



Ashmead
Primary School



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15th May 2014

Dates for the diary

19th - 23rd May: Walk to School week

19th May: Y2 trip to Joss Bay/Nursery trip to Brookmill Nature Reserve

20th May: PTA open meeting - 9am. All welcome - Summer Fair planning

20th May: Y1L trip to Brockley Community Garden

20th/21st May: School Photos

21st May: Y6 trip to London Eye

22nd May: Polling Station/INSET day - school closed to children

23rd May: Y1J trip to Brockley Community Garden

26th - 30th May (inc) Half term

3rd June: Y4 tennis tournament at Sydenham tennis club

Saturday 7th June: PTA Summer Fayre

11th June: Reception trip to the farm

18th June: Y5 '24' maths tournament

23rd - 26th June: Y6 bikeability course

25th June: Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

4th July: Sports Day

18th July: End of term school disco

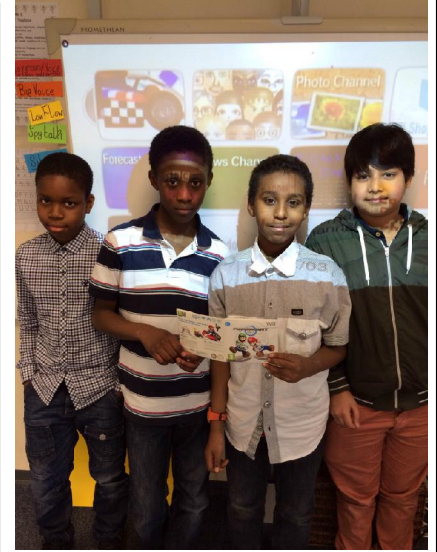
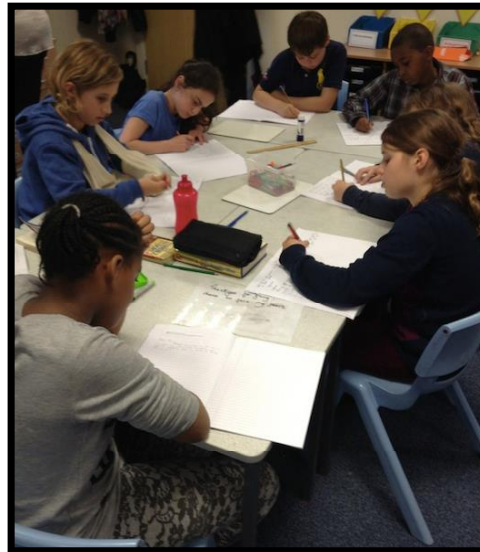
22nd July: Last day of term

23rd July INSET day school closed to children

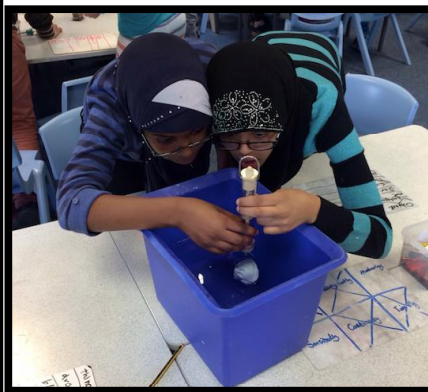
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September: INSET days school closed to children

3rd Sept: School starts for Y1 - Y6 (Nursery and Reception classes begin staggered entry)

Well done Y6!



All this week Y6 have been sitting their end of KS2 SATs and have done us all proud with the maturity and enthusiasm with which they faced each day. The children (and staff!) have worked hard all year and the test results will hopefully reflect all their efforts. Well done everyone - enjoy the weekend!



Swishing!

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the 'swishing' clothes swap event and cake sale last week. The total raised was £267.52, a proportion of which went towards the Y3 trip to Kew Gardens. Thanks to the PTA and staff who worked hard to make the event a success.



INSET Day next Thursday!

I know you have had this date all year, but just a last minute reminder that school is closed to children next Thursday. We are a polling station so are taking the day as an INSET day

All a board for the Summer Fayre!

The Summer Fayre will soon be upon us and we need as many people as possible to work with us to create an event that will be fun for the family and will raise some money!



Example of advertising board



Boards: One of the ways we are hoping to raise funds this year is by advertising the event through estate agent boards. Local estate agent, Sebastian Roche will sponsor the fayre by putting advertising boards up outside houses. If you can help by volunteering to have a board outside your home (and therefore making an 'easy' donation to PTA funds), please contact a PTA member as soon as possible with your address details.

Meeting: The next PTA meeting will be at 9am next Tuesday (20th May). Everyone is welcome - bring your ideas and enthusiasm! We are looking forward to working together to plan a fun day for all the family.



Information on Pupil Premium at Ashmead by Dean Johnstone, Community Governor:

You may have heard the phrase "Pupil Premium" in the news. It is a key policy by the coalition government aimed at helping groups of children who struggle the most at school, usually those from the poorest backgrounds. The government uses the measure of children receiving free school meals to count the number of children eligible for the pupil premium. This year the pupil premium amounts to an additional £1300 for every primary school pupil. For Ashmead this is a significant amount of money that we use to ensure that every child, regardless of their family circumstance, gets the best education.

As a school governor, I have been nominated by the governing body to act as a link governor for the pupil premium, which means ensuring that we spend the money wisely and that the school tracks the progress of the pupils most at risk of not achieving their full potential. I regularly meet with Sean O'Flynn to review how the money is being spent and its impact and discuss future plans. I wanted to mention a few of the steps the school is taking to ensure we get the most from the Pupil Premium:

- Jane Bickley, Deputy Headteacher, is reviewing all of the class interventions to ensure they are helping pupils effectively
- The school is tracking the progress of all pupils closely with additional monitoring of those most at risk of not making good progress in their learning
- The spending of the pupil premium draws on national research into which interventions make the most difference
- We have piloted, and will continue to pilot, interventions to help small groups of pupils as well as the whole school community

I have found that everyone at the school is committed to ensuring that all children do well but we know that challenges remain. I am pleased to be able to support the school in this endeavour. If you would like to know more about the pupil premium please contact Sean O'Flynn.