



# Ashton House Newsletter

January/February

2020  
Half Term

## UPCOMING DATES

### Tuesday 21st April

First day for all pupils

### Monday 27th April

School Photographs

### Thursday 30th April

Maths Club Competition

### Sunday 3rd May

LAMDA Exams

### Thursday 7th May

Visit to Kew Gardens  
(Year 1)

### Friday 8th May

Bank Holiday

### Tuesday 12th May

"Back to Ashton" - 90th  
Anniversary Celebration

### Wednesday 13th May -

#### Friday 15th May

Trip to France  
(Years 5 & 6)

### Monday 25th May -

#### Friday 29th May

Half Term

More dates for parents are  
available via the Parents' Portal.  
<https://portal.ashtonhouse.com>

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

We find ourselves at Half Term wondering how it came upon us so quickly! After the long dark and rainy days of January, February has picked up the pace and we find we have completed six busy and stimulating weeks of school.

January and February 2020 have rushed by in a whirl of activity at Ashton House. Teaching and learning have continued apace complemented with workshops, class outings and guest speakers.

This term's value is Kindness...treating others with consideration, friendliness and generosity. Being kind often requires courage and strength. Kindness has many benefits including increased happiness and a healthy heart. Those who perform random acts of kindness often find that doing so reduces stress and boosts self esteem. It is also the right way to live our lives. We take every opportunity to recognize and celebrate the acts of kindness the children do, sometimes unconsciously, rewarding those who are displaying this value in their everyday lives.

A huge thank you from all the children and staff must go to the PTA who funded our two days of Architecture Workshops. Combining elements of STEAM each class created amazing structures using wood and rubber bands. There were opportunities for teamwork, problem solving and creativity at every step of the way.

This time of year is the cold and flu season and we have had many children off with illness and some whole families stricken with one bug or another. At school we constantly remind the children to wash their hands and we have hand sanitiser in the classrooms. May I remind you not to send an ill child to school. It is wretched for them and potentially will infect their classmates and teachers. Thank you for your consideration on this point.

May I wish you all a very happy Half Term and we look forward to an exciting Book Week on our return to school.

Angela Stewart



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### Younger siblings?

Extended families are the lifeblood of AHS.  
Do you have someone who is looking forward to the  
day they're 'big enough' to start at Ashton House?

Now is the time to contact the school office for an Enrolment Form if you  
would like to enrol a family member in Pre-Prep for September 2020.

## Aston House School 1930—2020

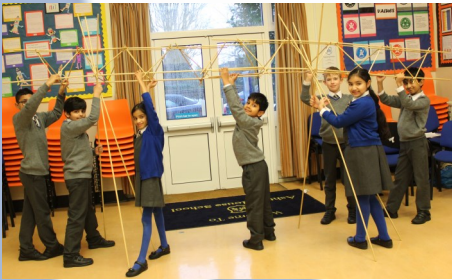
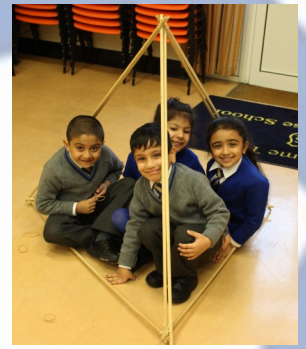
90 years of encouraging children to be CARING, CURIOUS & CONFIDENT.



# Architecture Workshop

In January we welcomed Vivienne from Architecture Workshops to Ashton House School. The workshops focused on STEM and STEAM areas of learning and the children had a wonderful time working collaboratively to build a variety of structures.

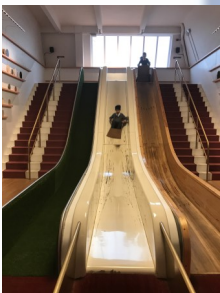
*Miss Gillis*



## Year 4 at the Science Museum

Year 4 took part in a science workshop at the museum. The children had the chance to be scientists for the day by participating in different trials and experiments. They realised how much science and maths we use in everyday activities. What a great day!

*Mrs Oderda*



## Year 2 visit to Aquarium

Year 2 had a fabulous time on our trip to Sea Life London Aquarium. We learned about the different layers in a rainforest and considered what animals would live in each micro-habitat. We had an opportunity to touch a starfish, had a very close (too close for some!) look at a hissing cockroach and put our head in a bubble with insects crawling all around us. And of course we saw many sea creatures and enjoyed spending time with them and watching them in their habitats.

*Miss Brown*





## Year 6 at the Synagogue

Year 6 visited Richmond Synagogue on 14<sup>th</sup> February. It was a lovely morning learning about Jewish festivals and celebrations. They looked at the Torah and learned how it was made. They listened to stories about various Jewish festivals and shared their knowledge. They said prayers in Hebrew and tasted grape juice and challah.

*Miss Quigley*



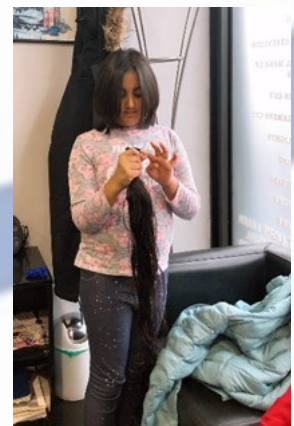
Ashton House School has achieved a Gold Star accreditation for the School Travel Plan.

Ms Quigley has worked hard completing the travel activities and consultations and providing evidence. Ashton House is among the top 10% of London Schools to achieve this award.



Year 3 earned their Hockey badges for taking part in tournaments and bravely competing with other schools.

Tiana had her long hair cut short. She will be donating her hair to charity. AMAZING!







## **U11 Hockey Tournament**

On Friday 17th January our U11 Hockey Team played against St Johns.

It was a fantastic display from both teams demonstrating amazing skill and sportsmanship. Well done to all who took part.

*Coach Charlie*

## **U 11, 10 & 9 Hockey Tournament**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Ashton House played Hockey matches against Clifton Lodge. The final score was 2-1 to AHS. I played on the right wing and managed to score a goal. Sonali and Salma scored the second goal. During the second half Clifton Lodge managed to get a goal past us. We showed great team work and we left the pitch in good spirits.

Thank you to Coach Charlie for organising the match for us.

*Krieshiv Year 5*



## **U 8 & 9 Hockey Tournament**

On Friday 7th February our U8 and U9 hockey teams welcomed Twickenham Prep. Our U8s drew 1:1 in both games. Both games were very exciting and great fun for all involved. Our U9s played a spirited Twickenham side who made things difficult for Ashton House in the first half. But Ashton's quality was on full display with some lovely passing and clinical shooting. Ashton went on to win in convincing fashion 7.0.

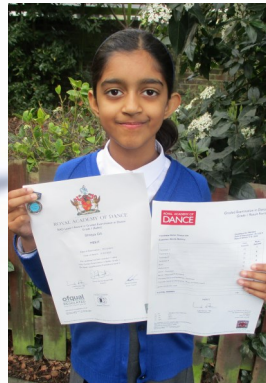
*Coach Charlie*



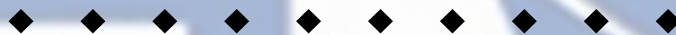




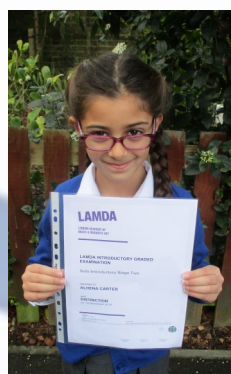
Krieshiv adopted a Mountain Gorilla. He donated money to WWF to save the gorillas. He raised the money by completing a read-a-thon and his family and friends sponsored him. He was very happy with his certificate and toy. Krieshiv said that he will continue to support the good work of the WWF.



Shreya was awarded a trophy for Attitude and Achievement in Mixed Martial Arts and she achieved a merit in Ballet from Royal Academy of Dance, Grade 1. Jaya was given Certificate of Achievement Level 1 in Athletics and Isha and Saiyan progressed in Tae Kwon Do to Green belts.



Tara won a 1st place medal in Swimming for her age group. In Gymnastics she achieved Level 7 and also Level 8 proficiency awards. David was the fastest swimmer U8s for LBH Swimming Club. He was awarded a medal and Mohsin progressed in Tae Kwon Do to a Yellow belt with a Green stripe. Amara achieved a pass in Ballet from Royal Academy of Dance, Grade 1.



Vaani progressed to level 5 in swimming and her brother Jai to level 2. Alhena was awarded a distinction for Solo Introductory Stage 2, LAMDA.

**Congratulations Everybody!**



## School Council

### News



Congratulations to  
Shriyans  
the new Witham  
House Captain

## Character Awards -

### "Acts of Kindness"

Rajvir, Ariana, Isha, Shaurya M,  
Sonali, Vaani, Diya, Viyaan, Iman, Jaya,  
Angel, Amrun, Tolu, Shriyans, Vinay,

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[www.whoiammakesadifference.org](http://www.whoiammakesadifference.org)

Salma, Tiana and  
Zaydan.

### "Fish of the Week"

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Leo Isha Nivan Rahul Saiyan Roma Diya Naina Arham Lily David Leo	Angel Armaani Esam Saira Oliver Tara	Salma Zainab Tiana Angelica Drake Rohini Sonali Tolu Krieshiv Kira Zaydan	Iman Vinay Sanvi Daniel Shriyans Sophia

### The Upper School Vote

The Upper School vote on topics weekly. This half term we have looked at the following topics.  
The children voted either Yes or No on the topic, following a discussion.

Should teenagers work at the weekend?

Yes—69%

No---31%

Should there only ever be one winner?

Yes ----46%

No -----54%