



June/July 2019

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 4th September

First day for all pupils

Friday 6th September

First Upper School off-site sports
(sports kit required)

Tuesday 10th September

First Upper School swimming
(swimming kit required)

Thursdays 19th & 26th Sept

Parent / Teacher Welcome
Meetings
(more details to follow)

Friday 18th October

Last day for pupils
Mufti Day in aid of children's
charity

Friday 18th October

PTA Spooks and Spells

Mon 21st Oct — Fri 1st Nov

HALF TERM

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

<https://portal.ashtonhouse.com>



Headteacher's Message

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 it is. 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 the Junior Swimming Gala was a brilliant event; our swimmers are getting stronger and faster each year. Sports Day held Osterley Sports and Athletics ground seems to be a distant memory now, but a happy one. The weather was fine and the children ran, threw and jumped throughout the extended day. Thank you parents and families for supporting the children and especial thanks to those who enthusiastically participated in the adults' races.

The children have enjoyed class trips, a visiting show and three 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 as always 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.

The three words Caring, Curious, Confident have been chosen to sum up all that we seek to be and can be found on each page of our new school website which launched on Monday. Please take a look and encourage family and friends to do so. We are proud of the new website, which represents us so well. It also has useful links to the Parent Portal and our Facebook page.

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



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SPORTS DAY

2019 was another successful Sports Day for Ashton House School. All the children competed with an excellent attitude, fantastic effort and sportsmanship in tough, hot weather conditions. Everybody should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day.



A huge thank you to all the staff for their support on the day and thank you to all of the parents who came out and supported the children and for braving the Parents Race!

Well done to Thornbury, who have taken the Sports Day cup again this year!

Coach Charlie



UPPER SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

Well done to all the Upper School pupils who participated in our Annual Swimming Gala at Teddington Pools on Wednesday 5th June. We are proud of all your achievements. Special thanks to Coach Charlie for co-ordinating the event and to all the other staff involved in the smooth running of the afternoon.

PRE-PREP SUMMER SHOW

A big thank you to all the children of Pre-Prep who sang and danced for us in 'The Tadpole Rag and Caterpillar Boogie'. It was obvious how much the children had enjoyed learning about the lifecycles of different animals and their performance was a triumph! Of course, these shows don't happen on their own, so special thanks to parents for your help with the amazing costumes and to all the Pre-Prep team—congratulations on a wonderful production!



YEARS 1 & 2 SUMMER SHOW

With two Aussie teachers, it was inevitable that some of the Australian vernacular would rub off on the children in Years 1 & 2, but no one could have anticipated just how wonderful the extravaganza of 'A Land Down Under' would prove to be. It was impossible not to smile the whole way through as the children performed jingles, poems and classic Australian songs hopefully making saying goodbye to Miss Anderson a little easier as we can now all picture her new environment!



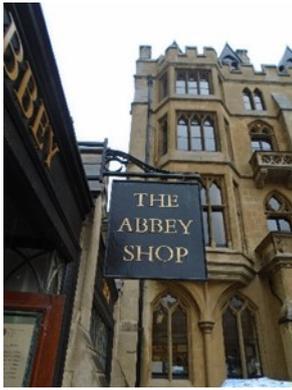
UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER PRODUCTION

On Friday 5th July the Upper School performed their Summer Production: *Hagbane's Doom*. All the children and staff pulled together to ensure another successful show. There was some really beautiful singing, some lovely expressive dancing and some glimpses of genuinely powerful acting talent shown. A most enjoyable evening for children and audience alike.

Ms Hancock

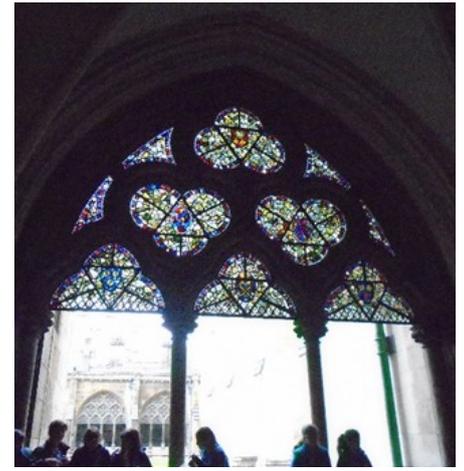


YEAR FIVE VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY



On Monday 10th June, Year 5 visited Westminster Abbey. It was a very wet day so we did not manage to get any pictures outside. Year 5 got a tour of the Abbey and heard about its history. The workshop was great fun and they all got to bring home a stained glass window shrinky. A visit to the shop was a must where most bought something with Westminster Abbey written on it.

Miss Quigley



YEAR TWO VICTORIAN DAY

Year 2 had a fantastic Victorian seaside day to celebrate all the learning they have been doing in History and Geography. The children enjoyed dressing in Victorian clothes. The day started with a workshop about how the seaside has changed since Victorian times. Much fun was had playing with Victorian toys and 'Yum Yum!' a sandwich tastes better when you've made it yourself.

The best part of the day was eating Hokey Pokey on the sand. Thank you to Mr Dawson and Mrs Rezemeyer for all their help and well done to the Year 2 Superheroes on a successful Victorian Seaside day!
Miss Anderson



SCHOOL LUNCHES



Congratulations to Mrs Mittel and the rest of her team at Sainath Catering. This hardworking team cook all the school dinners and earlier this term the Food Standards Agency made an unannounced inspection of the kitchen and dining rooms.

The team are proud to have been awarded another 5* Hygiene Rating; this is their third in three visits!

NEW SCHOOL MENU

All pupils were given a copy of next term's menu on Transition Afternoon.

We would like to have back in the school office as soon as possible so we can begin collating the information. As always, there are multiple options available each day to cater for different dietary restrictions and individual tastes.

CAKE SALE



Well done to the Year 6 children above who sold cakes to everyone at their break times. The amount raised was **£103.40** donated to WWF.

A massive thank you all who brought in the delicious cakes for us to buy.

Ms Quigley

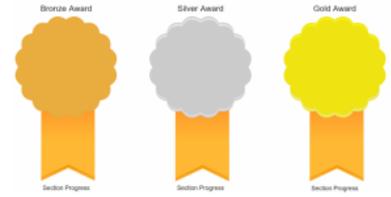
PTA INTERNATIONAL EVENING & ASHTON'S GOT TALENT!



The PTA's International Evening was an absolute pleasure, with some very tasty food, the School Council running some stalls and the highlight of 'Ashton's Got Talent'. Expertly and encouragingly compered and with instrumental pieces, singing, dancing, magic and comedy there was something for everybody. The poise and confidence of all the performers was truly inspiring. Special thank you to the PTA Team for all your efforts!

JASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who have finished their JASS awards this term.



Vinay Year 5— GOLD

For the Adventure section Vinay used the France School Journey and a trip to Belgium. Vinay tried new things and pushed himself. For Get Active, Vinay did 18 hours' worth of swimming and rugby sessions. For My Interests Vinay looked at Fractals and the solar system. He completed 18 hours of charity work for the Me and My World section.

Karan Year 4—SILVER

Karan finished his 12 hours for his Silver Award for JASS. For Adventure- While on holiday in Portugal Karan did Bungee Jumping from a crane, Cave Safari, City Tour and visited a market. Get Active Stay Active—Karan went to PGL with his class and did new sports. He was proud of the fact that he did all the activities. My Interests- Karan has continued with his cooking skills and completed a Rubik's Cube challenge. Me and My World- Charity Work.

Zainab Year 4— BRONZE

She went on PGL with her class in Year 4 and challenged herself. She raised a lot of money for various charities. Zainab was very active with activities such as orienteering with her Cubs group. She also plays cricket on Fridays. Great work Zainab and good luck for your Silver Award.

Thank you to Miss Quigley, JASS Co-ordinator for all the support and encouragement you have offered this year.

LAMDA SPEECH & DRAMA EXAMS



Most of the children who attend Afterschool Drama took their LAMDA exams on May 12th and gained outstanding results – every one of them gaining over 73% and almost all Passing with Distinction with over 80%.

Since then they have been having great fun with games, improvisation and other less demanding drama activities!

Well done to all the children involved.

Ms Hancock

INDIVIDUAL PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Eisaa (Year 1)** for achieving his white belt in Mixed Martial Arts.

Ariana (Year 2) and Tara (Year 3) both participated in the FA Wildcats all-girls under 8s football tournament in Ruislip, representing Whitton Wanderers FC. Both performed brilliantly in the 34-degree heat, inspired by England's Lionesses in the World Cup.

Tara (Year 3) also competed in the Barnet Copthall Swimming Gala for London Borough of Hounslow. She won silver in 50m backstroke, silver in 50m freestyle and gold in 50m breaststroke, clocking new personal bests in all!

Congratulations to **Baani and Isha (both Year 2)** for participating in the Heathrow Gymnastic Club championship. The girls were separated into different groups according to their age. Baani competed with 8 year olds and Isha competed with 7 year olds. Congratulations to Baani for coming 7th and Isha for coming 12th. A fantastic effort from both girls!!!

David (Year 2) has been awarded a Merit for his grade 2 piano practical exam. We are very proud of him!

A big congratulations to **Rima (Year 5)** who came 5th in a gymnastic competition with Heathrow Gymnastics. She was marked on range, vault, beam, bars and floor. Rima trains once a week.

Congratulations to **Roma (Year 2)** for passing her grading and moving up to orange belt in Karate.

Congratulations to **Vinay (Year 5)** who achieved a merit in his grade 4 exam playing the guitar. He had to play 3 pieces. Great achievement!

Vinay (Year 5) also achieved Player of the Season in Rugby. He plays for London-Scottish at the weekend.

Well done to **Yuvraj (Year 5)** who was awarded Player of the Season for Football. He plays for Whitton Wanderers at the weekends.

Congratulations to **Zaniel (Year 4)** who made his First Holy Communion on the June 1st. He celebrated at St Michael and St Martin's Church and had a lovely meal at home with family and friends afterwards.

TRAVEL

Well done to **Ms Quigley** who has achieved the Gold level accreditation for the school.



Ms Quigley has moved the school from Bronze to Silver and now to Gold over the previous couple of years.

The gold award is in recognition for achievement in active and safer travel initiatives for schools.



UNIFORM

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**

MEDICAL & 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 at least two emergency contacts per child.

All pupil medication has been returned to pupils today. If you would like us to administer medication in the new school year, please remember to complete an Administration of Medication Form. This must be taken to the School Office for checking. Forms are available on the Parent Portal or in the School Office.

All enquiries should be sent to school@ashtonhouse.com

INTERNET SAFETY REMINDER

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.

If you would like practical and valuable advice on how to protect yourself and your family online, then please sign-up to a popular E-safety webinar workshop, hosted by Stella James, CEO and founder of Gooseberry Planet.

This webinar is tailored for parents and is FREE OF CHARGE!

Stella has become a well-known speaker on the subject of Online Safeguarding and regularly speaks at schools and educational events across the UK. She is passionate about raising the profile of online safety in schools and about engaging and educating the whole school community. Parents and teachers have a combined responsibility to protect and prepare children for a life online.

The informative webinar will cover **ALL** aspects of online safety, with particular focus on:

- *Managing Privacy Settings*
- *Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat etc)*
 - *Live Video Streaming*
 - *Sharing Personal Information*
 - *Latest Apps to be aware of*
 - *Online Gaming*
- *Monitoring a child's internet usage*
 - *Advice for parents*

When?

Tuesday 16th July at 12pm & 8pm

How?

Follow the links to register in the separately attached advertisement