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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students,

Education has certainly been in the news recently. The shortage of teachers and the impact of the new National Funding Formula have all been headline stories.

Ashmole Academy, for example, is set to lose around 14% of its budget which is very substantial and will have a huge effect on our ability to run the school as it is now; there will be some very difficult decisions to make as these cuts start to impact. I will update everyone of these developments as more becomes known. Similarly, the accounts of teacher shortage, particularly in the London area are accurate, a challenge faced by every school.

Moving away from concerns to more positive news; as the end of the Spring Term draws nearer and the winter sports season comes to a close, it is great to see the success achieved by all of our teams. Year 11 won the Barnet Cup in Football; the Year 11 Basketball team won both the League and Cup and Year 9 footballers won the Barnet League. The Senior Netball team won the Barnet League; the Year 10 Netball team were runners up in their league and the U13 girls Football team were runners up in a Year 7/8 tournament. Fantastic performances all round!

Many other exciting things are occurring across the Academy. Our links with the Primary School has seen the start of Spanish and French lessons to the Reception children. Music and PE lessons will also occur in the summer term.

Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone on our return for the Summer Term on Monday 24th April.

Derrick Brown | CEO

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY HEAD



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very busy and exciting term for everyone at Ashmole Primary School. We have many after school clubs which are a great experience for our children. Certainly as we continue to grow we will be able to offer even more clubs. The Breakfast and After School Clubs are also very popular and by organising them with our own dedicated staff, the children are receiving great continuity in their learning.

I am delighted to announce that weekly Spanish lessons for all our pupils are proceeding well led by Mr Barnes and Ms Moon from Ashmole Academy. We will be monitoring the pupils' progress and plan to host a Spanish themed day in the summer term.

We are extending our links with the Academy to incorporate enhanced teaching of Music and PE over the next few months. This term the children have had access to the Sports Hall and Gym facilities at the Academy. This has been a great opportunity for our children to participate in lessons involving ball skills, hoops, stretching exercises, balance work, climbing and obstacle courses.

This term we have continued to focus on key values with our children such as: Positivity, Humour, Respect and Appreciation. Themed events have included Safer Internet Awareness Week in February, Book Week and Science Week in March.

I am delighted with the children's overall development and learning again this term and with continued hard work by the pupils and staff, along with the excellent parental support, I know that their progress will continue.

Mr Chris Tofallis | Head Teacher, Ashmole Primary

WORLD BOOK DAY, 2017

A selection of Year 7 and 8 students had a lunchtime celebration in the library as English teachers read passages from their favourite books whilst dressed in character. We saw performances from Dr Frankenstein, Skellig and Tybalt. Students also took part in quizzes, puzzles and games organised by our Librarian. In afternoon registration, all forms had a Drop Everything and Read session.

Our Year 7 to 9 students are competing in the Readathon. We look forward to supporting an excellent charity.

Mr Littleford



POETRY FESTIVAL

On Thursday 9th March the annual Year 7 Poetry Festival took place. Over 70 students took part reading their own poetry and there was musical entertainment from the Year 7 choir, Voice. The winner of the "Individual Performance" category was Rosie Suleiman of 7M1 and her winning poem is below:



BOOK REVIEW

As mentioned in the last edition Mabel Van Zwanenberg, won the Ghost Stories competition and her work was published. Below is an extract from her story, **WASTELAND.**

"The bone-crackling sound of my feet shattering the icy ground filled the air as I ploughed onwards. The rising sun greeted me with bright rays of frozen warmth. For a moment I saw my face reflected in the mirror like pools of water. Eyes shrunken and wide, alert, flickering like a candle being rustled by the unforgiving wind. The eyes of someone who was being hunted. I breathed out in a long drawn-out sigh, my life curling away from my lips floating back to where it once came. Oh, how I wished I could do the same.

As fragile silence filled the air, I felt myself remembering. Thoughts clouded my brain in great swarms until an orchestra of discordance played over my senses.

A sound smashed the fragile silence. A painstakingly loud crunch that reverberated against the wind. It was far, for the sound was faint but with every loud echo the crunching got louder. My heart started sprinting before I did, slipping amongst the frozen wasteland. Crunch,



crunch. The sound was closer than ever. Thump, thump, thump, went my heart urging me to run; but I couldn't. I was tired of running. My prosecutor had finally caught me. The demon, this creature, caught me by the wrist. It grimaced. It had caught me. 'Ndzorf,' it muttered. Before another word could escape my mouth, my veins seemed to catch fire. My body convulsed. I retched before freezing. I became a monument to my own death."

Mabel Van Zwanenberg | 8/M2

An excellent achievement Mabel!

The Perfect Dish

Think of your favourite dish.
Are all the ingredients the same?
I'm sure they each taste different,
In their own special way.

My favourite dish is perfect,
But only when it's made right,
Each ingredient should be given time,
So that it may thrive.

Add loyalty with the friends,
Don't forget teamwork when putting in the sportsman,
Include harmony with the musicians,
Altogether you've got a symphony.

Are rainbows the same,
When you leave out a colour?
Or is a puzzle complete,
When missing a piece?

When you add unity,
And respect,
The ingredients will join,
To form a beautiful blend.

This is the perfect dish,
And no other can compare.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

The Holocaust Survivors assembly gave me a deep insight into the lives of those living under Hitler's rule in the 1930s. I had learnt interesting facts the textbook at school never told me, and I feel incredibly lucky to have seen Peter and Marianne's talk about their unique experiences.

Megan Georgiou | 12/J1

The survivors retold the harrowing journeys each of their families took to leave Germany and the struggles they had whilst doing so. Both kept reiterating how they are extremely fortunate to still be alive. They ended with a strong message to all students – speak out in the face of adversity. 2017 is a time of political upheaval and I would encourage others to share Peter and Marianne's message to prevent any evils such as the holocaust from repeating in our lifetimes.

Osman Ozgun | 12/J1

Undoubtedly they were a part of one of the worst, most brutal occurrence in history; however both Peter and Marianne inspired the audience with such a positive and progressive outlook on the rest of their lives. As well as this, I learned about the treatment of Jewish refugees



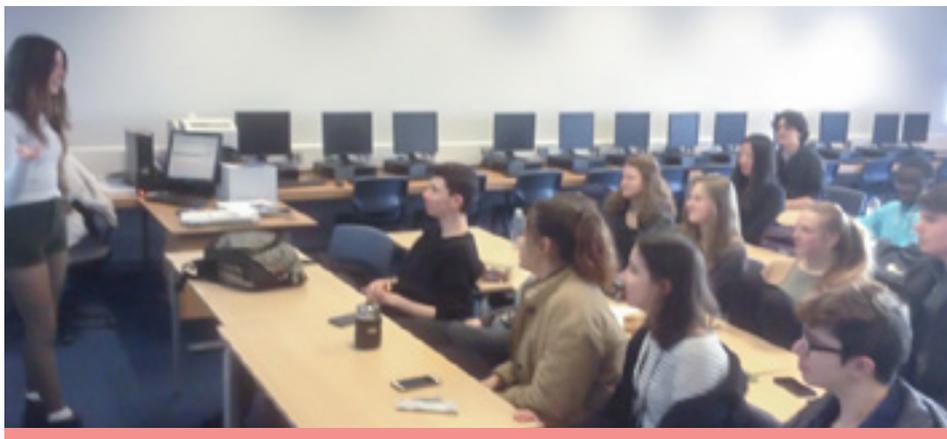
in Britain at the time, and was astounded at how many people (including the Summerfields) this affected. Listening to them and learning about their experiences was a true privilege and one I am sure to never forget.

Ruby Mina | 12/J1

The Holocaust Survivors talk was an inspirational and informative experience. It gave me a real insight into their experiences, and hearing it first hand, made it feel even more significant because we only know what happened to people there through textbooks. Having heard their experiences, I feel more connected to them and more grateful that we have opportunities that were taken from them as children.

Hannah Golding | 12/J1

EXPERIENCES OF A FORMER STUDENT



Former A* Ashmole student Sabrina Zanelli visited students in January to give them a comprehensive guide about what to expect about university life and studying philosophy beyond A Level. Students were given the chance to see examples of the kinds of topics that

are on offer at Sussex University and what to expect in terms of reading lists and feedback from lecturers

Mr Zawadski

ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Where are they now?



Matt Wilmott and **Tom Pye** both left Ashmole in 2010. Matt studied for his BSc undergraduate degree in Psychology at City University and recently was awarded a Masters in Human Resource Management from Kings College. He has now taken up a post in the Human Resources Department at Travers Smith an international law firm in Holborn.

Tom gained a BSc in Environmental Science from the University of Birmingham which included a professional placement abroad (he spent a year in Marlborough, New Zealand at the Cawthron Research Institute) He was awarded his Masters in Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Management from Kings and has recently started a career in the Civil Service in the Department for International Development.

COCA COLA RBC REGIONAL FINAL

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE



Some of the students who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge

The Intermediate Maths Challenge was taken by students in Year 9 – 11. Ten of our students have received a Gold certificate which is an outstanding achievement considering you need to be in top 6 - 7% of students that took part nationally to achieve this.

The Year 11 students taking part were: Jai Rawlings (also highest scorer from Ashmole), Ifeanyi Okechukwu, Nickolai Starck, Deniz Eyi, Raymond Liu, Chisara Vidale and Joshua Kilpatrick. From Year 9 the students were: Archie Payne, Amanda Betton and Ana Ruizoloyede. It's impressive that 8 of these students as well as Max Roberts from Year 9 scored high enough to go onto the Kangaroo round, which is the European round of Maths Challenge.

Miss Sriraman



The Coca Cola RBC Business Challenge was held in 11 different regions across the UK and in London we beat 133 teams to get in the top 10 and be invited to the regional finals on the 2nd February in the Kia Oval, Kennington.

Upon our arrival we were sat at our own table in a large room with the rest of the teams. We were then given a briefing on our task for the day and introduced to our Coca Cola mentor who helped us with all of our tasks. Our job was to pitch a fundraising event and other ways to spread awareness for the charity 'Special Olympics Great Britain'. We split ourselves into two teams - fundraising and communications.

Each team had different jobs to do and deadlines to meet for each, and finally present our pitch to a panel of judges and the other schools at the end. Fundraising had to come up with an original event idea, keeping to the budget and working out the estimated profits.

They then had to send an email to the judging panel, requesting the resources they needed for the event, which the judges looked at to test their professionalism.

Finally, they created the PowerPoint with all of the information about the event which was to be shown at the end. Communications had to come up with creative advertisements to support the charity: a radio advertisement that they got to record and edit, a bus stop poster advertisement that will be posted around the region because of our win and an infographic all about the charity. At the end of the day, we had to present it professionally and explain our event and our ideas for it. As we won the Regional Competition, our work will be entered alongside the 10 other regional winners and invited to an event where the overall national winner is announced.

Natasha Russell-Smith | 9/M2

CAROL SINGING

Just before Christmas a number of pupils from Years 7 and 8 went carol singing to raise money for Shelter at Arnos Grove tube station.

I am pleased to say that they raised £350 with two hours of almost non-stop carol singing.

From 8J2 there was Ruby Telling along with Alicia, Natasha, Grace, Molly and Cleo from 8N2. Also from 7V1 there was Rosie, Misha, Renee, Tina and Sophia.

Well done to all the girls!



NEW YORK TRIP

The sixth form New York trip was, as usual, a great success, and lived up to all the expectations we had of the Big Apple. With only a few days to explore there was no time to lose. We jumped straight into the experience, seeing the spectacular walls of luminous adverts and shops in Times Square on our first evening. There was never dull moment. There was a freezing cold boat trip to see the Statue of Liberty (where after a number of attempts we managed to get a suitable group photo with everyone, including Lady Liberty, in it).

We also saw a rather entertaining fight at an ice hockey match, and pushed through the crowds to get a prime view of the Empire State building from the dizzying heights of the Rockefeller Tower. To finish off our American experience, we spent our last day in Washington DC - an overall less hectic place that provided a welcome change from the hustle and bustle of New York. After seeing the Lincoln Memorial, and watching a mind-boggling show at the Smithsonian space museum, we started on our journey back to London. Our enormous suitcases were significantly heavier after an excess of shopping, bringing back plenty of memorabilia from our unforgettable trip.

Anna Bryan | 12/N1



NEWS

This February half term, myself, a team of staff and forty Year 12 students partook in the New York and Washington Trip. The focus of the trip was to give the students as much exposure to the sights and history of both New York City and Washington DC in a busy and compact space of time. The culture shock of Southgate to Manhattan was evident from the first moment, however I was particularly impressed and proud at how our Sixth Formers quickly adapted independently to their new surroundings and also interacted with American people we met along the way. I would like to thank all students who attended for their fantastic cooperation and respect shown throughout the trip.

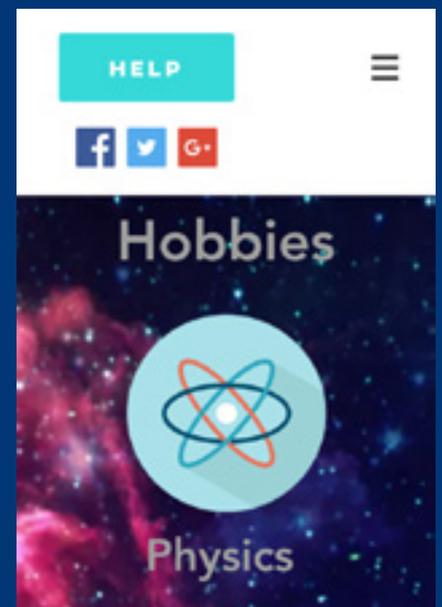
Mr El Sayed



APP DESIGN CLUB

In the Technology Department, students in Year 7 & 8 attended an App Design Club during the Autumn term.

The club was very popular and students enjoyed designing their own Apps and seeing them hosted online.



The Club highlight was that students had to design an educational App for Ashmole Academy and a screenshot of the winning App by Maya Michaels, 8M1 is shown above.

Mr Allen | Technology

6TH FORM NEWS

It's been a busy term for the 6th Form, particularly with the Mock exams which were sat in January. I would like to congratulate our students for the professional and dedicated manner in which the exams were completed. Intervention and revision sessions are now up and running as students begin to prepare for their exams in the summer.

Earlier this term, Year 12 were involved in Government & Democracy day where the year group had a focused day off timetable

exploring the workings behind England's system of government. The day was concluded as the year group took part in a 'Question Time' style debate in the main hall, disputing current events and topics.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Sixth Formers all the success in the upcoming exam period and particularly Year 13 as they embark on their final term as Ashmole students.

Mr El Sayed

ECONOMICS LECTURE BY FTSE 250 EXECUTIVES

Year 12 & 13 Economics students were fortunate enough to have been given a presentation by guest speakers from the multi-billion pound company, NEX (formerly ICAP). Sheila & Ian shared anecdotes from their time in the city as well as information and examples to supplement the students' financial markets topic. An extensive Q & A session followed the talk and many students were left inspired to pursue a career in financial services as a result.

Mr Zawadski



JONNY GELLAR, JOINT CEO OF CURTIS BROWN, VISITS ASHMOLE

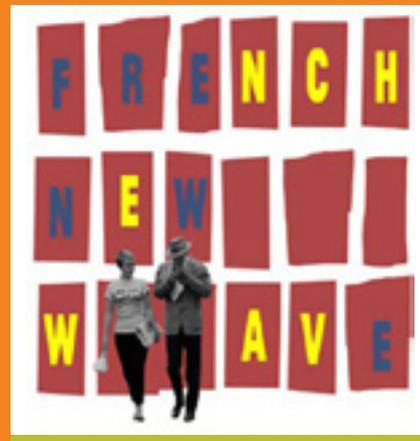
On the 10th November, we were lucky enough to have the joint CEO of Curtis Brown literary agency, Jonny Gellar, come to give a talk to selected students in Years 11, 12 and 13. Starting off as an aspiring actor, Jonny told us of the risks and determination it took for him to work his way up from simply an assistant, to the company's CEO. He spoke most passionately of the opportunities within the arts business and told us exactly what top employers look for in aspiring applicants, and how best to present ourselves when applying for jobs in the future. It was a pleasure to listen to one of GQ's 100 most connected men in Britain, he



certainly inspired, and provided us with unique knowledge on how to succeed in business.

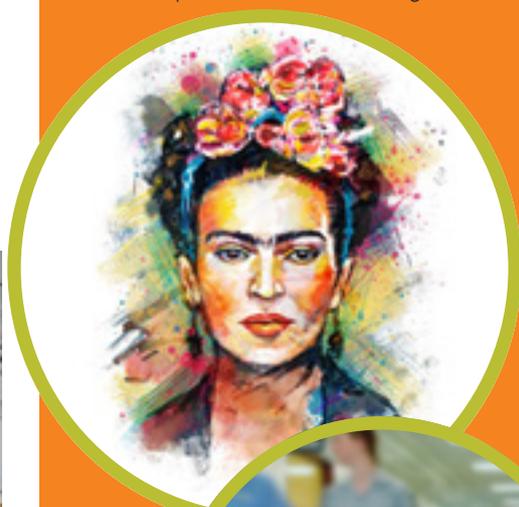
Caitriona Gurrie | 13/N1

ASHMOLEAN LECTURE SERIES



Year 12 Gifted & Talented students have enjoyed a series of weekly lectures on Fridays during PM Registration delivered by staff members and external lecturers. The purpose of these short lectures on a diverse range of subjects is to encourage students to think and read beyond their A-level subjects. The 2017 series has included talks about The Cambodian Genocide; Frida Kahlo and French New Wave Cinema. We were also fortunate enough to host a remote Skype lecture given as part of the series by Dr Annabel Price, Consultant Psychiatrist at Addenbrooke's Hospital about how the NHS is dealing with an aging population.

Ms Moon | Gifted & Talented Manager



YEAR 9 TRIP TO CLIFFORD CHANCE LAW FIRM



Clifford Chance, I didn't know that there were so many roles in Law. For example, did you know that at Clifford Chance they have six main departments? One I found especially interesting was the department that settles arguments between companies and helps them come to a compromise. Another interesting conversation I had was with workers from Deutsche Bank about buying and selling companies.

All of this was amazing and a valuable experience. It has really widened my horizons and shown me another path I could consider for the future.

After the Q&A session with the people who work at Clifford Chance, we were given a tour of the building and given an idea of what it is like to work there. One word: Wow! The facilities were amazing, they have a restaurant; a deli café; a gym; squash courts and even a swimming pool. This left me in awe of the place and certainly was the cherry on the cake.

Overall, this trip was an interesting and eye-opening experience and has definitely left me thinking about future career choices.

Alice Waller | 9/11

On Wednesday 9th November, we were privileged as Year 9 Gifted and Talented students to visit the Clifford Chance Law Firm. As we drew up near the massive glass building, I couldn't stop the flicker of excitement when I saw the massive reception area.

When we sat down, we were introduced to different people who work at either Clifford Chance Law Firm or Deutsche Bank.

It was really interesting to learn about the different aspects of Law as, before coming to

OXBRIDGE, MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VETERINARY SCIENCE INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 22nd February, the school hosted an hour long evening information event which was attended by around 300 parents, carers and students from Years 10, 11 and 12. The purpose of the event was to outline the differences in the application processes for Oxbridge and Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science from those of other universities and degree courses.

We were fortunate to have a number of specialist guests speaking at the event including Dr Andrew Bond, Admissions Tutor for Sciences at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge along with Rebecca Cassin-Scott, final year medical student at Imperial College and Cassie Bahouse ex- Ashmole and second year medical student at St George's. The speakers provided a wealth of invaluable information and advice on the best ways in which to prepare a competitive application.

Ms C Moon | Gifted & Talented Manager



YEAR 8 MEDICAL SKILLS SESSION WITH KING'S COLLEGE

On 13th December, 30 selected Year 8 students were given the opportunity to attend a Medical Skills Session which took place in school conducted by representatives of King's College London. The interactive workshop provided a chance for students to take part in various practical medical procedures including the measuring of blood pressure and suturing using imitation skin.

Ms C Moon | Gifted & Talented Manager



THE BRILLIANT CLUB SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

On Friday 24th February, 12 Gifted and Talented students from Years 9 & 10 embarked on the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. The Programme places a PhD Tutor into school to deliver a university-style module. It includes a Launch Trip to the School of Oriental and African Studies which took place on Friday 3rd March and a series of five in-school tutorials that lead to the completion of university-style assignments. These will be marked by the tutor in the style of university grades and moderated by qualified teachers that assess pupils against standards one key stage above their expected level of attainment. Pupils that pass the final assignment will be invited to attend a graduation event, also at a highly selective university.

Ms C Moon | Gifted & Talented Manager



WIZARD OF OZ

On 13th, 14th and 15th December 2016, Ashmole Academy presented 'The Wizard of Oz'. Over one hundred students were involved from Years 7-13 as performers, part of the backstage crew and the orchestra.

Auditions took place in September and from this point students and staff dedicated three nights a week to rehearsals. Every effort was put into creating a show of pure quality. The talent, effort, hard work and dedication of everyone was truly astounding. Each night we saw the audience increase in number, as the word spread about how fantastic the show was. So much so that on the last night, people had to stand to watch.

We had the opportunity to perform to the students of Ashmole Primary School and Walker Primary School prior to opening night. This was an invaluable experience and we got some extremely useful feedback to help before the show went up to a paying audience.

The set, costumes, acting, singing dancing and music made it a real feel good show. That is with the exception of the Wicked Witch of the West, who managed to terrify audience members of all ages.

We are already thinking about what we can do next year... what do you suggest?

Ms Kafouris



BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT



Tom Risley from 11J1 performed with the Hertfordshire Showband as they were asked to film for the Britain's Got Talent opening sequence of the next series. In July, the band is performing in a prestigious World Music Concert in Holland and then also performing in the Disneyland Parade in Paris.

MY EXPERIENCE ON THE WEST END STAGE

For the past 6 months I have been fortunate to have been part of the cast of 'The School of Rock' at the New London Theatre in the West End. I have loved every single bit of working in theatre, I think it is a great career choice for me and it is really amazing working with such great people. I have made so many friends; however, it has been hard too.

Although it means you miss a large amount of school, you still have to do all the homework and catch up on work you may have missed. Sometimes it feels physically impossible to do it all but I feel it is worth it. Overall it has been a great experience and I am more passionate than ever about going in to theatre as my career.

Maddie Haynes | 8J2



SENIOR BASKETBALL



Over the years Ashmole's Senior Basketball teams have found it hard to turn into winners, so this being our final year we decided that we would hit the ground running. Within the

first few weeks of school following trials we got a team together; a pleasing feature of this was that several new students who joined the school in Year 12 were selected. The squad began training every Wednesday lunchtime and with the occasional early morning session in the sports hall. After a little bit of adjustment to the senior level our new players began to shine and show why they were chosen to represent the school. Everyone worked together as a unit and it became our goal to try and reach the Barnet Cup final. In the semi-finals we faced Mill Hill County School and despite a promising start by the team and the inspiration of the large crowd who had come to support us, the team narrowly lost.

As the coach this year I can't say enough how proud I am of the group for coming so far. It has been amazing to see the commitment of this squad and the new friendships that have been formed. I would like to wish them the best of luck for the next season and also to my teammates in Year 13 who will hopefully continue to play basketball at the university level. I would also like to thank Mr Sulola, Mr Scott and Mr Prud'homme for allowing us to play senior level basketball, we are all very grateful that they have given their time to give us this experience. The future of Ashmole basketball is very bright and it has given me a pleasure to have been part of it.

Ali Hussian | 13/M2

BARNET CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

22 students took part in this year's Barnet Cross Country Championships with some incredible performances. In true cross country style, the weather was cold and wet but this didn't dampen the student's spirits.

Outstanding performances by Jasmine Ryder (Year 7) and Natasha Tanner (Year 8) who outwitted nearly all opponents on the course as well as Jacob Bland (Year 7), Joe Heather (Year 9) and Casey Doyle (Year 9) who were all chosen to represent Barnet in the Middlesex Championships.



An absolutely fantastic achievement,

Well done.

Miss Clarke

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Following a request by some Year 11 girls and a number of sixth formers for extra curriculum Girls Basketball, I decided to set up a club on Monday lunchtimes assisted by Ali Hussain (13M2). We went through all the technical side of the game and I found the girls to be very enthusiastic and supportive of each other and that they were prepared to work hard to improve their game. As the numbers grew and the girls standard improved we felt that they were ready for the challenge of a proper match so we arranged a match with Woodhouse Sixth Form College.

The game was very competitive but was played in a great spirit; it finally ended in a 20

-20 draw. The girls had acquitted themselves exceptionally well and have been a pleasure to work with and their efforts have encouraged many girls in the lower school to take up the sport!

Mr Sulola



U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Friday 4th March, Ashmole Academy took part in a Year 7/8 Girls Football tournament held by Spurs at their state of art training facilities. We were in a group with 6 other schools and this was the first time that we had played together as a team this year; it was a new experience for us all. We started off very well, winning our first group match 3-0 and finished top of the group with no goals conceded.

After the group stages, it was knockout; any loss and we would be on our way home. However, we won both the quarter final and semi-final 1-0 which meant we were in the final against Goff's Oak School!

It was so tense, with 30 seconds left we were 2-0 down, we'd hit the crossbar and scored but unfortunately it wasn't enough, the result ended 2-1 to them. Out of 21 schools we came 2nd which was an amazing achievement and an unforgettable experience. Well done to the team and a big thank you to Miss Holliday for taking us to the tournament and her amazing coaching and support.

Chiara Nocivelli | 8S1





ASHMOLE PRIMARY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Not only are our clubs a great help for working parents, they are also an important part of the development of our school community. Most importantly, these clubs give our children the opportunity to experience different activities and to enhance their own skills outside of the school curriculum.

Tennis Club takes place after school every Monday and Thursday and is run by Tennis Rocks Ltd which is a tennis academy, providing tennis coaching to school children in Hertfordshire and Middlesex.

Football is held every Tuesday after school and is run by Soccer Revolution.

Drama Club, run by Stage Coach, takes place on Fridays after school. Stage Coach's emphasis is on raising confidence and self-esteem, trying new things and working with the children to create a different story each week. Most importantly, they promote training for the biggest stage your child will encounter; life!



BOOK WEEK

World Book Day took place on Thursday 2nd March 2017. The children and staff celebrated this special occasion and dressed up as their favourite book character. The staff were very busy planning lots of activities for the week that helped to encourage the children to build on their love of books and reading. During the week there were many exciting activities and events around the school and within the classroom. Book Week at Ashmole Primary School allowed the children to enjoy an exciting and inspiring week full of book related activities including: dressing up, interacting with an author, DEAR time (Drop it and read) involving all adults in the school reading to pupils, exploring a variety of different genres, making our own class book and practising a new song about books in preparation for our special World Book Day assembly.

Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome the award winning children's author Swapna Haddow, writer of the fantastic 'Dave Pigeon' series to our school on Thursday 2nd March. Swapna read to the children and led a workshop, which was a fantastic experience for everyone.

The children had an exclusive opportunity to buy a copy of the *Dave Pigeon* books signed by Swapna herself.



READING VOLUNTEERS

We count ourselves very fortunate to have an enthusiastic team of volunteers who help with teacher led tasks and listening to the children read. Our children gain so much from the valuable time they get to spend reading with an adult and it is a pleasure to see how much they have grown in confidence.

Volunteers create a supportive and welcoming environment at schools and facilitating pupils' behaviour and performance. As positive role models and pupil motivators, volunteers are viewed as contributing to better school attendance, improved attainment, very good behaviour and better social skills. Volunteers can be a valuable asset in enhancing a school's efforts to support learning and teaching. We are extremely grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers who give up their own free time to support our school.



SPANISH AT ASHMOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educational research suggests that early exposure to different languages fosters intellectual skills and habits in school and in later life. This will allow children to become better at problem solving; become better critical thinkers; be creative; have enhanced memory skills and be better at multi-tasking. International studies have shown that pupils learning an additional language do better on both verbal and maths tests. We would hope that this new learning will also contribute to children having a clearer understanding in both English and Maths.

As a brand new school we wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to learn a language at an early age by using the expertise

from teachers at the secondary school and continue to teach the language until they reach Key Stage Three and beyond. Mr Barnes, Assistant Head Teacher at Ashmole Academy and Miss Moon (Gifted and Talented teacher at the Academy) are leading half an hour Spanish lessons every week.

Learning an additional language will open many more doors to individuals in life. This will support our school values and help to foster the ethos of outstanding behaviour, excellent relationships and high pupil outcomes. The pupils will grow into confident speakers. So far results indicate a very positive outlook in the Early Years for all areas of learning.

CLASS CHARTERS IN RECEPTION

Both Reception classes have created new class charters. The children have worked together to generate their own class rules to ensure a safe and happy classroom. They have worked together to make a 'Class Charter' display. This is displayed in a prominent place in each classroom, to remind the children how we should all behave to ensure we get the most out of our time at school.



ASHMOLE PRIMARY PTA

The Ashmole Primary Parents and Teachers Association (APPTA) is a proactive and enthusiastic team who in a matter of weeks after being formerly elected, organised a Christmas party for the Reception children, giving them a lovely afternoon with a disco, face painting, arts and crafts, a photo booth and even a visit from Santa.

This event and raffle raised over £630 and in partnership with the teachers. New playground equipment is being selected to add to the children's fun and physical development with the money raised.

This term the PTA have arranged further events:

- ▶ Regular coffee mornings for parents, carers and teachers.
- ▶ Bag 2 School; a free fundraising scheme which pays in weight for clothes and shoes donated by parents.
- ▶ Project Playground; in March parents are designing a tyre garden to brighten up the children's outdoor area.



- ▶ International Food Event; on Saturday 1st April we are celebrating the cultures of our school community and bringing everyone together.
- ▶ Summer Fete; on Saturday 24th June we will have our Summer Fete.
- ▶ Social night out for parents.

For any further information, please email ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com

IPADS IN THE CLASSROOM

We are very fortunate to have acquired 60 iPad minis for each of our children to use at school. These iPads are for the children and they have access to these on a daily basis which is a tremendous resource for our pupils. We are very grateful that our parents and carers support our E-Safety policy and relevant guidelines.



The children have enjoyed using the ipads to support their exploration in many different ways. We have used them to support research, take photographs, and play interactive phonics and number games as well as general navigation in and around an ipad. We have been impressed with how sensibly the children have been using them and look forward to incorporating them into our daily routine.

PRIMARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2017

1st April	2.30pm-4.30pm International Food Event held in the Academy Hall
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SUMMER TERM 2017

9th June	Non Uniform Day- Pupils to donate books and toys for the Summer Fete
June	Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park tbc
24th June	12pm-4pm Summer Fete

FASHION SHOW



On Thursday 23rd February we held a Ladies Evening with a fashion show with clothes supplied by Travelling Trends and stalls selling jewellery and natural make up. Sixth form students Olivia Carter and Lucy Severn along with staff members Miss Fisher and Mrs Zanelli were the 'catwalk' models for the evening showing off a variety of clothes from high street chains. The evening raised just over £460 for school funds.

Mrs Willmott

JACK PETCHY AWARD WINNERS



Spring Winners

Ella Naoise Aston

Ella Naoise raised awareness and money for a homeless charity by being sponsored to sleep on the streets for a night in the winter.



Amalia Costa

Amalia took part in the Speak Out Challenge and raised awareness of body issues, and the importance of accepting your body image.



Murtaza Khan

Murtaza has an older brother who has disabilities and he helps out a lot at home, taking on extra responsibilities. He has also really tried to improve his organisational skills at school this year to set a good example to his younger brother.



QUIZ NIGHT

Keep Friday 30th June free for our annual Quiz and Curry Night.

SCHOOL DIRECT

The Ashmole Academy Partnership (which includes a number of schools) runs a very successful School Direct Teacher Training Scheme. We offer both School Direct Salaried and School Direct Tuition Fee places. Our HE partner is the University of London, Institute of Education.

For 2017/18 we will be offering places in the following subject areas: Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, ICT/ Computing, Primary, Economics, Geography and MFL.

If you are a parent or carer who is interested in becoming a teacher or have family/friends who are interested in teacher training, please contact Ms Foye at kfo@ashmoleacademy.org or telephone 020 8361 2703 extension 2206 for an informal discussion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2017

24 th Apr - 26 th May	First Half Term
1 st May	May Day
29 th May - 2 nd Jun	Half Term
5 th Jun - 17 th Jul	Second Half Term (Last day for students – Friday 14 th July)
7 th Jul / 17 th Jul	Staff Training Days

OTHER DATES

25 th Apr	Year 8 Options Evening
27 th Apr	Year 8 Options Guidance Interviews
4 th May	6 th Form Dinner
25 th May	Last day for Year 13
19 – 23 rd June	Arts Festival and Music Proms Week
29 th June	Year 11 and Year 13 Book Return Day
31 st August	6 th Form Interview Day

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