

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NEWSLETTER 28

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Netball 2015-16

**Netball League** – I am extremely proud of the netball team this year, they have worked well as a team and shown dedication to the sport. We came 8<sup>th</sup> in the netball league, with the matches played September – April. My thanks go to the parents and staff who supported the girls and I during these matches.

**Netball Festival** – At the Netball Festival on Tuesday 26 April we came 5<sup>th</sup> in our group and finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall. The girls played well, especially considering the weather conditions. As always, they played in true Ashtree fashion, showing excellent sportsmanship and working together throughout the afternoon. I would also like to thank Mr Allen for his support at the Netball Festival.

**Player of the match** – I couldn't possibly choose one person for 'player of the match' as everyone has given 100% to the team. It has been a true pleasure to work with the girls this year and I look forward to starting the next season in September.  
*(Report by Miss Jackson)*

### Key Steps Gymnastics

On Wednesday we took a squad of six girls from Years 3 & 4, who all had to compete in two events. All six girls took part in the vault competition, then Ella H. Megan C. and Ruby P. had to perform a floor routine together. Whilst this was taking place, Maisy L. Ella A. and Ruby C. had to perform individual Body Management routines. All the girls performed impeccably and we won the competition. We will now be representing Stevenage at the Herts Key Steps Gymnastics Competition in June.  
*(report by Mr Yates)*

### Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 7 and Sunshines.

### Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 11 with 100%.

### Effort Cup

Congratulations to Jasmine A. from Year 6.

*E. Kirwan*

### The Gambia - 2016

"Last week I was in The Gambia in West Africa to do some volunteer work. Over the week we were very busy with different projects. We painted a medical centre, where the doctor visits just once a month. Our team returned to the school that we had painted last year, to build an outside play area. A visit to an orphanage, to build bunk beds for 20 children who were sleeping on a concrete floor, was very emotional. Teaching in classes of 40+ children of mixed ages was very challenging but also a lot of fun.

I feel very lucky to have been part of this trip, so thank you to everyone who contributed towards my fundraising. I feel that we really made a difference in peoples lives."

*(report by Mrs Hudson)*

Mrs Hudson will be talking about her visit in next week's Friday assembly.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

This scheme is due to end on **5 May**. Please search pockets, purses, drawers etc. and dig out your Sainsbury's Vouchers and send them in to school. We need to sort out our order as soon as we can in June. Many thanks.

### MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS1. This is for 7hrs 30mins per week (11.55-1.25 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Tuesday 3 May with interviews to be held on Thursday 5 May from 9.00am.

Finally, I would like to wish Y2 all the best as they start their KS1 tests, which this year, have all got to take place during May.