

Ashton House

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

2022

Dear Parents,

Six weeks have passed since the beginning of term and all the children have settled into their new year groups very successfully. The Year 6 children are in the midst of the 11+ exam season and are taking these challenges in their stride. Student Leadership Roles have been selected. The candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl gave well considered speeches and answered questions from the children at a husting. Everyone then voted, the results were as close as you could get; it was an incredibly strong field. Congratulations to the Head Boy and Girl and their deputies. The House Captains have been elected by their Year 6 peers and are thriving with their responsibilities. The Eco Team have just started a whole school review which will lead to some new initiatives to make Ashton House more a more eco-friendly environment. We have a new School Council this year and they have already planned our first cake sale of the term which will take place on Wednesday 16th November in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Rev Elis from St Mary's Church joined us to lead the Harvest Assembly. He gave us all food for thought on the subject of not being wasteful. On this note I would like to thank you all very much indeed for the many generous donations to our recent Harvest collection. With Mr Dawson's help we had a wonderful display of different foods and toiletries which were delivered to Hope Church - St Paul's Church Foodbank in Hounslow.

Our new woodland area has been named 'The Woodland Tribe' and classes spent time outside during Science Week making bug hotels and planting with a view to attracting more wildlife into the area. Last week was also Coding Week, with some great IT challenges and activities for all. Added to these events we have also had Drama, Poetry and Dance workshops in school. We have had a very busy few weeks! Too late to feature in this Newsletter is Spooks and Spells, watch out for some 'fangtastic' photos in the next edition.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs James, Miss Anna and Madame Rieuepeyroux, who are leaving this half term. Each in their own way has enriched our school and we send them our very best wishes for the future.

When we return to school in November it will inevitably turn much colder and we will see an increase in colds and infections. Please remember if your child has a cold, has been sick or is generally unwell, keep them at home until the symptoms have gone. Sending children to school if they are poorly will delay their recovery as well as risk infecting their class-mates and teachers. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

A quick reminder that we move into winter uniform on our return to school.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned half term break with your families.

Mrs Stewart
Head Teacher

UPCOMING DATES

2nd November
Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
Years 3 & 4 trip to Lakshmi Narayan Temple

4th November
Year 1 trip to Gunnersbury Museum

11th November
Remembrance Day

17th November
Year 2 trip to St Paul's Cathedral

28th November
Flu Vaccination Reception—Year 6

14th November
Odd Socks Day

12th December
Christmas Jumper Day

14th December
End of Term

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

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Our New Leadership Team

2022- 2023

Congratulations to our new AHS Leadership Team.

Head Girl & Head Boy



Deputy Head Girl & Boy



Eco Team



Travel Ambassadors



House Captains

2022—2023



Eversley



Burlington



Thornbury



Witham

School Council



New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to the Ashton House Community:



Ms. G. Sapsani
Head of Early Years



Mrs. I. Barkworth
Year 5 Teacher



Mrs. K. Damania
Pre-Prep Teaching
Assistant



Mrs. J. Dosanjh
Year 1 Teaching
Assistant

Sadly, we are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs. James and Ms. Anna. We all wish them well with their new adventures.



Mrs. J. James



Ms. Anna

Harvest Festival



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the food bank collection.



Our helpers enjoyed a well-earned treat at the food bank.



Letter From Food Bank

We wanted to say a massive **THANK YOU!** to all the children, parents & staff at **Ashton House School** for the very generous Harvest donations you collected for us – we really appreciate your continuing support. Hope Church currently runs foodbanks at both its locations – at St Paul's (Bath Road) on Wednesday mornings and at the Good Shepherd (Beavers Lane) on Thursday mornings. So far this year, we have already served over 3,200 guests and provided enough food to feed over 9,000 adults and children (as well as providing toiletries and hygiene products).

As a result, we get through a great deal of stock each week – so your donations are incredibly important to us and, of course, to the people we help.

We simply would not be able to provide this high level of support to so many people experiencing financial hardship without the very kind donations we continue to receive from amazing schools like yours! If anyone at the school would like to know more about the foodbank, they are very welcome to contact me.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Avril

Foodbank Coordinator

**Ashton House
School is a Nut**



News

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise £177.50 for Shooting Star Children's Hospices.



Year 5 school council representatives launched the Cycle/Scoot to school week during an assembly. They explained how it will happen and some of the benefits of exercising. They did very well speaking in front of the whole school and fielding questions. Well done Lavanya, Tobi, Dylan and Lara.



Also, well done to everyone who managed to cycle/scoot during this week.

News

Who I Am Makes A Difference

Congratulations to the following children who earned a ribbon this term:

Annika, Prabhleen, Vrinda, Jaya, Anamya, Roma, Rayan, Viyaan, Eisaa, Alex, Lily and Arjun (PP)

Fish of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who achieved a fish certificate this term:

Rayyan, Sofia, Aleeha, Raushan, Annika, Kareem, Aiza, Alba, Prabhleen, Arun, Amrun, Kayden, Anamya, Vaani, Joshan, Jaya, Hao Hao, Jaskaran, Devaki, Arjun (Y6), Roma, David and Baani

Ashton House celebrated our Teaching Assistants in September.

Thank you for all that you do.



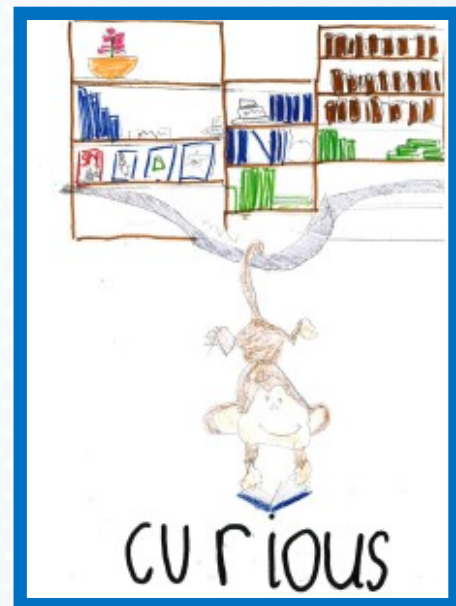
Competition Winners

Caring, Curious and Confident

Every day we try to fulfil our potential to be Caring, Curious and Confident. House points can be earned for demonstrating any of the Three Cs qualities.

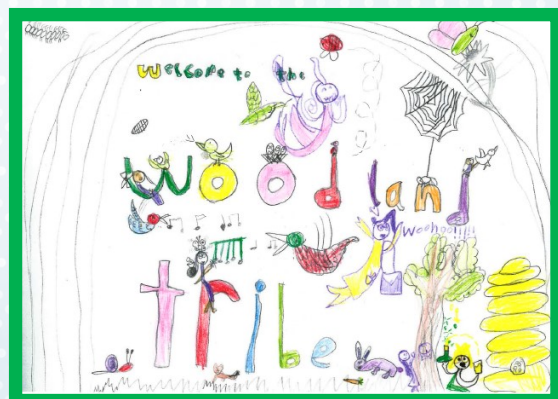
To make the Three Cs easy to remember we have assigned each one an animal, by popular vote, and held a poster competition. The winning designs are displayed across the school.

Well done to Reyansh (Y3) for the Caring Cat, Paramveer (Y2) for the Curious Chimp and Kareem (Y3) for the Confident Cheetah.



Outdoor Learning Area

Congratulations to Anya (Y2) who won our competition to rename the new Outdoor Learning Area.



Environmental Poetry

On Friday 7th October we took part in a fantastic workshop to help us celebrate World Poetry Day. The children worked hard and showed great team work to produce these wonderful poems for us all to enjoy.

Environmental Poetry Nursery and Pre Prep

In the woods, there are lots of trees.
On the trees are acorns, pine cones and leaves.
Scampering foxes, squirrels and rabbits of white -
Out come the owls and bats at night.



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Environmental Poetry Years 1 and 2 - Green Spaces

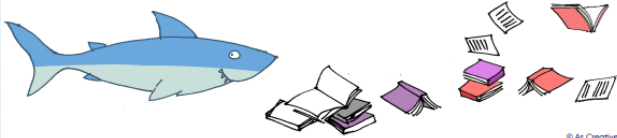
Squirrels nibble acorns off the giant oak trees;
Beautiful flowers enjoyed by the bees;
Slimy snails with their fossil-like shell;
Fish, spiders, ants and beetles as well.



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Environmental Poetry Year 3 - The Sea

The crashing waves on the beautiful, blue, diamond sea.
When I see the phenomenal creatures, I feel free.
Sharks, mantis shrimps, nautilus and deadly fish -
To swim amongst this magnificent splendour is something I wish.



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Environmental Poetry Years 5 - The Smell and Feel of the Rainforest

The fiery forest feels humid and hot.
The pungent odour of leaves that rot.
As the hostile jaguar leaps, we feel its ravenous purr -
The scent of danger lingers in its fur.



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Environmental Poetry Years 4 and 6 - Sounds of the Rainforest

The whispering leaves swaying in the gentle breeze,
Crunching and creaking as a yawning sloth climbs the trees.
Slowly it slithers, the sly snake hissing -
Despite the cacophony of the noise, something is missing.



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A letter from a former parent..

Dear Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Frampton,

I hope you are both well and have had a good start to the new school year.

I just wanted to send you a quick note to let you know that S is getting on really well at Langley grammar and loving every day.

It is thanks to all of you at Ashton House that he had the confidence to go to secondary school with such a positive attitude and make such an excellent start.

He has signed up for every drama and sports club on offer and my poor Mum is struggling to keep up with his extra curricular activities timetable and what equipment he needs to bring with him everyday! (I am shifting this over to make it S's responsibility).

Science and English are his favourite subjects and he has been awarded many achievement points already from these teachers.

He has made lots of friends already and has put himself forward as a candidate for house captain already. He also often walks home with another year 7 who lives on the next street from us. He is loving his new independence.

Thank you again to all the amazing staff at Ashton. I hope you all have another great year and best wishes to your year 6s for their exams.

Best regards ,

Parent of a former Head Boy



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