## **Ashton House School**

Newsletter Summer 2 2023 End of Term



#### **Diary Dates**

#### First Day of Term Wednesday 6th September

Monday 11th September Clubs commence

Tuesday 12th US Swimming commences

Tuesday 12th September Year 1 & 2 group Parent Welcome Evenings

Wednesday 13th September Years 3, 4 & 5 group Parent Welcome Evening

Thursday 14th September Year 6 Parents Whole group Welcome Evenings

Thursday 21st September Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting Parents Evening

Monday 2nd October Science Week

Wednesday 4th October Harvest Festival Assembly

Half Term

16th October—27th October

Return to school Monday 30th October

More dates for parents are available via the Parent Portal.

https://portal.ashtonhouse.com

# Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

The Summer Term closes on a high note of activity and achievement. Academically we have had a very successful year across the whole school. Committed and excellent teaching combined with the effort, curiosity and enthusiasm of the children is what makes Ashton House the school that it is. It is very pleasing to have had this endorsed by our recent inspection. Our eldest children who graduate today are ready for the next step on their educational journey and we wish them all the best in their new schools. On a sporting theme, Sports Day held at Osterley Sports and Athletics ground seems to be a distant memory now, but a happy one. The weather was fine and the children competed in an excellent spirit. Thank you parents and families for supporting the children and a special thanks to those who enthusiastically participated in the adults' races.

The PTA's International Evening was an absolute pleasure, with some very tasty food, some fun events and the highlight of 'Ashton's Got Talent' with instrumental pieces, martial arts, singing and dancing, there was something for everybody. The poise and confidence of all the performers were truly inspiring.

The children have enjoyed class trips and two memorable summer productions. There were catchy songs, some comedy and wonderful acting to behold. All performers and the teaching staff combined as a team to make these shows the successes they were. As ever the staff 'backstage' worked tirelessly to get the best from the young performers.

The Upper School Awards Evening and The Lower School Awards Celebration were opportunities to enjoy excellent performance poetry and class singing.

With speeches from our Head Boy and Head Girl and awards for achievement, sports, effort and values the children certainly lived up to our motto of being Caring, Curious and Confident.

An eventful term has drawn this academic year to a close. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for all your support and involvement over the year and wish you all a peaceful summer break.

**Best Wishes** 

Angela Stewart

# Year 2 Legoland

# **Graduation Trip**



Year 2 had a fantastic day at Legoland. In the morning we explored all the park had to offer and enjoyed rides like the interactive Ninjago ride and Deep Sea Adventure before gaining our driving licence. We then enjoyed lunch while looking over Lego models of famous landmarks around the world before participating in a Coding workshop. Here, we were challenged with designing a new spinning ride for the park. After building the ride we needed to program it in order for it to move. We were able to select the speed and direction of the Lego ride before adding some music to accompany it. What an excellent day.



# Year 3 Trip Map Reading in Twickenham

Year 3 had a busy day in Twickenham on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Their map reading skills were tested as they had to follow a map to find 'treasures'. Lots of discussion, leadership skills, team work, perseverance, guiding, helping and fun was had by all.

Well done Year 3 for working well together. A well-deserved ice-cream treat ended the day!

Thank you to Mr Thach and Mrs Humphries for accompanying us too.















### Happy Eid—ul—adha

Happy Eid to everyone who celebrated.

Thank you to Rayyan in Year 3 who made some delicious homemade biscuits and shared them with his class and teachers.





#### **The Travel Ambassadors**

The Travel Ambassadors held a design a comic strip competition.

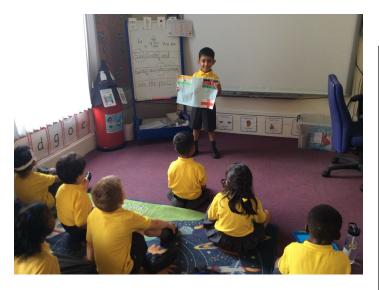
Well done to the competition winners who impressed the judges with their entries.

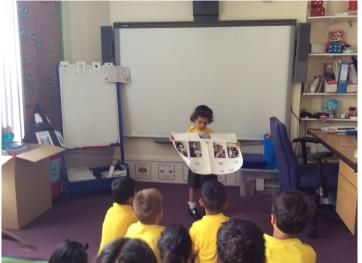
A massive 'Thank you' to the Travel Ambassadors who worked hard throughout the year running competitions and promoting safer and sustainable travel.





# Pre—Prep Show & Tell







## Show & Tell - The country I come from

A big well done to Arjun! He talked to us about the Indian and Kenyan flag. Thank you so much Arjun for the Indian sweets. They were delicious!

Siyana talked to us about her great grandfather and the different countries her grandparents come from. She also brought her special bracelets (bangles) and she kindly passed them around the class.

Vihaan brought in an Indian costume and a bat. He told us that the national sport of India is cricket and he showed us how to use the bat and hit the ball. Vihaan wears his costume on special occasions like Diwali.



Upper School - Swimming

When the Upper School went swimming on Tuesday 20th June, it was during the Drowning Prevention Week.

Everyone who swam got a certificate. Some children in Year 5 had to wear clothes and learnt some rescuing skills.

Well done everyone for learning these important skills.







| Year 3  | Year 4   | Year 5  | Year 6   |
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| Kareem Raushan Annika Alba Mohsin Reyansh Jai | Prabhleen Rayan Kiiye Aylah Viyaan Shaurya Rishaan | Gurleen Arjun Eisaa Anamya Sara Lavanya Vrinda Hao Hao Tobi Dylan Arun Tobi Dylan Aaron Anika Jaya Kayden Joshan Karan Alex Amrun | Diya Saiyan Rahul Nivan Arham Lily Roma Isha Baani |

# Ashton House School's Sports Day 2023













# Parents' Races 2023

















# Who I am makes a difference.

These children demonstrated kindness to others and received a 'Who I am makes a difference' Ribbon.

| 16.06.2023 | Year 1<br>Rayyan & Zain |
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## Cake sale

Thank you to everyone who made all the lovely cakes and also bought cakes for our cake sale in aid of RSPCA. A lot of work went into the baking and icing too! A special mention goes to Vaani and Jai who baked a substantial amount.

We raised £75.00 for this special cause.

Roma very generously made a delicious cake for a raffle and it was won by Reyansh in Year 3. Thank you to the School Council who managed the sales.









## Farewell and Good Luck



Coach Charlie leaves us after 13 years. He has inspired many children and supported us in Swimming Galas, Football, and Cricket Tournaments, Hockey and many more sports fixtures.

We wish you all the best for the future.



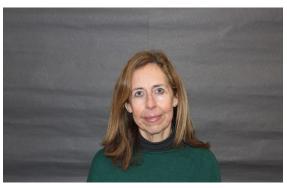
Mrs Deol leaves us after 16 years nurturing and guiding the children in their first steps in their school journey.

Her jolly presence in the classroom will be missed, but we wish her well in her new career.



Mrs Tremble will be leaving us to pursue a full time career in teaching.

Thank you for being part of the successful school journey to France 2023.



Mrs Sanchez is going back to her homeland in Spain. She has inspired many of our children with the love of the Spanish language.
Adios...

## **JASS AWARDS**

A massive congratulations to Vrinda who has completed her JASS Award achieving Gold.

Vrinda had to complete four areas – Me and My World, My Interests, My Adventure and Get Active-Stay Active.

Each area required a total of 18 hours of activity in order to pass .

She has shown determination, resilience and courage.





A massive congratulations to Prabhleen who has achieved her Bronze and Silver Award in JASS.

Prabhleen enjoyed hiking in Cornwall and Guildford and pushed herself while away on her PGL residential. She proved that she can do it and it felt great! She has been swimming and playing netball both once a week including competing in tournaments.

Art is a passion of Prabhleen's and she has shown how talented she

is. Not only that but she can also cook and act too!

## **Lower School Summer Production**

The Lower School put on a marvellous performance of their play, Seaside Holidays in the Past. The children look resplendent in their wonderful costumes and brought the stage to life. They performed with such confidence and enthusiasm as we travelled back in time to enjoy a seaside holiday from the Victorian era. Congratulations to all the children in Lower School.



# Lower School Awards Summer 2023















# **Upper School Awards Ceremony**





## Our Year 6 Parents



# We will miss you Year 6

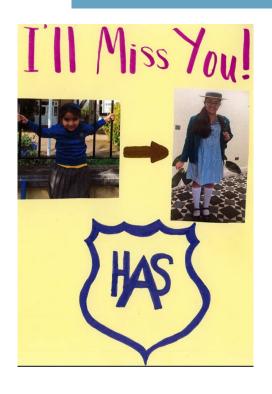








#### **Farewell**



#### **Fond Memories**

#### A letter from Devaki.

Thank you for such a beautiful and sincere card Devaki.

This farewell in my life is very emotional when I'm saying good bye to my second home-AHS. After spending seven wonderful years here, a simple thank you is not enough. This is the last time I will be addressing you as an Ashbonion, so I'm pouring my heart out.

I came here as a five-year-old and I still remember my first day vividly-too shy to talk to anyone apart from the leachers and too hesitant to make any new friends. But 1948 taught me to be more confident and like the caring school it is, helped me open up to people and possibilities and now I'm here with so many friends.

I've been taught by amazing teachers, and let me say, I had a great time with each of them. Every teacher is so different yet so similar at the same time. All are kind, considerate and understanding. Throughout the years, I have had so much fun with every one and made many magical memorics. From making finger puppers in 1r1 to masks in 1r6 and how can I forget the fautustic clubs that I did and the events I attended like Spooks & Spells, the Christmas Disco and International Evening!

And obviously I can't do without mentioning the delightful, caring friends I have made in these years, many of whom I've group up with



since Reception. I'm going to miss them immensely. Making friends, getting to know them, spending bracks with them is all a journey I have been through and now I'm leaving with many reminiscences full of tears, laughter and a little bit of embarressment. As I stand at this otage of life, all the nerves have kicked in and I just want to go back to Reception and re-start.

I am very sad leaving Ashton, but I also have the Ashton values as the wind beneath my wings. All I need to remember is that we always end up where we are meant to be and the best thing we can do, is give ourselves a chance. The formula is simple, all we have to do, is spead our wings and scar. We may not land where we thought we would land, or when we thought we would land, or when we thought we would land, our greatest selves on the flight when we'll look back, we will remember today as one of anticipation for all that lics ahead and appreciation for

I want to say thanks AHS, for teaching me values for years. I will now be on my way, but you will always be a cherished part of my life. I will never forget you.

From, Devaki.











Year 5 took part in a road safety exercise.

The children, accompanied by Police Officers, had the opportunity to ask motorists if the were aware of the speed limit.

Two motorists were doing 30mph in a 20mph zone and hadn't realized they were speeding.





## **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 our residents and our parents regarding inconsiderate parking which is unfair and pupils' safety is put at risk. We welcome your support in making sure we keep all of our members of our school community safe.

#### **Notice Board**

<u>PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN FRONT OF ANY OF THE SCHOOL GATES. THANK YOU.</u>







Ashton House School is a Nut Free Zone



