



Ashmead Primary School

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24th April 2023

Dates for the diary

- 25th Apr:** Sycamore trip to Brookmill Nature Reserve (am)
- 26th Apr:** Rowan trip to Brookmill Nature Reserve (am)
- 27th Apr:** NEU strike (see separate comms)
- 28th Apr:** PTA coffee morning - 9am and Y5 Aspen class assembly (9.15am)
- 2nd May:** NEU strike (see separate comms)
- 4th May:** Y1 trip to Railway Meadow
- 5th May:** Y4 Lime class assembly (9.15am) and PTA planting in playground
- 9th - 12th May:** Y6 SATs week
- 16th May:** Y2 Maple class assembly (9.15am)
- 19th May:** Y2 Suffragettes workshop (in school), PTA planting (9am) and PTA cake and plant sale (3.30pm)
- 23rd May:** Y1 Fig class assembly (9.15am) and Y4 Vikings workshop (in school)
- 26th May:** PTA coffee morning (9am)
- 29th May - 2nd June (inc) Half term break**
- 5th June: INSET Day (school closed to children)**
- 6th June:** Children back at school
- 8th June:** Y6 trip to Jewish Museum
- 19th June:** Y1 trip to Greenwich

Attendance

Our whole school attendance dropped significantly in the week just before and just after the Easter break and attendance for that period was just 89.89%. We know that many children have had chicken pox so we are hoping to see the attendance figure rise now those children are returning to school. Thanks for your ongoing support.

The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

- Lime (Y4): 97.2%
- Aspen (Y5): 96.32%
- Holly (Y1): 96%
- Juniper (Y5): 95%
- Pine (Y4): 94.52%
- Birch (Y3): 93.4%
- Oak (Y3): 92.92%
- Fig (Y1): 90.34%
- Elm (Y2): 90.25%
- Cypress (Y6): 90%
- Maple (Y2): 87.95%
- Sycamore (YR): 82.83%
- Rowan (YR) 76.89%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

PTA News

It's been a great start to the term, our Plants for Classrooms project has now been completed with lots of plants now in school brightening up spaces and improving air quality. More planting projects coming up on the 5th & 19th May to prep the planters for Summer, look out for the WhatsApp link to get involved.



Last Thursday saw our inaugural Quiz Night

upstairs at the Brookmill. Thanks to all that took part and those who helped out, we had a great turn out! Fun was had, relationships built, prizes were won and despite it being a community enrichment event we still managed to raise £110 towards our Fundraising Goal for the year! So make sure you block out in your diary our next Social Event Thursday 6th July - see you there!



We are still collecting plastics for recycling. We only want types 2 (HDPE) and 5 (PP). The triangle on the bottom will have numbers 2 & 5, or the initials HDPE or PP. Drop your clean plastics in the bin next to the green gate at the Ashmead Road entrance. Your plastic will be recycled into beautiful products by the Mull club in Brockley.

PTA Dates for the Diary

- Friday 28th Apr: PTA Coffee Morning - 9am Small Hall
- Friday 5th May: Summer Playground Planting - 9am Playground
- Friday 19th May: Summer Playground Planting - 9am Playground
- Friday 19th May: Summer Cake & Plant Sale - 3:30pm Playground

Many Thanks - Ashmead PTA





Safeguarding - Nuts in lunch boxes

Safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure

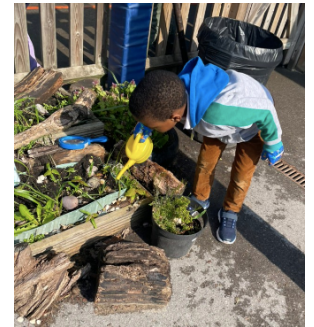
Just a reminder that we do have children in school with nut allergies so please do not pack nuts or any products containing nuts in your child's lunch boxes, this includes peanut butter, Nutella or hazelnut spread or nuts in brownies or cereal bars. This is particularly important to remember when the children are taking a packed lunch on a trip. Thanks.



Lower School News (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

A big welcome back for the Summer term, it's been wonderful to have the children back. They have been impressively calm, happy and settled, slotting right back into established routines and ready for learning.

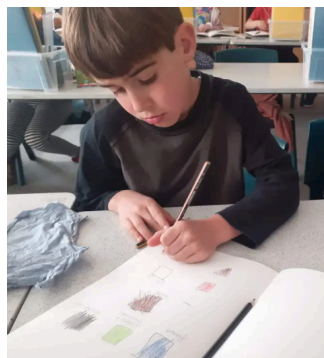
There have been some changes in the garden during the holiday, spring has definitely sprung! It sparked some wonderful conversations about seasons and growing and we're excited to continue to learn more about this in the coming weeks. Reception and Year 1 have been visiting Forest School and paying close attention to the pond and thinking about frog habitats, hopefully, we'll have some visitors soon!



Our Summer 1 topic in Year 1 is 'Claws, Feathers and Fins' and 'Suffragettes' in Year 2. Year 1 have been sharing their existing animal knowledge in science to sort and group animals in different ways and have started to think about vertebrates and invertebrates. Alongside the history of The Suffragettes, Year 2 are exploring the themes of bravery and fear. They've been reading 'The Bear and the Piano' and will be writing their own versions this week.

Focus Weeks are continuing in Reception and Nursery so look out for the Tapestry posts on Fridays. We really value the information you provide during these weeks so thank you in advance! Year 1 are sharing phonics activities on Seesaw weekly to consolidate phonics knowledge ready for the Phonics Screening Check in June and Year 2 continue to practise spelling patterns each week. If you need any help with logging in to Seesaw or Tapestry, please see your child's class teacher.

Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head Lower School



Upper School News (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

Welcome back to all of our wonderful children and families in Key Stage 2. It was such a joy to see the children back at school last week following the Easter break. The well deserved rest was clearly enjoyed by all and it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces.

This half term, all of the classes in Key Stage 2 are focused on their final history topic of the year. As always, please do have a look at the knowledge organisers and curriculum overviews which were sent home last week via Parentmail. The children who learn these facts are able to deepen their history learning in such a rich way so please do keep making reference to them at home throughout the half term.

I would like to remind all of our Key Stage 2 children once again about the expectations of home learning which includes practising times tables daily, reading (either independently or with an adult) and also responding to the weekly spellings which are set on Seesaw. I talk to the children each week about their learning and each and everyone of them point to low stakes, short practise sessions at home as the key factor in improving in these areas. As always, if you have any questions at all then please do just come and ask.

On a personal note, I want to say an enormous thank you to all of you for the incredible support around the London Marathon. I can't tell you how proud I am to have been part of this incredible school community for the past decade.

Andy McPartland - Assistant Head Upper School



Inclusion Matters

It is the beginning of the Summer term and class teachers are currently reviewing progress towards outcomes for children with SEN Provision Maps for the Spring term. Each term, class teachers set targets for children with special educational needs on their individual provision maps. If your child has a provision map, the Spring version will have been shared with you at the last Parents' Evening. Together with the SENCO (myself) and the Assistant SENCO (Nicole Cox), these targets and the provision to meet them are firmed up so that children can be supported to overcome some of the challenges they face in learning. *As always if you have questions related to your child's development, please email*

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