & 6K	13th March	Sponsored 3km run/walk

Multisports After School Club



Congratulations to **Muhammad (4M)** for coming joint 4th place on the Multisports after school club leaderboard. Well done!

DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter

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](#)

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.

Safeguarding - School Lane

As you will be aware, with the support of the local council, police and school community, we have been working hard on road safety to safeguard our children. Unfortunately, there have been two very near misses on School Lane involving Ashfield children. One of these near misses involved a car completing a 3-point turn on School Lane and another car mounting the pavement. It is important to keep ALL our children safe. If you drive to school, please be more careful on School Lane and refrain from doing 3-point turns outside the school.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform stall running on **Monday 11th March**. **We will be accepting cash or card payments.**

All proceeds will go back to the school so that they can continue to support our children.

Big Walk and Wheel School Challenge

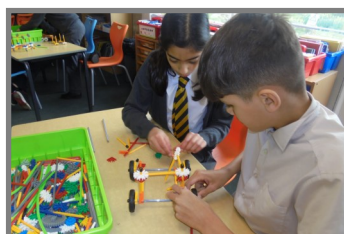
Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **11th - 22nd March 2024**.

Year 5 K'nex Challenge

Year 5 students on Monday 4th March explored how to design moveable bulldozers, there were some amazing creations!

Congratulations to the following children whose designs won.

Eva and Layah (5A) and Alina and Kyran (5D)



Ashfield Volleyball Tournament



On Thursday and Friday last week, the children took part in our fantastic Volleyball Tournament. Fortunately, it is a tournament held in the hall as it rained heavily for most of the two days! Mr Jones and I have always enjoyed the Volleyball Tournament and it is certainly one of the most popular tournaments we hold with the children.

Each year group was incredibly close with two of the finals being won in a sudden death.

Throughout our last tournament (Tag Rugby) all of the children demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and upheld the Ashfield School values of Resilience, Respect, Kindness and Cooperation. This tournament was no different and in fact the fair play demonstrated was an improvement on the previous high standards! It has become such a challenge for teachers and Mr Jones to select the Fair Play Winners and School Value Winners at the end – there are just so many to potentially choose from. A list of winners can be found below.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones for running the event and a massive congratulation to all of the children who took part and made the Volleyball Tournament so fantastic. I am already looking forward to our events in the Summer Term including Games Day and Sports Day.

Mr Hardy.

Results:

Year 3. Team C 12 (1), Team I 12 (2). Team I won 2-1 in Sudden Death.

Winners: Team I – Skyla, Gigi, Anna, Isaac and Stanley.

Runners Up: Team C – Penny, Arlyn, Ethan, Adam and Erik.

Fair Play Winners: Leah, Nandini, Adam, Abigail, Grace, William, Benji, Anna and Ava.

Cooperation: River **Resilience:** Inayah **Respect:** Tristan **Kindness:** Crina

Year 4. Team C 13 (2), Team G 13 (1). Team C won 2-1 in Sudden Death.

Winners: Team C – Muhammed, Reyan, Rhea, Bella and Blue.

Runners Up: Team G – Elijah, Douglas, Charlotte, Amelia K and Mia-Nevaeh.

Fair Play Winners: Louise, Maisie, Reyan, Oisin, Veronika, Swayam, Mia-Nevaeh, Myla, Iya and Jada.

Cooperation: Bradley **Resilience:** Amelia K **Respect:** Douglas **Kindness:** Alice.

Year 5. Team C 11, Team I 17.

Winners: Team I – Abishai, Mia, Kit, Kaiden and Lana.

Runners Up: Team C – Ashley, Antonia, Kyran, Evelyn and Izzy.

Fair Play Winners: Seren, Ella H, Ashley, Ella K, Charlotte, Adam, Eli, Ibrahim, Mia and Poppy.

Cooperation: Theo **Resilience:** Chloe **Respect:** Florence **Kindness:** Isobel.

Year 6. Team C 10, Team F 12

Winners: Team F – Louis, Jasmine, Alex, Virina, Joseph and Ebou.

Runners Up: Team C – Ryley, Emily K, Finley, Dana, Benjamin F and Aaron.

Fair Play Winners: Charlie J, Michael, Aaron, Daniel, Benji, Virina, Isabella, Dexter, Lily and Esmee.

Cooperation: Cici **Resilience:** Chloe **Respect:** Samuel **Kindness:** Ali.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue our book on The Bear and the Piano and we will be writing a diary entry from the view of the Bear.

Maths: We will continue our statistics unit, learning about pictograms and bar charts.

RE: We will be exploring the timeline leading up to Good Friday.

Year 4

English: We will be writing the biography of the Mayfly, a short-lived creature.

Maths: We will continue to work on written methods for multiplication and division.

RE: We will be exploring the timeline leading up to Good Friday.

Year 5

English: We will be writing the biography of the Mayfly, a short-lived creature.

Maths: We will continue to work on written methods for multiplication and division.

Trip: We will be visiting the British Museum to continue learning about the Ancient Greeks on Thursday.

Year 6

English: We will assess SPaG and reading as part of our assessments week.

Mrs Kothary's Group will also continue with slow-motion writing in writing lessons.

Mr Hardy's Group will be writing reports about our recent Volleyball Tournament.

Maths: We will be assessing arithmetic and reasoning skills during assessment week.

French: We will continue to explore French music and musicians.

Science: We will be exploring shadows and how they change throughout the day.

PE: We will continue to explore Bhangra 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.

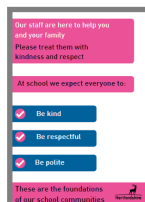
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	A choice of Tomato or Carbonara Pasta with toppings	Mexican Beef with Rice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Salmon Fishcake with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN		Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Vegan Quorn Fillet with Roast 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

Thursday 14th March	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Friday 15th March	NO Dance Club
Tuesday 19th March	Ancient World Fun Lunch
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting
Monday 25th to Thursday 28th	Year 6 School Journey