



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

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

Our values this term have been Peace and Love. The children have participated in assemblies and a range of activities in class focusing on the various strands that go together with Peace and Love.

Other highlights this half term have been a wonderful Book Week, with activities designed to endorse and foster a love of books and reading. The children looked fabulous in their costumes for the Character Parade, thanks to parents for sourcing or making the outfits and props.

In sport, the Upper School Swimming Gala showcased our learners and talented swimmers ending on a high with exciting relay races. It is good to see lots of the badges earned being proudly worn. There have been inter school hockey and quiz matches, with our children enjoying representing the school. Performances at the Upper School Musical Evening 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 lots of fun with friends and family.

All these events, along with class assemblies, visitors to school and class outings have added a richness to the curriculum and fabric of school life, 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. The rhythm of school life continues to inspire and engage the children.

Sometimes it takes a visitor to notice how the ethos of the school is made real by each member of our community. Rev Elis came to lead the Easter Assembly, he and other guests have noted the friendly, welcoming atmosphere, enthusiasm and great behaviour at Ashton House.

What wonderful feedback, we are living up to our ideals of being Caring, Curious and Confident.

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 and look forward to school starting for the Summer Term on Tuesday 16th April.

With best wishes

Mrs Stewart

Dates

- ◆ First Day Back
- ◆ Wednesday 17th April Year 4 PGL Marchants Hill
- ◆ Friday 19th April Year 4 Return from PGL
- ◆ Monday 22nd April Clubs begin
- ◆ Tuesday 23rd April Swimming begins
- ◆ Thursday 25th April Bentley Photography—Revised Date
- ◆ Thursday 25th April UKMT Junior Maths Challenge (Year 6)
- ◆ Friday 26th April Cricket Fixture Away—Radnor House Year 6
- ◆ Thursday 2nd May Puzzle workshop (PTA) Years 1-6
- ◆ Friday 3rd May Cricket Fixture Away Clifton Lodge
- ◆ Monday 6th May BANK HOLIDAY
- ◆ Sunday 12th May LAMDA exams
- ◆ Monday 13th May First Aid workshop (Pre Prep—Year 6)
- ◆ Tuesday 14th May Years 2,3 & 4 Swimming
- ◆ Tuesday 14th May Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Brussels
- ◆ Wednesday 15th May Grandparents Stay & Play (Pre Prep)
- ◆ Thursday 16th May Grandparents Invitation to classroom Years 1 & 2
- ◆ Friday 17th May Year 5 & 6 return from Residential Trip
- ◆ Monday 20th May Whole school walk to school week.
- ◆ Year 6 Bikeability
- ◆ Thursday 23rd May Pre Prep Trip to Hobbledown
- ◆ Friday 24th May End of Half Term

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

<https://portal.ashtonhouse.com>

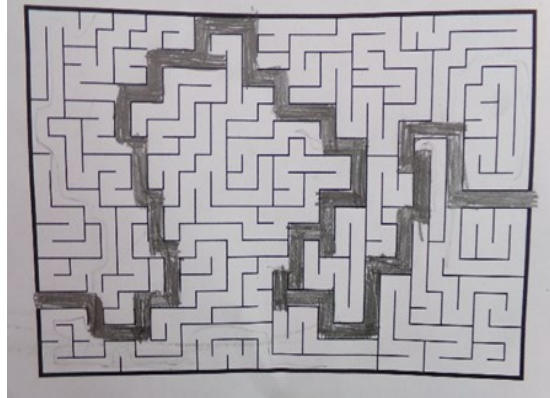
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This term was all about celebrating mistakes; learning that it is okay to not know what to do all of the time, and that by developing a growth mindset, we can learn that making mistakes is useful.

Children were given a complex maze to complete. Through this task, we learned that our 'dead ends' and other such mistakes were helping us to learn how to eventually escape the maze. There was a reward behind persevering and overcoming our struggle

In groups, we matched 'mistakes made' with 'lessons learned'.



GROWTH MINDSET

INSTEAD OF

SAY THIS

THIS IS THE BEST
I CAN DO



I CAN KEEP
MOVING

I CAN'T DO THIS



I CAN PRACTICE
MORE

I'LL GIVE UP



I WILL TRY ANOTHER
WAY

THIS IS TOO
DIFFICULT



CHALLENGES HELP
ME TO GROW

I'M AFRAID OF
MAKING MISTAKES



MISTAKES HELP
ME TO LEARN

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND



I CAN KEEP
LEARNING

I HAVE FAILED



I WON'T GIVE UP



Year 6—Assembly

Year 6 discussed Segregation during their class assembly.
They 'interviewed' Gandhi, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.
Lots of interesting facts were shared and discussed.



Big Law

Ashton House took part in the Big Law. This is a national campaign to teach children about the law. Children learnt about what the law means and how everyday tasks also involve the law in some way or other.

For example eating breakfast- The law says how much tax must be paid on sugary products, which can make them more expensive.

The law stops supermarkets from offering price promotions on certain foods that are high in fat and sugar.

There are also laws about where these products can be placed in shops.



NHS Day

The Upper School participated in the Step into the NHS day.

The introduction meeting explained the various roles and jobs within the NHS.

The children heard about a competition they could enter highlighting the variety of skills.

In the afternoon they chose from three talks- student nurse, children's physiotherapist and a clinical scientist.

They learned a little about each role and could ask questions.

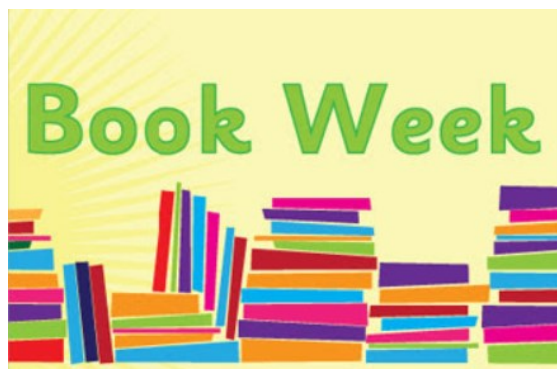
This was very informative and it highlighted that over 200 jobs are available within this amazing sector.

The logo for 'Step Into The NHS' is set against a solid blue background. The words 'STEP INTO THE' are in white, bold, uppercase letters. To the right of this text is a white graphic of a speech bubble or megaphone, with the letters 'NHS' in blue, bold, uppercase letters inside it.

STEP INTO THE NHS

Book Week

To celebrate Book Week, Ashton House Prep School read stories and highlighted their amazing power to transport minds. The week was filled with fun-packed activities such as Drop Everything and Read when children have to stop what they are doing and read, buddy reading and many competitions. On Thursday, the children were very excited to welcome back Zoe Antoniades, who is a local author and well known for writing the fabulous Cally and Jimmy Series. Zoe Antoniades led inspiring creative writing workshops and was very impressed with the stories that were written by the children. Pre-prep also enjoyed Zoe Antoniades reading them an interactive story, whilst they had their snacks! Thursday was a very busy day as it was also when the character parade took place. All of the children looked phenomenal in their costumes and enjoyed being dressed as a book character for the day!









Pre-Prep Book Week

Book week was full of different activities.

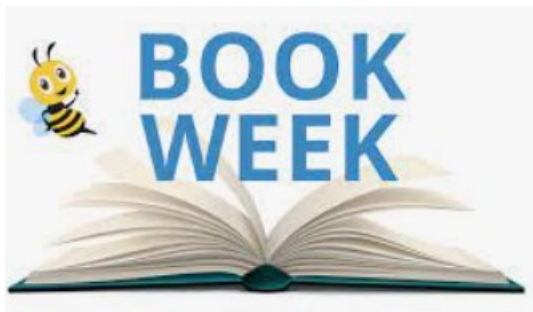
We had our character parade where we dressed up as our favourite character. At the end of the day, the author Zoe Antoniadou read us a beautiful story about Cally & Jimmy and we had the chance to ask her lots of questions about her books.



Polka Theatre

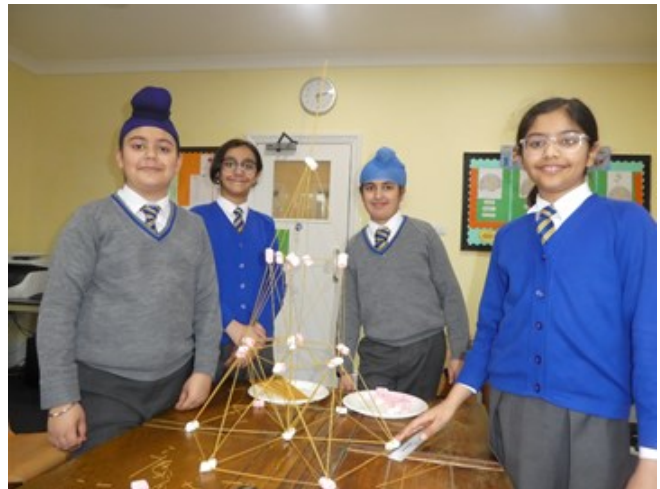
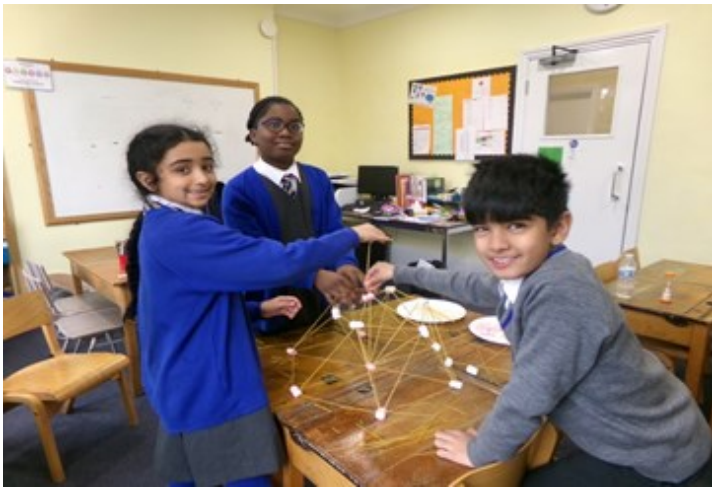
We went to see “Tidy” by Emily Gravett a much-loved children’s book which is a gentle but cautionary tale about the value of the world around us and what happens if we don’t look after it.

Fox, Badger and Bunny showed us different ways to keep our environment tidy in a humorous way. We had our picnic before we got in and we very much enjoyed our journey on the coach.



Enrichment

In Enrichment Year 5 and 6 have started new project called “The Business Apprentice”. Pupils started their project with a team building task. Building a free standing, tallest and stable spaghetti and marshmallow structure in 10 mins. Children displayed good working relationship in the construction of the tower. We finished the session on a sweet note.



Year 4 Trip to the Natural History Museum

On Monday 19th February, Year 4 had a great first day back to school as they went on an adventure to the Natural History Museum. They took part in a very important workshop about climate change and learnt about how important it is to save our planet! Year 4 showed how well they can work in a team as they showed great confidence, co-operation and thinking and learning skills. They listened to stories about how pollution was ruining our oceans and how crucial it is to stop this. Therefore, they were set challenges to use Lego to design and create solutions to prevent pollution occurring in our oceans. Year 4 came up with such amazing ideas and their final designs were wonderful. The staff at the Natural History Museum were so impressed with Year 4 when they were presenting their marvelous ideas at the end of the session! Well Done, Year 4!



Year 2 Trip to Bushy Park

Year 2 were investigators in Bushy Park.

They looked for insects in their habitats.

On the grass, under logs, up trees and in the pond.

Insects were scrutinised under microscopes and identified as carnivores, omnivores, herbivores and detritivores (eating dead or decaying matter from plants or animals).

Team work was evident as was leadership and communication and lots of fun!



Year 1 Trip to Bocketts Farm

Year 1 had a great time at Bocketts Farm despite the rain and mud. Their day started with a tractor ride, which gave a tour of the enormous farm and they were given some amazing facts about the animals who live on the farm. They also had the opportunity to pet some of the small animals that live on the farm. Their day ended with a great pig race, with their super cheering and encouragement their pig came second.



Bletchley Park

Year 5 and 6 went to Bletchley Park for their trip this term. They were taken on a guided tour and where told lots of interesting facts.

They completed a workshop by looking at various ciphers and decoding them, some of which were very tricky.

There was an informative video on the D Day Landings, which was shown in a five-screen room.



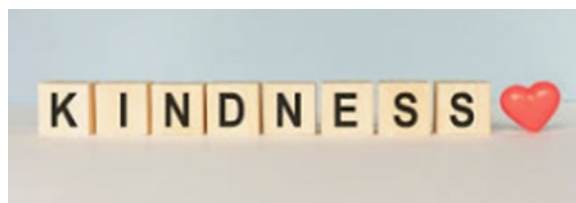
30 Days of Kindness Challenge

Ashton House School children took part in an inhouse 30 Days of Kindness Challenge. Each day a new task was given. They were even set for the weekend!

They ranged from looking out for others, using our manners, being respectful, taking care of our environment, looking for things in nature and making items.

Well done to everyone who tried to follow them and who spread kindness throughout our school. Hopefully, we will all remember to continue to show appreciation and patience with each other when we return after the Easter break.

It was lovely to see the children read their task and then think about how they would action it. Kindness really is all around us. We need to open our eyes and our minds and we can see it more!



This half term our value



It has sub values of

Kindness

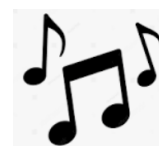
Empathy

Tolerance

Friendship

Musical Evening at Ashton House

On Tuesday 19th March, we were treated to a delightful musical evening with performances by children from Years 3—6 in violin, piano, flute and guitar.





Fish of the Week

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alysha James Abubakr Aiyla Veer Arjan Anyia	Sofia Annika Harina Umair Jai Raushan Rayyan Mohsin Isha Aleea	Kiiye Aylah Viyaan Shaurya Prabhleen 	Vaani Lara Dylan Tobi Karan Eisaa Amrun Arushi



Bronze	Silver	Ruby	Emerald
Eisaa Dylan Sofia Y4 Raushan Aiza Jessica Haohao	Anyia Anika Gurleen Kian Haohao Eisaa Amrun Vaani Shaurya Rishaan Vrinda Jannah	Lavanya Arjan Abubakr James Amrun Veer	Karan Rayan Lavanya Kayden

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

You need 15 House Points for Bronze, 30 for Silver & 50 for Ruby and 70 for Emerald.

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01.03.24	Sofia Y1 Kabir Amrun
08.03.24	Abubakr Alysha Vrinda Haohao Shaurya Prabhleen
15.03.24	Eisaa Vaani Tobi Umair Isha Sofia (Year 4) Mohsin

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Easter Bounty

Thank you to everyone who donated the much-needed goods for Hope Church (St Paul's) in Hounslow. It is appreciated at this time of year when their store cupboards are not as full. Members of the School Council helped with the delivery.

Avril from Hope Church explained that they now help 10,000 people annually. This has jumped from 2000 before Covid-19.

Their banks are low and the supermarkets are now helping with donating fresh food too.



Easter Assembly

Rev Elis held an Easter assembly on Thursday. He explained the Easter story to us and talked about the symbols of grapes, flat bread, hot cross buns and an Easter egg.

He also got us to chant JUST EASTER instead of Just Eat!

He also suggested during the holidays we could think about -

Making a sacrifice

Practice forgiveness

Bring Hope



Hockey Fixtures

This term the Upper School played hockey matches against Clifton Lodge. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their skills.

After competitive fixtures, Ashton House came out the overall winners. Team work, communication and skills were plenty to see.

There was plenty of team work, communication and skills on display.



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 and be aware that even age appropriate games have a chat section which adults should monitor if their children are using it.

Notice Board

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 residents and parents regarding inconsiderate parking which is unfair and pupils' safety is put at risk. We welcome your 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**