Ashton House School

Newsletter
Summer 2 2024
Half Term

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

The Summer Term closes on a high note of activity and achievement.
You have received your child's end of year report; 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 it is. I would like to thank you for all your support and involvement over the year which makes a huge contribution to this.

Sports Day was held at Osterley Sports and Athletics ground which allowed us the use of a proper all-weather track. The weather was fine and it ran like clockwork. It was a pleasure to see so many of you there not only to support the children but also to take part in (the very competitive) adult races.
The children have enjoyed class trips and performed in memorable summer productions.

Across the school the children have been 'stepping up' to their new classes and teachers, looking forward to a new start in September. Our eldest children will leave us equipped for the challenges of secondary school.

Now I understand how the Year 6 children feel as they prepare to leave Ashton House. For them, a new adventure awaits. I too have adventures in store and I leave knowing that this school will go from strength to strength.

On a personal level, I wish to say thank you and farewell.

Ashton House has been an integral part of my life for twenty-two years and it has been an honour and privilege to have been Head for eight of those years. There is something very special about this school; it is full of kindness and love, of enterprise, learning, commitment and courage. It is truly Caring, Curious and Confident.

I would like to thank you all for your best wishes on my retirement.

Angela Stewart

Dates

- Wednesday 4th September Term Starts
- Wednesday 4th September Years 3/4 PE Lessons start
- Thursday 5th September Years 5 and 6 PE Lessons start
- Thursday 5th September PP Parents meet the SLT - Coffee morning
- Friday 6th September Pre-Prep Years 1/2 PE Lessons start
- Monday 9th September Peripatetic Lessons & After School Clubs begin
- Monday 9th September Pre-Prep Welcome evening
- Tuesday 10th September US School Swimming starts
- Tuesday 10th September Years 1/2 Parent Welcome evenings
- Wednesday 11th September Years 3 /4/5 Parent Welcome evening
- Thursday 12th September Year 6 Parent Welcome evening
- Tuesday 17th September Year 3 Trip to Pizza Express
- Wednesday 18th September PP & LS Parents meet new SLT – Coffee morning
- Thursday 19th September - US Parents meet new SLT – Coffee morning
- Wednesday 25th September Pre-Prep Stay & Play
- Friday 27th September US Parents meet new SLT – Coffee morning
- Thursday 3rd October Poetry Day Workshops
- Friday 4th October Harvest Festival Assembly with Rev Elis
- Friday 4th October Staines Prep U11 Netball Tournament
- Wednesday 9th October Year 5/6 Trip to Houses of Parliament
- Thursday 10th October Years 1/2 Invitation for parents to the classroom & Year 4 Trip to Kew Botanical Gardens
- Wednesday 16th October Pre—Prep Trip to The Polka Theatre
- Friday 18th October PTA Spooks & Spells & END OF TERM

More dates for parents are available via the Parent's Portal.

https://portal.ashtonhouse.com

Violin Showcase
Mrs Gibbs, Tobi & Gurleen

Monday 10th June

Gurleen and Tobi played pieces of music during our assembly.

We had to guess the well known tunes, which was challenging and fun.

TfL Travel for Life

Huge congratulations to Ms Quigley and to the Travel ambassadors who have achieved GOLD for the School Travel Plan.

Ms Quigley has been instrumental in training the ambassadors to achieve this accolade.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED

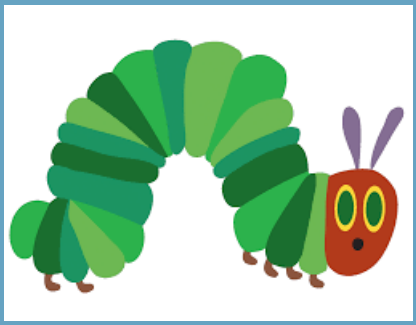
TRAVEL FOR LIFE GOLD

Transport for London

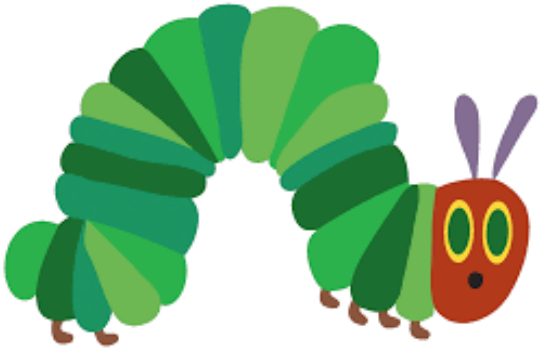
Treat Day

To celebrate the end of their time at Ashton House Prep, Year 6 had a treat day on Thursday 20th June.
The day started with getting a bus from Hounslow to Kingston. They enjoyed an Escape Game which was very tense. One group escaped with 1 second to spare!
They then ate a packed lunch in a park and enjoyed the sunshine.
Afterwards they made their way back to the Rotunda and took part in bowling games and played a few arcade games.

Pre– Prep Summer Production



For the first year, Pre-Prep have their very own Summer Production!
Pupils acted out the story of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”.
It was short but sweet. After two months of rehearsals, all pupils were able to perform nicely, remember all lines, and be courageous enough to sing beautifully in front of their parents and the school.



Year 3 Trip to the Living Forest

On Thursday 13th June, Year 3 visited Thatcham's The Living Rainforest, where they experienced the sights, sounds and smells of a lush tropical rainforest environment – and explored how plants, animals, human needs, economies and cultures are all linked.

The centre is home to over 800 species of plants and animals, including rare and endangered species of global conservation value.

The children went on the Amazing Adaptations tour, which focused on how plants and animals have adapted to suit living in a rainforest environment. The tour discussed the different layers of the rainforest including microhabitats and how adaptation can lead to evolution over time. It covered areas including: the ability of rainforest leaves to get rid of excess water; plant adaptations to maximise light and nutrient uptake; and the way various animals are suited to life in the rainforest.

Year 1 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 1 had an amazing time exploring Kew Gardens under the sunny skies. They were fortunate to witness the rare and famously pungent Titan Arum in full bloom. The children enjoyed an educational visit to the bee hive, where they learned about the crucial role bees play in our environment. Embracing their creative sides, the young explorers turned into photographers, capturing beautiful shots of their favourite plants. The adventure concluded with a fun-filled visit to the play area, where they had a blast and even built a den.

Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Cake Sale

Thank you all very much for your generous cake donations for our Cake Sale in aid of WWF and also for the money raised.

Some Year 6 girls also made bracelets which were sold at the cake sales and money from this went to GOSH.

Lower School Summer Production

Year 1 and 2 dazzled everyone with their incredible show, "Hats Off!" The story followed a charming pony named Apple and his friend Cuddles the sheep as they embarked on an adventure to discover the best season to wear a magnificent sun hat. The performance featured a variety of fantastic songs, and the children's acting was truly impressive. They transformed the hall into a vibrant farmyard, creating a delightful atmosphere for all to enjoy. A big well done to the Lower School for all their hard work—you were amazing!

LAMDA RESULTS

A massive WELL DONE to our cohort of 30 Lamda students, ranging from reception to year 6, who gained fantastic results of 19 Distinctions and 11 merits between them in their Lamda exams. These results are a testament to the students' hard work and determination, and will certainly boost their confidence with communication skills, speaking in public and interview techniques- all of which are part of the Lamda syllabus. Achieving high marks is commendable, of course, but pupils gain far more from their LAMDA experience

Communication – the LAMDA techniques the pupils learn teaches them how to communicate effectively, clearly, confidently, with good pronunciation and strong projection.

Confidence – pupils are taught to be confident in their speaking abilities and develop self-belief allowing them to shine in any situation. Whether they are in a school production, or going for a school interview, the skills learnt from LAMDA stay with them forever.

Qualifications – LAMDA exams are universally recognised as a formal qualification in public speaking and will enhance any CV. The higher grades offer UCAS points enhancing any personal statement for university or college.

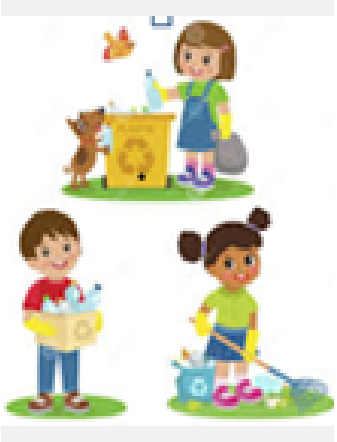
Succeeding in a LAMDA examination shows that learners have met rigorous assessment criteria in a particular discipline, and also that they have grown into confident individuals throughout the year!

May Half Term

During half term, a Year 1 pupil did a litter pick of the local area on Worton Gardens, Spring Grove Road, Witham Road and Eversley Crescent and up to the school.

She collected a large bin bag full of litter and we.

Well done! What a wonderful thing to do for our community.



Year 6 STEAM

During their STEAM lesson Year 6 were in the Woodland Tribe area.

They planted seeds of peas and beans and made climbing frames.

We have to make sure they get enough water and light! We hope they grow!

Year 6—Designing & Making Slippers

Year 6 have been busy designing, cutting and stitching. During their D&T lessons they have planned and created slippers.

They have learned the importance of accurate measurement, stitching styles and various types of materials.

They should be extremely proud of the effort put into making these designer slippers!

British Values

TAYLOR
Swift

Upper School Summer Production

We were welcomed to Camelot where we met Watt Cobblers who was starting an apprenticeship with Merlin the Magician in 'What a Knight!'. Trouble was always around and chaos ensued.

Excalibur was lost, King Arthur's daughters were kidnapped and brave knights were turned into chickens. Watt and his friends- Dusty the Dragon and Princess Alice had a quest like no other!

Well done to all the children in Upper School who made it a show to remember!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KING ASTAK

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This half term our value was

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JASS GOLD Award

Congratulations to Karan for completing his GOLD Award for JASS.

He had to complete 18 hours for each section-

Me and My World
Adventure
Get Active, Stay Active

My Interests
You should be very proud of yourself for achieving this.

Bronze 15 points	Silver 30 points	Ruby 50 points	Emerald 70 points	Platinum 100 points	Diamond 130 points
Abi Hadi	Agastya Kabir	Kabir Anika Lara Gurleen Sara Lara Aiza Agastya Darshan Aaron Abubaker Yahya Rayyan(Y2) Maria Armaan Omaira Idris Aditya Falco	Gurleen Eisaa Anika Kabir Amrun Paramveer Veer Vrinda Anya Kian Sara Alex Leena Fifi	Rayan Karan Lavanya Viyaan Alysha	Rayan

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

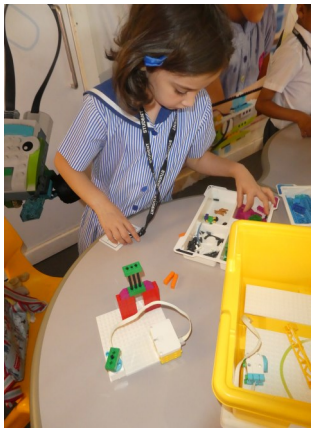
Year 2 Trip to Legoland

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Legoland on 27th June.

We started the day designing and building the newest ride at the park. After building our ride, we quickly got stuck into coding to make the ride move, play music, and light up.

We discovered that Year 2 really like creating fast and noisy rides!

After that, we had the opportunity to explore the rest of the park and even go on a few rides! We really enjoyed Miniland, especially because we got to see a Lego version of St Paul's Cathedral, where we went on our first trip in Year 2!



Spelling Bee Challenge

Year 5 and 6 held a Spelling Bee this half term.

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for the challenge.
It was a very tense competition.

There were amazing spelling skills on show with everyone making it to Round 5!

A huge congratulations to all and especially to Lara, Lavanya who got the GOLD prize and Karan and Joshan who got the SILVER!

They also had a Handwriting Competition. Congratulations to Karan and Arushi for their lovely penmanship.

Who I am Makes A Difference

	Omaira Idris Jessica Aiyana
	Bennie Alexander Ayman Viyaan Kiiye
	Prabhleen Aylah Paramveer Armaan
	Amrun Lavanya Tobi Lara Gurleen Jannah Vaani James Alysha Armaan

Notice Board

Gaming

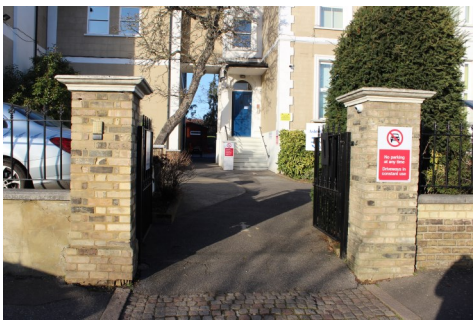
Over the holidays, it is likely that children will have greater exposure to screens and online activities. Please remain vigilant and check parental controls. Be aware that even age appropriate games have a chat section which adults should monitor if their children are using it.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all of out children safe online.

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.

Children's safety is of the utmost importance and we thank you for your continued 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 SCHOOL GATES. THANK YOU.

Ashton House School is a Nut Free Zone