



Ashmead Primary School



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26th April 2013

Dates for the diary

29th April: Y2H to London Transport Museum

3rd May: RL Cake Sale - 3.30

10th May: Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising Book Sale

14th May: RF to Woodlands Farm, Y2V to London Transport Museum and Y4 to the O2

15th May: RL to Woodlands Farm and Y4 trip to O2

16th May: Y5 to British Museum

17th May: Y6 to Greenwich Picturehouse/Greenwich Park

22nd May: International Evening

**27th - 31st May (inc)
May half term holiday**

7th June: RF Cake Sale - 3.30

18th June: Nursery Sports Afternoon - 1.30pm

21st June: Sports Day (Y1 - 6)

24th - 27th June: Y6 Road Bike Safety Week

29th June: Dads' Fun Day

5th July: Y2V cake sale - 3.30

8th July: Nursery - Y5 open afternoon

11th July: Nursery trip to the seaside

20th July: Y6 party: 7 - 11 pm at St Catherine's Church Hall, New Cross

22nd July: Y6 end of term day out

23rd July: Y6 open afternoon and leavers' assembly

24th July: INSET Day - school closed to children

**25th July - 2nd September (inc)
Summer Holiday**



Year 4 School Journey

Y4 have been lucky enough to enjoy our recent burst of Spring



sunshine down in Kent this week.

School journeys are a great way for the children to work together as a class and bond over shared experiences.

So far the children have taken part in a number of 'hub challenges' where they had to learn to work as part of a team to solve problems, they braved the high ropes challenge, built shelters and tried their hand at new sports including archery! We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school this afternoon and hear more about their adventures.



School Development Consultation

We are always striving to think how we can develop our school further and are currently working on our school development priorities for the next three years. Staff and children have been thinking about how to improve Ashmead and here are some of the areas we are thinking of developing:

Staff:

- science curriculum
- early language development
- preparing for the implementation of the new national curriculum
- improving handwriting and spelling
- extending the use of the forest school

Children:

- even more practical work (cooking, sewing, chemistry experiments, model-making, art)
- forest school for KS2
- learn a different language
- opportunities to do independent projects
- more trips



Before making final decisions on the priorities we would like ideas from parents and carers to. Please email me headteacher@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk or see myself or Jane in the playground.

Parent feedback - Back in October at the first Parent-Teacher Meeting we asked parents to fill in a survey giving us feedback on how we are doing as a school and how we could be even better. There is a summary attached to this newsletter and the full report is on our website. Thank you for your time in filling out the survey and to the Governors for working on the feedback.

Lost learning time

The lost learning time looks pretty scary this fortnight. I know some families who drive or come on the bus have been caught up in traffic jams caused by the closure of Jerrard Street in Lewisham. If you come to school by road, please allow extra time in the mornings and afternoons to reach school on time. The roadworks are due to go until at least the beginning of May.

These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

Reception F: 2 hours 23 minutes lost

Reception L: 1 hour 16 minutes lost

Year 1: 3 hours 29 minutes lost

Year 2H: 3 hours 47 minutes lost

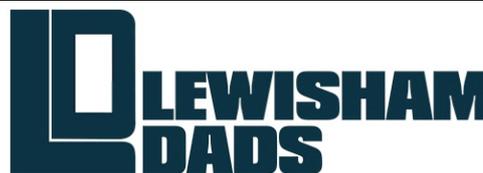
Year 2V: 2 hours 39 minutes lost

Year 3: 3 hours 41 minutes lost

Year 4: 2 hours 50 minutes lost

Year 5: 7 hours 23 minutes lost

Year 6: 4 hours 3 minutes lost



Dads Fun Day

We are currently planning this year's Lewisham Dads' Funday which has been hosted at Ashmead for the last three years. The date for this year's fun day is Saturday 29th June and will take place from 12.30 - 4p.m. This is a free fun day which is open to all Lewisham dads, granddads, male carers and their families (that includes mums too!).

As last year, Ashmead PTA will be running a BBQ and cake stall and we will be looking for

volunteers to help us do this. If you can help on the day or beforehand then please do see Jane Bickley or a member of the PTA. Thank you.



Marathon news

Congratulations to our Marathon participants Joe and Debbie. They impressed the children with their medals in assembly on



Monday and would like to thank everyone for their sponsorship so far. Joe is collecting for Macmillan and Debbie is raising money for the 1st New Cross Scouts and any donations can be given to school. Thanks for your generosity.

Help with Gardening



With the sunshine and showers we are experiencing at the moment, the plants around school are shooting up... but so are the weeds! If you have any time during the week that you could come to help us with the gardening we would really appreciate it.

It doesn't have to be a regular commitment and you don't have to be a gardening expert (although we are happy to be guided by experts too!). If you can spare some time, please contact Chris Chambers on a Tuesday or Wednesday at school or email cchambers@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

Meet the Governors

We are continuing our focus on members of our Governing Body and would like to introduce Ernesta Redwood-Sawyerr and Estelle Coughlan this week.



My name is Ernesta Redwood-Sawyerr and I have had the pleasure of serving as a LEA governor for the last 7 years. During this time, I have seen the school grow with a new build successfully completed and the staff and pupils continuing to strive for excellence as evidenced in their last Ofsted. Being a governor has been a steep learning curve for me and despite the challenge, I have found it very rewarding and enjoyable. Being a Year 6 teacher in a Greenwich school enables me to bring some of the experience I have gained as a teacher to my role as an Ashmead governor. I believe the school is moving in the right direction – upwards and I am humbled to be a small part of that.

Estelle Coughlan - Governors appointed by the local authority can offer a wider view among the voices represented on a governing body. While parent and staff governors seek to reflect their groups, it's helpful to look to the wider community and see what other schools are doing, what works or doesn't. My work used to involve filming and writing about practice in schools across England for Teachers TV and the TES. I currently work in a Southwark primary school and serve as a governor at a Greenwich secondary school. But I also have insider information ... my children have attended Ashmead too. Although the last one will leave in July, it has been great to see them grow in confidence and knowledge as they move through primary to secondary school and beyond - an aim we share for all our children.

