



Ashton House School

Newsletter

Christmas Holiday

December 2020

Dear Parents,

2020 has been a year of staying apart, keeping safe and isolating to help others. These current rules could easily damage a community but in the case of Ashton House we have followed the regulations and found ways to build on and maintain a common focus. The PTA have rallied to give the children a sense of wonder in Santa's Grotto and the recording of our first virtual whole school Christmas performance has given us all the feel good factor. It really is the most wonderful time of the year!

Christmas is a time for giving and I would like to thank you for sending in gifts for under privileged children in our community. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is much appreciated. On the subject of thoughtfulness it was a delight to read some of the messages written by our pupils in their Christmas cards to elderly care home residents. They were sympathetic and uplifting in their sentiments.

As the term draws to an end we have to bid farewell to Mrs Kelly. She has been a familiar presence in the Lower School for fifteen years. Thank you for your dedication, kindness and for bringing yoga into our school. We will miss you!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, looking forward to a happier and healthier 2021.

Mrs Angela Stewart

Head Teacher

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 5th January

First Day of Term

Monday 11th January

LS - Perform Workshop

Monday 25th January

Year 5 - Growing up
Talk

Tuesday 9th February

Art Exhibition

15th - 19th February

Half Term

Monday 22nd February

Book Week

Friday 26th February

Character Parade

15th - 17th March

Year 6 - Bikeability

Friday 26th March

Term Ends 12 noon

More dates for parents
are

available via
the Parent's Portal.

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

Head Boy and Head Girl



Drake
Head Boy

Ashton House Has Spoken!

The whole school voted; class by class and teacher by teacher.

The votes were counted and the results were announced:

- **DRAKE**
- **SALMA**
- **TOLU**
- **SONALI**

Let's have a big round of applause for our winners!

We also want to congratulate all of the students who applied; we recorded many outstanding speeches. Our only regret is that there can only be four top places.

Congratulations,
Boys and Girls!



Salma
Head Girl



Sonali
Deputy
Head Girl



Tolu
Deputy
Head Boy

Remembrance Day

Mrs Stewart with Tolu and Drake attended
a Remembrance Day Service at the
Borough Rd Memorial.

All Years made beautiful wreaths to lay
under our flag pole.

LEST WE FORGET



IN FLANDERS FIELD by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies
blow
Between the crosses, row
on row,
That mark our place: and in
the sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

We are the Dead. Short days
ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw
sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and
now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with
the foe:
To you from failing hands
we throw
The torch; be yours to hold
it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
**WE SHALL NOT SLEEP,
THOUGH POPPIES GROW
IN FLANDERS FIELDS.**



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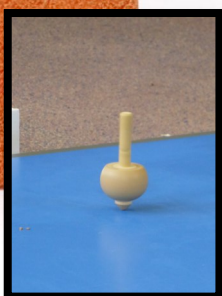
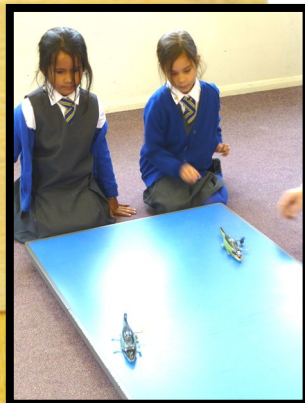
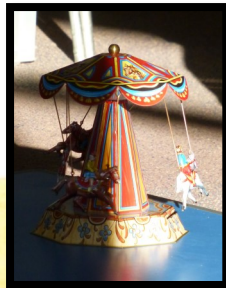
Old Toys Workshop

Year 1 welcomed our special visitors Gareth and Maciek from Gunnersbury Park Museum.

Gareth told us a little bit about the history of Gunnersbury Park. He then shared with us his favourite toys from when he was a child.

Gareth and Maciek brought out the collection of toys from the Museum. We looked at a very old teddy bear and were interested to find out that some of the original teddies were made in Acton, where Gunnersbury Park Museum is.

We had such a wonderful time seeing history brought to life and we especially enjoyed all of the hands on fun that we could take part in.



Odd Sock Day



Odd Socks Day is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique. It's organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which is a group of organisations, charities and individuals who work together to try and stop bullying.



Kicking off Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Sock Day in Ashton House, so many odd socks wandering around school today. Amazing! Thank you all for your support and great effort from each Year which shows on the photos.



Shooting Star Charity

 **Thank you** 

Ashton House School

For your fantastic donation of

£182.00

Raised through your recent mufti day!

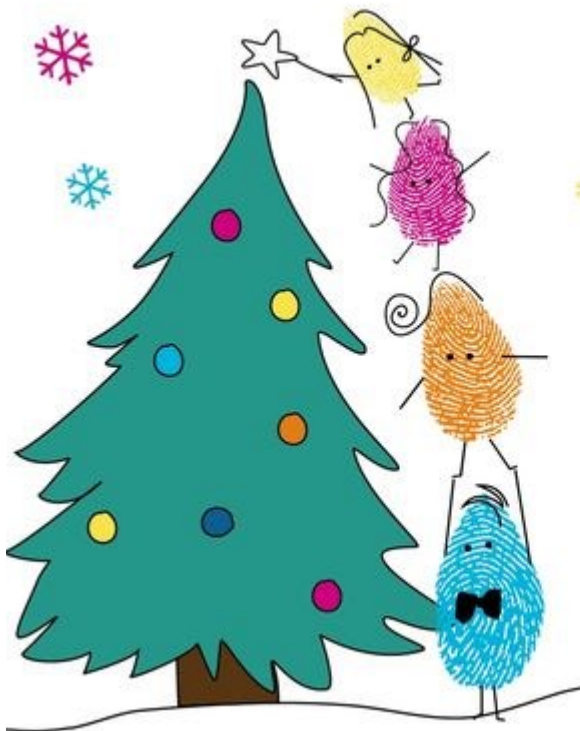
You're helping to make every moment count for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.


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Students, staff and parents at Ashton House School

4th December 2020

Dear friends at Ashton House School,

Thank you so much for choosing to support Shooting Star Children's Hospices with a generous donation of £182.00, raised through your recent mufti day. More than ever we are so grateful for your generosity in helping us continue to provide vital care to babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Daily life for families who have a child with a life-limiting condition is unpredictable, so our care service is there to support them 365 days a year. Not only that, with your support we help make every moment count for the 700 families that we provide bespoke and specialist care to living throughout Surrey and across 15 London boroughs. We simply couldn't do this without you.

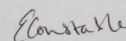
Throughout the coronavirus pandemic we have continued to provide the very best support to families like Ted's, from diagnosis, to end of life and throughout bereavement, with a range of nursing, practical, emotional and medical care. When families are facing the unimaginable we are there to provide them with the time, space and support they need to say goodbye.

"We can't put into words what having Shooting Star Children's Hospices means to us. So many special memories with Ted are at the hospice." Amber and Arthur

It costs £8.8 million every year to deliver our vital care to families and just 8% of that income comes from central government funding, so we rely on the generosity of our supporters to keep our care service running. Without your support, we couldn't provide the care that we do to families when they truly need it most and for that we're eternally grateful.

This has been such a difficult year for everyone and we are humbled by the continuous support of our community. On behalf of everyone here at Shooting Star Children's Hospices, we do hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during this challenging time and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas.

With best wishes,



Ellie Constable
Community Fundraiser

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Flu Vaccination



What children said about the flu spray:

- ⇒ It felt a little bit cold and itchy—Karan Year 3
- ⇒ It doesn't taste of anything—David Year 4
- ⇒ I felt ticklish—Cassia year 2
- ⇒ It was a little bit weird—Ariana Year 4
- ⇒ It stung and made my eyes water but it was OK—Amari Year 3



Growing Up Talk in Year 6

Laura the nurse hopes this Growing Up Talk will help the children to understand changes in their bodies and also gain confidence to ask questions and learn about puberty.

It is important for children to:

- Identify ways of managing these changes
- Stay safe
- Keep healthy



The children were lovely and very mature and well mannered.

Wishing you all a happy & safe Christmas.

Laura

Christmas Gifts



Thank you very much indeed to everyone at Ashton House for the generous donations that your colleagues delivered to us yesterday - as always, we greatly appreciate your support for the work of the foodbank.

On Sunday, we are hoping to make up 400 Christmas Boxes to be distributed the following week so the donations are much needed!

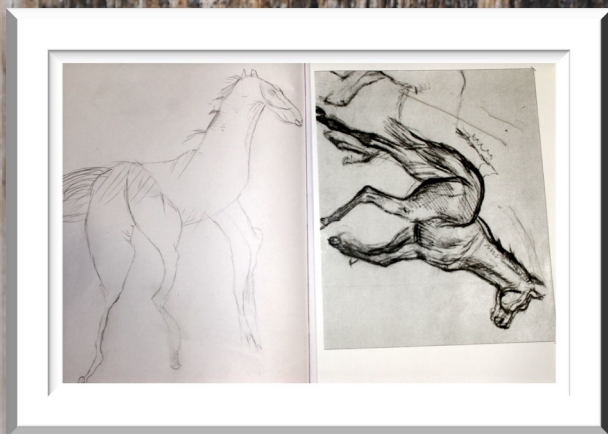
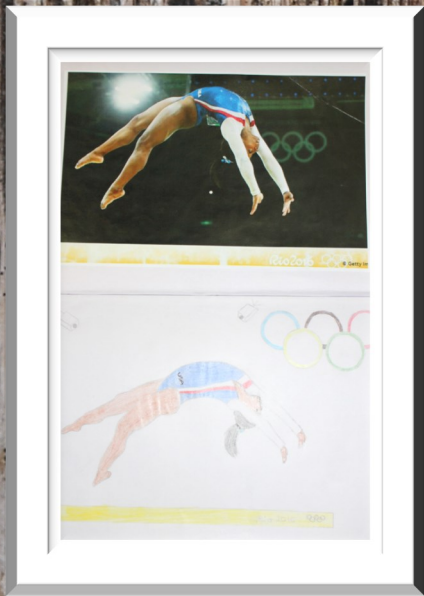
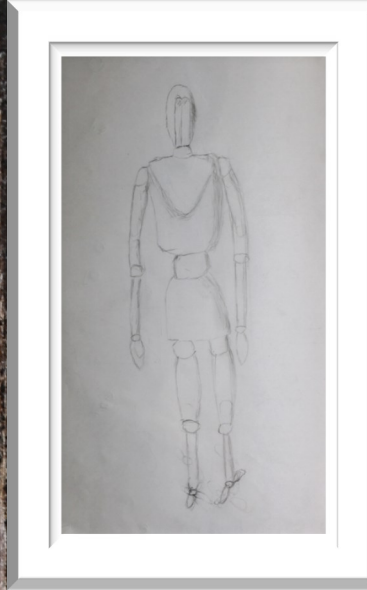
With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and everyone at the school.

Avril

Foodbank Coordinator



Art from Year 6



Year 6 have created sketches in the style of Degas. Degas drew ballet dancers and race horses on the move. The children have been able to show movement through their sketches.

Mrs V. Frampton

Wall of Success

Vaani and Jai both gained their martial arts promotion and have gone from white belt to orange. Saiyan and Isha earned their next level gymnastics badges and David passed his piano exam with Distinction having been awarded 140 out of 150 marks.



Raushan was awarded a yellow belt in Karate and Tolu Grade 2 in Violin with a score of 116. Nivan's poem "Journey Through Paradise" has been selected to be published in a book called "A Poetry Odyssey - A Collection Of Verse". A copy of this book will remain in the national archives of the British Library forever.



Christmas at AHS

The children of Ashton House were very excited to welcome Hobgoblin Theatre to school, as one of their festive Christmas treats. Hobgoblin told the story of The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told. This was a hilarious mix-up of what can go wrong when Snow White's Wicked Witch and the Big Bad Wolf take control of Fairy Tale Land.

"I loved the part when all the piggies did all the stories really quick!"

"I loved the ending part because Silly Pig kept snorting – oink oink"

"My favourite part was when the Prince was putting Cinderella's shoe on the old lady"

"I loved all of it!"



Ho, Ho, Ho!



*Father Christmas came to visit Ashton House School.
What a surprise!!!*

