

Ashmead Primary School

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9th October 2023

Dates for the diary

9th, 10th and 11th Oct: 3.50pm - 6pm: Parent-Teacher meetings

11th Oct: PTA Parent Social - 7.30pm at The Brookmill

13th Oct: PTA Cake and costume sale (3.30pm)

19th Oct: Y2 'Supporting your child at home' info session (9.10am, in school)

20th Oct: INSET Day
School closed to children

23rd - 27th October
Half term break

30th Oct: Children back to school

3rd Nov: Y4 Migration Museum workshops in school

6th Nov: Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

8th - 10th Nov: Y6 school journey to Marchant's Hill

10th Nov: PTA gardening and Winter Fair planning - 9am

14th Nov: Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

17th Nov: PTA gardening and Winter Fair planning - 9am

22nd Nov: Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

24th Nov: PTA coffee morning and Winter Fair planning - 9am

30th Nov: Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

Attendance

Our overall attendance for Reception - Year 6 over the last fortnight was 96.06%, the first time in a while we have been above our 96% expectation! Thanks for your support and cooperation in getting your children into school every day they are well enough to be here.

The class attendance figures for last fortnight are:

Elm (Y2): 99.09%
Maple (Y2): 98.61%
Pine (Y4): 97.71%
Fig (Y1): 97.45%
Sycamore (YR): 97.16%
Birch (Y3): 97.05%
Oak (Y3): 95.81%
Lime (Y4): 95.65%
Holly (Y1): 94.91%
Cypress (Y6): 94.86%
Aspen (Y5): 94.76%
Rowan (YR): 93.63%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

PTA News

Thanks to all who attended the PTA Annual General Meeting and welcome to our new Committee Members. Look out for the upcoming Parentmail detailing what was presented and the new Committee and Class Reps.

Parents Social & Pub Quiz - Wed 11 October - Upstairs @ The Brookmill

7:30pm Come along for a drink or bite to eat (Wings Weds + the normal menu is being served)

7:45pm Presentation from Dan (PTA Sustainability Officer) on our newly installed Pollution Monitor

8:00pm Fun Quiz - tickets £3, booking link below. Join us and other parents for an evening of fun! Set up a team (5 max) or we'll team you up on the night.

<https://ashmead-school-pta.sumupstore.com/product/pta-evening-social-at-the-brookmill-from-8pm-wednesday-11th-october-2023>

Cake & Costume Sale - Fri 13 October - 3:30 @ The Playground

Please donate unwanted costumes & accessories and/or buy or bake some sweet treats (**ALL NUT FREE PLEASE**). Bring costumes to the office this week please but cakes to the office on FRIDAY ONLY (by 3pm).

Greeting Card Project - Wed 1 November

Look out for a form next week for each child/family to create their own greeting products. To take part, please return your designs no later than **Wed 1 November**. You'll review the final design and order online mid-November. Products will be available from 8 December. We're also working with the school on another Calendar for 2024 - watch this space!

Further dates for your Diary

Gardening & Winter Fair Planning - Friday 10 November 9am-10am

Gardening & Winter Fair Planning - Friday 17 November 9am-10am

Coffee Morning & Winter Fair Planning - Friday 24 November 9am-10am

Winter Fair - Saturday 2 December 11.30 am- 2.30pm

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Thank You! PTA Committee

Safeguarding

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/hazelnut spread or nuts in brownies or cereal bars.

This is particularly important to remember when children are taking a packed lunch on a trip. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

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

Thank you for attending the home learning information sessions last week (Y2 still to come)- we hope you found these sessions useful. These are now on the website for you to refer to.

The children in Nursery and Reception have been enjoying building HUGE marble runs, water chutes, towers and more! Y1 and Y2 have been busy with their topics: Y1 thinking about changes over time, their senses and the local area this week and Y2 learning about animals and their habitats and food chains.

We look forward to seeing you all again this week for the parent teacher meetings.



Thank you for your 'past their best' flowers – we are enjoying using them in potions – please keep them coming. Also, if you have any unwanted wallpaper rolls we could use these too in provision!

Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head and Lower School Lead

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

Firstly, thank you for attending the home learning support presentations last Thursday. It was lovely to hear about how you are already supporting your children and how you plan to further that support using some handy tips and tricks.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again this week for parent teacher meetings. I'd encourage you to attend with your child/ren so they can participate and show you some of the work that they have produced this half term.



Although the end of the first half term is approaching, we aren't slowing down! Both Year 4 classes have enjoyed a visit to the London Mithraeum and Year 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from illustrator Chanté Timothy.



All of KS2 have been working on narrative writing and it's been a pleasure to read their incredible stories, like those in Year 3 inspired by Stone Age Boy and chilling warning tales in Year 5 based on their class text, Orange's in No Man's Land.

Nicole Cox - Upper School Lead

Inclusion Matters

It has been a very busy half term so far as teachers prepare to share with parents the progress that children have been making. Next week, if your child is on the SEN register, your child's class teacher will share their SEN provision map with you, which will include the targets they are working on, that they are aiming to help support them to achieve by the end of the Autumn term.



As always if there is something you would like to discuss, please email me at dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

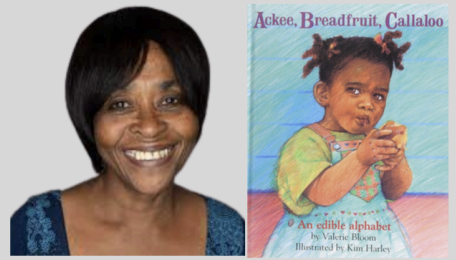
David Fielding - Assistant Head and Inclusion Lead

Black History Month



Throughout October we have a special focus on Black History in assemblies and class. We look at key individuals and their stories and achievements and also have a focus on black British authors and illustrators, including authors like Valerie Bloom who will be visiting Ashmead in March and Chantè Timothy, an illustrator who visited Ashmead last week.

Celebrating Black British Children's Book Authors



11. Valerie Bloom Age 3+ yrs

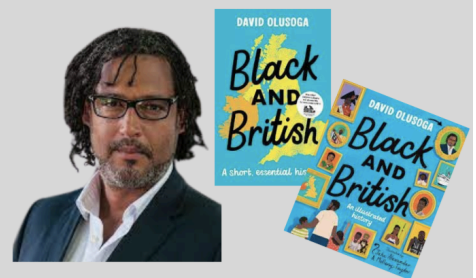
Celebrating Black British Children's Book Authors



30. Dapo Adeola Age 5+ yrs

If you'd like some ideas about authors to explore, have a look at this blog post: <https://myashmead.org/2023/10/09/black-history-month/>

Celebrating Black British Children's Book Authors



25. David Olusoga Age 8+ and 12+ yrs



Music Mark

We are proud to announce that Ashmead have been recognised this term as having achieved the 'Music Mark' in recognition of the quality of music that we offer.

Did you know?

All Y3 children learn the recorder.
Y4 classes are taught the ukulele.
Children in Y5 learn the guitar.

Cypress class (Y6) will be starting their drumming sessions later this term and continuing all year.

We also have:

A guitar club for children in Y5 and Y6.

A KS2 choir which performs at the O2 as part of Young Voices.

A new parent-led orchestra which gets together each Friday morning before school.



We will be inviting parents in to hear our Christmas songs at the end of this term in December so add the dates (they were in the first newsletter of the academic year).

