



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

It really is the most wonderful time of the year! As you will see in this 'bumper edition' of the Ashton House Newsletter we have all worked and played hard this term.

This busy term draws to an end with the school decorated from top to bottom with Christmas crafts.

It is the season for performances and productions which lift the spirit. The Lower School's Christmas show 'The Twinkly Nativity' certainly had the 'cute' factor as well as displaying our smallest children's confidence in performing to an audience. Which can be quite daunting even if it is your mum or dad!

As you read this, we will have finished the term with the Upper School Carol Concert, an occasion with a more traditional focus this year featuring Christmas songs and reading. Well done Year 6 for leading this and to the Upper School children for some wonderful singing.

The PTA have given us a fun filled Christmas Disco and invited Santa to pop into Ashton House at an extremely busy time of the year to meet the children. We also have enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch whilst wearing our Christmas Jumpers. Thanks go to the PTA and our kitchen and lunch staff.

Christmas is a time for giving and I would like to thank you for sending in gifts and wrapping paper for under privileged children in our community. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, whilst looking forward to a happy and healthy 2024 with many new experiences for all of the children.

Mrs Stewart

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th January Start of Term

Friday 5th January
US Gymkhana

Monday 8th January
After School Clubs begins

Tuesday 9th January
US Swimming Starts

Monday 12th February
Half Term

Monday 4th March
Open Afternoon

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Wednesday 13th March
Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March
Parents Evening

Friday 15th March
PTA Easter Disco

Monday 18th March

Monday 18th March
No After School Clubs This week

Tuesday 19th March
Instrumental Musical Evening

Friday 23rd March End of Term
12.00

Pupils back to school

Tuesday 16th April

**More dates for parents are
available via the Parent's Por-
tal.**

**[https://
portal.ashtonhouse.com](https://portal.ashtonhouse.com)**

Year 3

Ready, Steady, Pizza!

To complement our Science topic of Keeping Healthy, Year 3 visited Pizza Express on Tuesday 7th November. The children learned about the origins of pizza and made their own!

The pizza chef of Pizza Express showed Year 3 how to make a famous, Italian classic: The Margherita.





Remembrance Day



We held our own service at school on Friday 10th to mark the occasion. Thank you to Year 5 who performed a poem and sang. All classes made a class wreath and two children from each class laid them near the flag. Thanks also goes to Raushan and Mohsin who played the flute and the piano for the National Anthem.

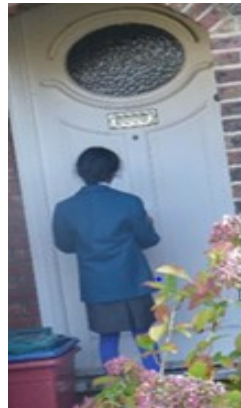


Borough Road Service

Well done to the students of Ashton House School who represented their school at Borough Road service on Monday 13th November.



Well done to Dylan (Headboy) and Lara (Headgirl) who had lines to say.



We made invitations and invited our neighbours to join us.

Some of the children were selected to post the invitations in the local community.



JASS AWARD

A massive CONGRATULATIONS to Jaya in Year 6 for achieving GOLD in your JASS Award.



Jass Awards

Jay worked hard to complete all four areas-

Me and My World

Adventure

Get Active, Stay Active

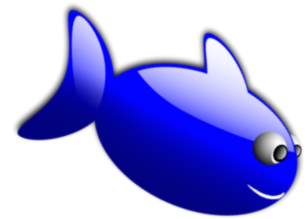
My Interests

You should be very proud of yourself for your dedication, resilience and hard work.

We are so proud and pleased for you. All your hard work, resilience, time and dedication has paid off!

Fish of the week: November—December

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aiyla Abubakr Veer Alysha Anya Kaveer	Jai Mohsin Aleeha Raushan Aiza	Kiiye Viyaan Prabhleen Aylah Rishaan Shaurya	Kayden Tobi Jaya Anamya Amrun



Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Anti-bullying Ambassadors. They will be promoting friendship and caring and how to get along with each other in the coming weeks.



Anti-bullying week

To mark the beginning of Anti-bullying week we held Odd Socks Day. This was to show that we are all unique and it is good to be different.



We made paper links and joined them to create a whole school paper chain to say we are all united against bullying.

Being kind is not just something we think about during Anti-bullying Week but we made an extra special effort this week and nominated people who we saw doing this. Can Bullying be disguised at Banter? was a topic we discussed and voted on. The results were Yes 70% No 30%.

We held a Cake Sale on Wednesday to raise money for flooding in Libya and the earthquakes in Morocco. We raised £86.00. Thank you so much for all the delicious cake donations and the money raised.

We listened to a story about Honesty and discussed if sometimes telling the truth might hurt someone's feelings.

British Red Cross Cake Sale



**British
Red
Cross**

Upper School Safety Talk—Network Rail

Members of Network Rail gave a talk to children in Upper School. They emphasised the importance of staying behind the yellow line while waiting for a train and how to get help when needed. Level crossings were explained as well as the importance of not being distracted at stations.

Did you know that a train weighs the same as 80 elephants?

When a train brakes, it travels the length of 20 Premier League football pitches before it stops?

There was plenty of time for Q&A and the questions asked were very thoughtful and insightful.





House Points

Well done to the following children who have earned House Point certificates.

You need 15 House Points for Bronze, 30 for Silver & 50 for Ruby.

Bronze		Silver	Ruby
Viyaan	Amaya	Karan	Karan
Kiiye	Joshua	Tobi	Tobi
Aima	Aiyla	Jaya	Rayan
Maurice	Prabhleen	Kayden	
Aaron	Rayan	Viyaan	
Lavanya	Aiyana	Rayan	
Kayden	Idris	Aaron	
Gurleen	Amrun	Aiyla	
Heyaan	Falco		
Anya	Marcus		
Vrinda	Alex		
Anamya	Aylah		
Arjan	Ayman		
Shaurya			
Rishaan			

STEAM

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 2. They have been working hard this term and especially in our new subject STEAM.

During STEAM lots of skills are needed such as :-

- ♦ Teamwork
- ♦ Trial & error
- ♦ Asking questions
- ♦ Making predictions
- ♦ Observing & measuring
- ♦ Recording data
- ♦ Interpreting and communication skills
- ♦ Evaluating & reflection
- ♦

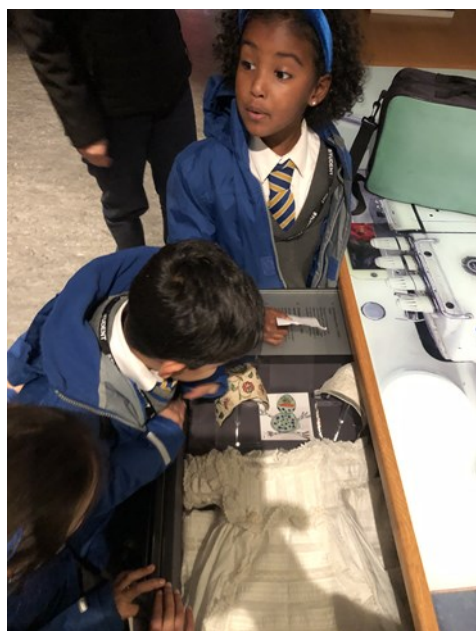
Year 2 successfully collaborated and have been awarded the Star Crest Award Certificate from the British Science Association together with a badge for their efforts.

Watch this space, the next discovery of something amazing could come from these wonderful children.



Year 1—Gunnersbury Toy Museum

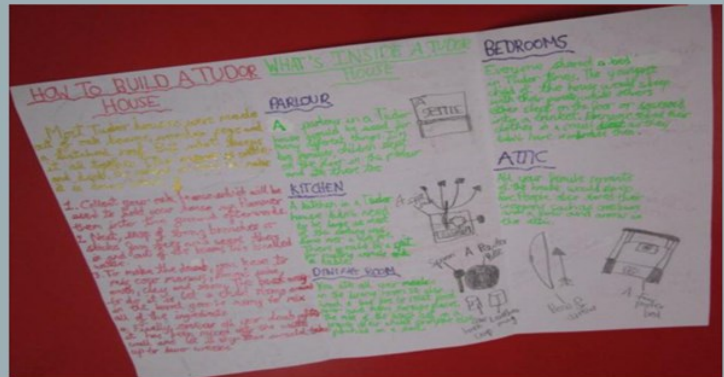
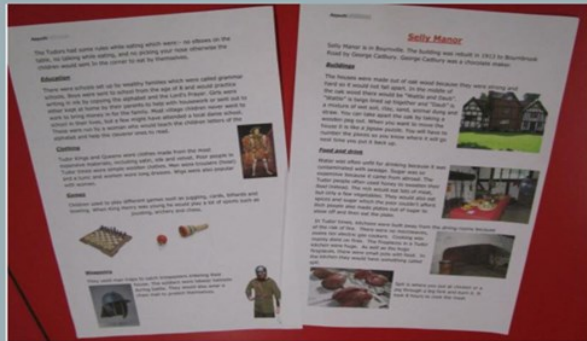
Year 1 went to Gunnersbury Museum this term and experienced the toy workshop. They loved taking it in turns to play with the old toys, discussing the differences and similarities with the toys they play with today. Year 1 also enjoyed exploring in the museum, where they got to hunt for aliens and dress up in clothes from the past.



As a part of our STEAM project, Year 5 have been researching Tudor houses and identifying some of their key features. They looked at the shapes and lines of a Tudor house and then had a great time putting all of their creative skills to use when making their own model of a Tudor house. Here are some fantastic examples of their work through the different stages:

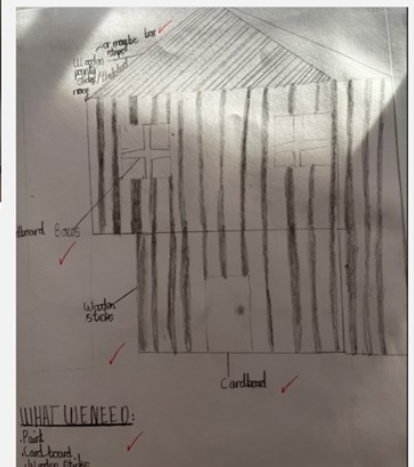
Tudor House

- 1. Jetty** - Each floor was built a little larger than the floor underneath. This created an overhanging effect.
- 2. Walls** - Walls were half-timbered and the beams were left exposed.
- 3. Dais** - Dais was a form of plaster, which was made from a mix of wet soil, sand, clay, straw and sometimes animal dung. That was used to coat the exterior walls in many Tudor homes. The dais was then lime-washed white.
- 4. Windows** - Glass was expensive so much was made by hand. These were called 'casement windows'.
- 5. Timbers** - The wooden timbers were often coated with black tar to protect them from rotting.
- 6. Roof** - Older tudor houses had thatched roofs but most had roofs made from slate or stone tiles.
- 7. Timber frame** - The timber frame was made of oak and was the main structure of the house.



The image displays three hand-drawn sketches of houses, each presented on a separate sheet of paper with a caption and a list of features.

- House 1 (Left):** A simple house with a gabled roof and a chimney. The caption reads: "House 101 (House 101)". The list of features includes: "1. A chimney", "2. A roof", "3. A door", "4. A window", "5. A chimney", "6. A roof", "7. A door", "8. A window", "9. A chimney", "10. A roof", "11. A door", "12. A window".
- House 2 (Middle):** A more complex house with a gabled roof and a chimney. The caption reads: "House 102 (House 102)". The list of features includes: "1. A chimney", "2. A roof", "3. A door", "4. A window", "5. A chimney", "6. A roof", "7. A door", "8. A window", "9. A chimney", "10. A roof", "11. A door", "12. A window".
- House 3 (Right):** A house with a gabled roof and a chimney. The caption reads: "House 103 (House 103)". The list of features includes: "1. A chimney", "2. A roof", "3. A door", "4. A window", "5. A chimney", "6. A roof", "7. A door", "8. A window", "9. A chimney", "10. A roof", "11. A door", "12. A window".



Year 5 worked creatively and collaboratively to produce this amazing finished result.

Well done Year 5!

STAGE 3 - CREATE

We did it!



Stamp appeal

R N I B

See differently



Collect your used stamps and help us create a world without barriers for people with sight loss.

**Over Christmas please save any stamps you get and bring them into school in January.
Please hand them to your class teacher.**

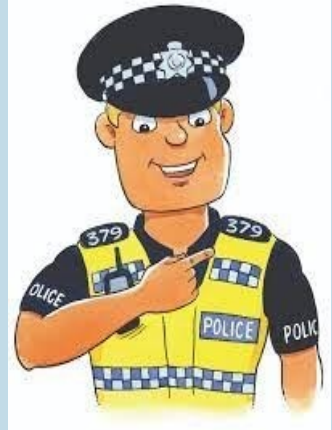
Personal Safety Police Talk

PC Matt and PC Adam visited us on 20th November.

They told us about the important job of being a police officer and what equipment they need to carry out their roles successfully.

Age appropriate safety was a topic discussed in every class.

Further up the school drugs, knife crime and online safety was also talked about.



Pre-Prep enjoys having visitors in their class.

We had Mrs Gujral telling us all about her job as an optometrist. She brought in her special tools and book to check if we can see properly!

Pre-Prep pupils enjoyed having Mr Ismail, Mr Dhand and Mrs Abdulla reading their favourite book.

We all listened carefully and took part in the whole class discussion at the end.



Who I am makes a difference

Abubabkr	Marcus	Lavanya
James	Jessica	Dylan
Arjun	Aima	Tobi
Anyah	Aylah	Jaya
Aiyla	Aiyana	Karan
Raushan	Maurice	Amrun
Sara	Ayman	Vrinda
Anamya	Kiiye	Lara
Anika	Prabhleen	
	Annika	

No Need for Speed

Thank you to everyone who entered the road safety competition- 'No Need for Speed'.

There were a lot of wonderful posters to choose from and it was a hard decision for the Travel Ambassadors to choose the winning entries.

Congratulations to the following children who stood out for the Ambassadors.

Sofia Year 1

Omaira Year 2

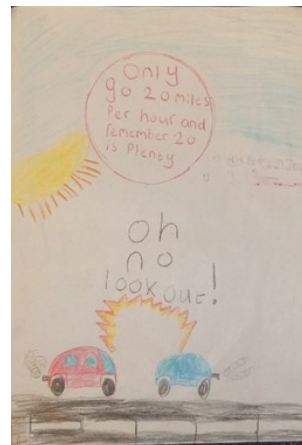
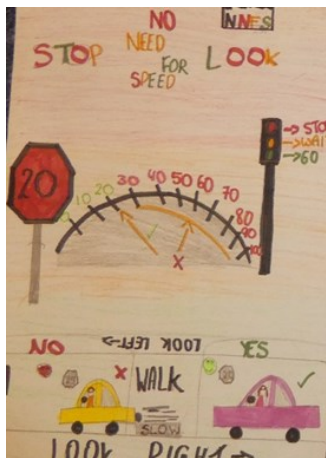
Leena Year 2

Abubakr Year 3

Aiza Year 4

Aylah Year 5

Jannah Year 6



Notice Board

Gaming

Over the holidays, it is likely that children will have greater exposure to screens and online activities. Please remain vigilant and check parental controls and be aware that even age appropriate games have a chat section which adults should monitor if their children are using it.

Reminder

Children are to return to school in their winter uniform. Please label all items of clothing.

Parking

We invite our parents and carers to show respect to our local community and be mindful of the residents when parking along Eversley Crescent. We have received complaints from both residents and parents regarding inconsiderate parking which is unfair and pupils' safety is put at risk. We welcome your support in making sure we keep all members of our school community safe.



PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN FRONT OF **ANY** OF THE

Notice Board



**Ashton House
School is a Nut
Free Zone**