



ASHTON HOUSE NEWSLETTER

April 2019

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 4th April
Term Ends at 12 noon

SUMMER TERM STARTS
Wednesday 24th April 2019

Wednesday 24th April
School Photographs

Thursday 25th April
Preprep Forest School Outing

Monday 29th April
Year 4 PGL trip (3 days)
Year 6 Bikeability Course (4 days)

Monday 6th May
BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th May
Year 1 Kew Gardens Outing

Sunday 12th May
LAMDA exams

Monday 13th May
Year 5/6 France Trip (5 days)

Tuesday 14th May
Year 3 Science Museum Outing

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May
HALF TERM BREAK

End of Spring Term

Dear Parents,

As ever this newsletter is full of highlights from the past busy and successful half term.

There has been a wonderful book week, our best ever, with activities designed to inspire and foster a love of books and reading. Two Science days followed with workshops for every class. There have been inter school football, netball, hockey and quiz matches, with our children enjoying representing the school. Particular mention should go to our Year 2 footballers who played their first match for Ashton House. Performances at the Musical Evening and LAMDA showcase gave the children the opportunity to connect with an audience and to learn the valuable lesson that practice pays off. The PTA Easter Disco was an evening filled with egg hunting, raffle and tombola ticketing, disco dancing, beautiful bonnets and lots of fun with friends and family.

All these events and more add a richness to the life of the school, but it is our day to day teaching, learning and exploring that binds us together. It is our sense of common purpose that we often take for granted which should not be underestimated or overlooked. Sometimes it takes a visitor to notice how the ethos of the school is made real by each member of our community.

As you are aware this half term the school had an inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Many thanks to those who completed the parents' questionnaire. The communication of your views helped the process tremendously. The inspectors wanted it to be known that they were particularly impressed with the children and staff. The staff were 'open, welcoming and friendly.' The children, those from Years 5 & 6 randomly chosen for informal interviews, those who showed our guests the way around the school, those whom they observed in class, at play, at lunch and at assembly, were 'polite, confident, thoughtful and interesting.'

Praise indeed and what wonderful feedback.

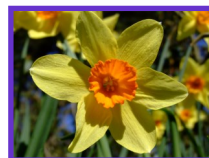
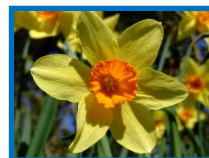
The final report will be made available to you shortly.

Now we can turn our thoughts to the Easter Holiday. I would like to wish you all a pleasant break, whether at home or away, with a reminder also that school photographs will be taken on the first day of the Summer Term on 24th April. (Please see extra information towards the end of this newsletter.)

With best wishes,

Mrs Stewart

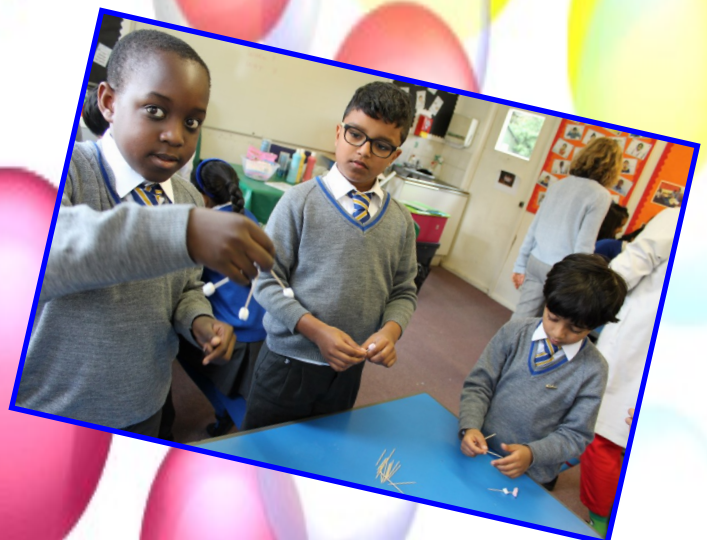
Head Teacher



SCHOOL EVENTS

MAD SCIENCE DAY

As part of British Science Week, we were excited to welcome Helium Helen, Lava Lee and Kinetic Kyra from Mad Science to school. The day started off with a Whizz Bang Assembly all about the power of air; with balloons, beach balls and toilet paper flying around the hall! The children also took part in workshops within their classes. These included Mad Mixtures, Dry Ice, Watts Up, Slime Time and Lights, Colour, Action! The children loved the hands-on approach of the workshops and enjoyed seeing science come to life in a very practical and fun way in front of their very eyes!



SCHOOL EVENTS

MAD SCIENCE DAY CONTINUED



SCHOOL EVENTS

BOOK WEEK

What an incredible week we had sharing our love of reading with each other.

The week started with Buddy Reading in Houses. Children in Pre Prep loved their opportunity to read with the older children from Thornbury and Eversley Houses.



BOOK WEEK

Once again, the annual Book Character Parade was brilliant. Well done to all the children (and teachers!) who got into character this year. Thanks to families too, for your work on creating stunning costumes.



BOOK WEEK



On Tuesday in house groups the children wrote hilarious folding stories. Congratulations to Eversley for writing the most creative story.



Also on Tuesday mysterious announcements were broadcast throughout the school telling us it was time to 'Drop Everything and Read'.

It was so exciting to walk through the school and see so many children engaged in their reading.



BOOK WEEK

Wednesday was a very exciting day, as we welcomed Rochine to Ashton House to run a special workshop about the story 'Where The Wild Things Are'. The children used role play to bring the story to life and to help imbed the story in a fun and exciting way. We then returned to class to write our own engaging retelling of the story as part of

Ashton House School's 'Tell Me a Tale' Writing Competition. Thank you to the PTA for providing the finances to allow these exciting workshops to take place.



BOOK WEEK

On Thursday, our finest spellers competed for the title of Spelling Bee champion for their age group.

Congratulations to the finalists:

Years 5 & 6 - Rayan, Ashlee, Avni and Iman

Years 3 & 4 - Karan, Krieshiv, Rayyan and Sebastian

Years 1 & 2 - Baani, Devaki, Karan and Mila



BOOK WEEK CONGRATULATIONS

Unusual Reading Challenge

Class	Winners
Pre-Prep	Nursery - Raushan Reception - Prabhleen
Year 1	Kabir
Year 2	Naina
Year 3	Kyan
Year 4	Zainab
Year 5	Yuvraj
Year 6	Ayden



Character Parade Costumes

What amazing and creative costumes the children decided on. The children all looked amazing and again it was a very close race to find the winners.

Handwriting Competition

Congratulations must also go to our wonderful handwriters, who copied their poems so beautifully Mrs Stewart had a very difficult time deciding on the winners.

Class	Winners
Year 1	Anika
Year 2	Baani
Year 3	Kaira
Year 4	Salma
Year 5	Maya
Year 6	Ashlee

Class	Winners
Pre-Prep	Nursery - Sher Reception - Zeyd
Year 1	Jannah
Year 2	Leo and Ariana
Year 3	Esam
Year 4	Sonali
Year 5	Shaurya and Vinay
Year 6	Hari



BOOK WEEK

Where the Wild Things Are

By Ashlee

Year 5 and 6 Tell us a Tale Writing Competition

Max scurried around the living room, in his treasured wolf costume, chasing the family's dog with a fork. Max's mother frowned at her son, and called him over sharply.

"Stop it, you wild thing." she scolded.

"I'll eat you up." He retorted, glaring fiercely at her.

"That's it. Go to bed without any supper." She snapped.

Max flounced off, muttering under his breathe. He stormed into his bedroom, flinging his arms around angrily. Collapsing onto the bed, Max stared up at the ceiling, his head sinking into the pillow.

Suddenly, his eyes snapped open. Vines clasped tightly at the walls. The carpet turned into a blanket of moss. Venturing into the trees, he soon reached an ocean. By the shore, was a small wooden boat? Max grins, and clambers into it. He sets sail, for what seemed like years.

On the long journey, the aquamarine waters lapped against the sides of his boat. Eventually an island came into view. Within a matter of minutes Max had leapt off the boat and charged through a thick forest. Standing before him were the Wild Things. Gnashing jaws, teeth like daggers, beady dandelion yellow eyes, claws ready to shred you to pieces, horns as firm as bricks and dense muddy brown fur. Their appearance was terrifying. However, beneath all the fright was a heart of gold, Wild Things were fiercely loyal. Max stared into their vibrant eyes, without blinking. The wild Things' growls and grunts became chuckles. Their stern, menacing faces broke into smiles.

Max had over powered these beasts. They fell at their knees one approached Max and placed a crown of thistles and brambles onto his head. Beaming from ear to ear Max thanked the Wild Things. Yet, deep inside he felt a sudden urge to go back home and have supper.

Clutching his stomach, Max said his farewells. The Wild Things looked torn apart, their huge frightening faces crumbled, though, Max was firm and set sail back home, yearning for supper.

Time flew by, soon Max was racing down the stairs. He sat on his chair and wolfed down his spaghetti whilst his mother raised her eyebrows, though said nothing and shook her head. Max grinned, his supper was still warm!

BOOK WEEK

Where the Wild Things Are

By Esam

Year 3 and 4 Tell us a Tale Writing Competition

Once in an eerie bungalow, lived a young 9 year-old, boy named mischievous Max was causing his horrible, typical trouble around the house.

He carelessly strangled his "favourite" teddy then nailed him to a steady wall horrifically, if that wasn't appalling enough he leaped like a giant across the stairs and attacked an innocent dog with a spork, "Awooooo".

At that very moment Eleanor, Max's marvellous mother, yelled at Max and accused him of being a 'wild thing' so Max rudely replied, "I'm going to viciously gobble you up." Wisely Eleanor scolded him off to his room. However that's when something incredibly breath-taking happened.

As Max sat quietly in his room, he found himself gazing in amazement as his room transformed into a jungle. He found a boat that was calling his name. Max sailed for days taming the rapid waves and battled giant sea-monsters until he came across an island.

The flowers danced to the melody of the wind followed by a huge green family of towering trees which swayed to the music. The gentle water glistened in the sunlight. Suddenly, he was confronted by these hairy, stripy, duck-footed, mammoth sized creatures with razor sharp teeth and claws that were terrifying, and one even had human feet. He yelled, "Who disturbs our slumber?"

Luckily, Max tamed them with a hard stare which scared them to death. So the 'Wild Things' made him their king and he declared a monster party! They swung on thorny vines and paraded down the jungle until they drifted off to sleep with their supper.

Then Max heard all the smells in the world calling his name, so he decided to head back home.

No matter how much they growled and howled the Wild Things couldn't persuade him to remain their king.

Max headed out to sea to find his supper waiting for him at his perfect, peaceful home.

BOOK WEEK

Where the Wild Things Are

By David

Year 1 and 2 Tell us a Tale Writing Competition

Once there lived a mischievous little night boy named Max which sneakily crept to his wardrobe and put on his scary wolf costume and started to make his mischief begin. First he chased his dog who barked in wild alarm then his mother said, "You wild thing." But Max said in return cheekily, "Then I'll eat you up!"

His mother got so angry that she said, "Go to your room without your favourite supper!"

Max hungrily slid his feet to his room but as soon as he opened the door his room started to become a mysterious jungle-like forest surrounding him. He wandered around and found a moon-shaped, golden, private boat waiting just for him and decided to row his private boat to a different island.

He rowed his boat for a day, then a month, than a whole year soon when he reached his dream island he pulled out some binoculars that he had found along the way and looked through them. He heard some rustling which made him want to find out about his dream island. Soon he was able to peer through some palm leaves and saw the Wild Things. They had sharp claws, gnashing teeth and said to Max, "who are you?"

Max stood his ground and said "Freeze, I am King".

The Wild Things were so scared they bowed to him.

Max said "let the wild rumpus begin!!"

So they danced and danced until Max said "stop, go to bed I can smell my food so I'm leaving."

Then the Wild Things started to gnash and claw at him but Max jumped into his boat and rowed back to his bedroom and in his bedroom his supper was still hot.

CONGRATULATIONS

Torvill and Dean need to watch out, as Amari takes to the ice! Congratulations on receiving your Level One ice-skating certificate. In order to obtain Level One, Amari not only needed to stand up on skates on the ice, but she also had to be able to skate and do turns. We look forward to hearing about your future ice-skating successes!



What better way to celebrate International Women's Day than to hear from one of our young champions of equality for all.

Dear Ashton House School,

Today is International Women's Day! It's a day where we get to celebrate women. Once men were allowed to have jobs like teachers, doctors and things like that, but women were not allowed. That's why there became votes for women.

Every girl should believe that anything is possible. We need to make sure we treat men and women fairly and equally.

From
Mila



Well done Zoravar for receiving a special football trophy from Goals for being 'Player of the Match'. Watch out Brentford Football Club!



Congratulations to Ariana in Year 2 for completing her stage 4 and moving onto her stage 5 in gymnastics. She attends every Saturday and the toughest challenge so far in stage 5 has been learning to do a somersault.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ashton House Quiz Club who took part in the Quiz Tournament earlier this term.

There were 12 quiz teams competing from various schools and the questions covered all topics: Science, History, Geography, Space, Maths, Art and Music etc.

Ashton House worked extremely well as a team and listened to all members. Their scores were very respectable and held second place for over half of the time. Well done for all your hard work.

Ms Quigley



Congratulations to Salma who has completed her Bronze Jass award. Her favourite part was the 8 hours for Adventure. She spent time with family in Newcastle and completed her tasks. Well done Salma. Miss Quigley



Congratulations to Sonali who has been working hard completing her Silver Award for JASS. I have enjoyed looking at your photos and reading your write ups. Good luck for your Gold Award.

Ms Quigley



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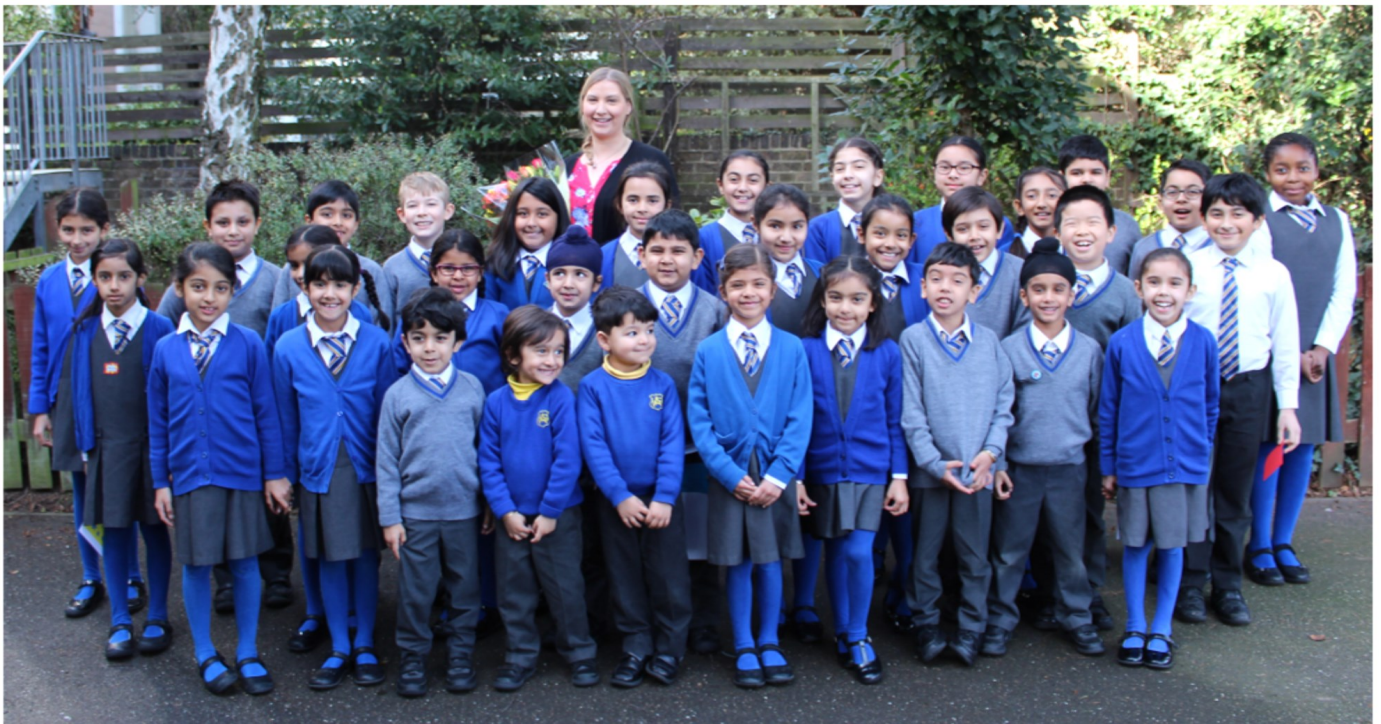
Well done Hari who played in the RFU Middlesex tournament. He scored 5 tries in total against Harlequins and Wasps where he received his participation award.

Well done Vinay who competed in the same Rugby Tournament. He played 4 games of 20mins each. He won 2 of them, drew 1 and lost 1. He enjoyed his Rugby games and he plays for London Scottish on Sundays.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all the children and families who, as part of Book Week, raised money to be donated to Read for Good's Readathon. This wonderful group of children raised over £600 so sick children in hospitals can share in the joy that reading and story telling brings to us.



THANK YOU

Thank You Letters

Inspired by the University of Birmingham's programme for 'Character and Virtue', children were invited to write thank you letters to those who have made a difference to their lives.

Well done to everyone who wrote their Thank You letters.

You have all been awarded house points for your good work.

There were many letters thanking parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers and sports coaches. Historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Suffragettes and Mother Teresa were also mentioned.

The name of children were read out in assembly of the most colourful and thoughtful letters.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter Bounty. St Paul's Church were delighted as their store was running low.

Ashton House School also donated some unwanted school uniforms, bags and PE kits to the Porridge and Rice Charity in Whitton. Ken from Porridge and Rice was very appreciative of our donations which will go to one of the schools the charity supports in Africa.



CAKE SALE



Thank you to everyone who bought a cake
and baked a cake at our cake sale.
The amount raised was £50.40 for the charity
Macmillan Cancer Support.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Roma, Rahul, Diya and Leo for all their hard work and improvement with their reading and comprehension.
Practise really does make progress



TRIPS

As part of our Science topic on Animals, Year 1 visited London Zoo.

Due to the size of the zoo, the children understood, that even with every good intention, we would not be able to see all of the animals, however, they embraced this and took the time to really observe the different animals we did get to visit.

We also had the opportunity to see two animal shows – Animals in Action and Penguin Beach Live!



In History, the children have been learning about David Attenborough and have been looking at the changes in documentary filming over the past 80 years. We even saw an old penguin enclosure that was featured in a British Pathe clip from 1939. The children especially loved the 'new' penguin enclosure compared to the old, bleak 'display home' they used to have. We definitely have some passionate conservationists in Year 1.



SPORTS



Across the school children have played fixtures against Broomfield House, Staines Prep and Westward Prep in Football Hockey and Netball.



EVENTS



Years 1 and 2 took part in Scooter Training just before the half term. The children practised their scooting (and stopping!) inside the school grounds and on the pavements of Isleworth. In our training we were taught different ways to stop, including an emergency stop, we were reminded of scooter etiquette when on the footpaths and how to cross the road safely with our scooters (always dismount).

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on the first day of the Summer Term.

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Children are required to wear correct Summer uniform

Pre-Prep Boys

Polo Shirt Gold with logo
Shorts Dark grey
Socks Grey with twin royal blue bars

Pre-Prep Girls

Polo Shirt Gold with logo
Hair Accessories Royal blue
Skirt Grey, pleated special style

Years 1-6 Boys

Shirts White, short sleeve
Socks grey with twin royal bars
Pullover grey with royal blue trim
Tie school colours
Blazer royal blue with logo
Cap royal blue with logo
Shoes black

Years 1-6 Girls

Summer dress blue/white Stripe
Straw Boater with royal blue stripe
Hair accessories royal blue/matching summer dress
Socks white, knee high
Blazer royal blue with Logo
Cardigan royal blue
Shoes black, flat with strap

Please note that if your child has represented the school in a Sports team they will be having a Sports Team photograph taken.

Full sports kit comprising of:

Sports shirt, shorts or skorts, sports socks and white trainers must be brought in.
Children without the correct sports clothing will not be in the photos.

IMPORTANT

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please ensure that your child has the correct and full school uniform and that **all items of uniform are named, where possible with sewn-in or iron-on labels**. Simply putting a child's initials on an item of clothing does not guarantee it will be returned to the correct person, it simply adds confusion to others who have the same initials. Labelling uniform with the child's full name gives us a better chance of returning lost items to you

If you need to buy any new items of uniform please visit the school uniform shop:

Dolphin House
364 Richmond Road
East Twickenham
Middlesex, TW1 2DA
Tel: 020 8892 1388

Please ensure children arrive promptly for school and are collected promptly.

If you have any requests for other family members and /or friends to collect your child/ren please contact the school office.

ABSENCE

If your child is feeling unwell and or has a valid reason as to why they can not attend school on any given day please email their class teacher and admin@ashtonhouse.com.

MEDICAL AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you have recently changed any of your details such as address, contact numbers, GP Practice or child's medications and or would like to add additional contacts to your child's file, please collect a Data Review sheet from the school office and return this as soon as possible.

We require to have at least two emergency contacts per child.

All enquiries should be sent to admin@ashtonhouse.com

INTERNET SAFETY REMINDER

Another quick note about internet safety. During extended holidays from school please be aware of how much screen time the children have with their various gadgets. Following simple guidelines of using devices in plain sight of others, counselling against 'chatting' with unknown individuals and telling adults if they see anything worrying on screen should be regularly revisited. Keeping the dialogue open keeps everyone safe.