



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 24

DATE: 18 March 2022

This half term our school value is Empathy

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week the staff have been continuing to work on our curriculum. This time really focussing on the Early Years curriculum, the OFSTED report talked about how this also needed to be more detailed and sequenced. Miss Sinnott the Early Years Lead, Mrs Garnham the Art Lead and Mrs Cox the Science Lead met with our Early Years Advisor to start on this. Staff will start to teach this new curriculum in the Summer term, and it will be posted to the website so that you can see what your children will be learning.

Sadie from Reception spoke to everyone in assembly a few weeks ago about some fundraising that she was doing. She was having her hair cut for The Little Princess Trust. This week Sadie came into school with her beautiful new haircut and her story can be seen in the Comet. Well done Sadie we are all very proud of you.

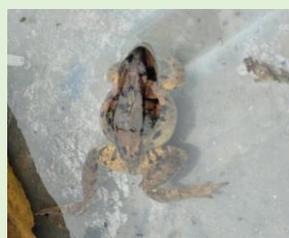
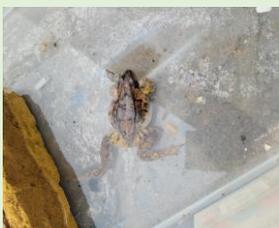
I also have an update on the demolition of the old First Friends building, it now looks like this will be taking place during the Summer holiday. What I would really like is to be able to replace the building with a new one that can be used for a preschool and a room to be used by the community to run courses, support groups and coffee mornings. Unfortunately, like everything this is not cheap, if anyone knows a way to fund this please do contact me.

We are starting to get applications for our Nursery places in September, but we do still have spaces available. You will start to see posts on our Facebook and Twitter pages advertising the spaces. Another way that you can help Ashtree is by sharing this and letting all of your friends know that we have spaces. If you look back through the posts, you can see the excellent work that happens in the Early Years from rhyming soup to writing facts and labelling pictures to creating dinosaur worlds.

The week ended with a sea of red! The children wore an item of red clothing or a red accessory to raise money for Comic Relief. The money goes towards projects that tackle poverty, change lives and this year towards supporting people fleeing the war in Ukraine. Have a look at the website to see some of the important work that is done with the money that they raise. <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>.

I hope that everyone manages to get out into the sunshine this weekend, I will be working on my garden and watching for the first signs of the birds nesting in my bird boxes.

Mrs M. Janes
Headteacher



Angela and Elsie from Y2 and Reception shared this picture of a new friend that they found in their garden. If you have frogs or toads in your garden make sure that you put a stone in any trays or bowls of water like in this picture. This helps them to get in and out. You can find out ore here <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/make-a-house-for-frogs-and-toads>



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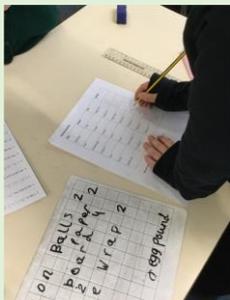


Yesterday the Ashtree Year 5 and 6 boys took on a strong Roebuck team. Both teams had played well in previous games. Reo scored an early goal with Roebuck scoring just after half time. Zak played well passing to Bobby who scored his seventh goal in two games. Mr Flynn was delighted with the way the boys conducted themselves.

Man of the Match goes to Zak from Y6. Superb throughout and his attitude is what stands him in good stead for the future. A delight to have.

Science

In Class 8, we have been looking at gravity and air resistance as part of our forces and magnets topic. Today, we attempted the 'egg drop challenge' as part of the national science week. Children were challenged to create a device that protected their egg from a drop. Some inventions included parachutes and lots of bubble wrap! Children were also limited to only 18 'egg pounds' to spend on the materials on offer. Class 8 enjoyed the task, but sadly no eggs survived!





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Reminders:

- If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, please inform the office. Thank you.
- One of the measures to reduce Covid-19 transmission is to increase ventilation in classrooms. Please make sure your child comes in with a jumper/cardigan and an extra t-shirt if needed.
- When on school property, please make sure that you and your children walk scooters and bikes through the grounds.
- It is important to us that we are able to address parent/carer concerns, please ensure that you bring these to the class teacher or the office and do not approach children directly.
- Please be considerate of local residents and follow the Highway Code by not parking on yellow lines outside of the school and across people's drives.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 6** (for bring kind to each other) & **Class 8** (for good behaviour in the dining room).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 12** with **96.4%**.

Just to let you know that the HCC Meals for the Juniors (KS2) will be changing from 1 April 2022 to £2.80

Monday 21 March	Tuesday 22 March	Wednesday 23 March	Thursday 24 March	Friday 25 March
Menu 2		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Y6 Trip – Bentley Priory Museum Special Person Sale – taking place	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 28 March	Tuesday 29 March	Wednesday 30 March	Thursday 31 March	Friday 1 April
Menu 3		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Decorate an Egg Competition	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 4 April	Tuesday 5 April	Wednesday 6 April	Thursday 7 April	Friday 8 April
HALF-TERM				



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Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



Spring Term 2022



- Friday 1 April - End of term – **finishes at 2.15pm**
- Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April - Half-term - Easter Break
- Monday 18 April - **Bank Holiday**



Summer Term 2022



- Tuesday 19 April** - **Holiday** - school closed to children
- Wednesday 20 April - First day of term for pupils
- Friday 27 May - INSET Day 5 - school closed to children
- Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June - Half Term (*including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*)
- Monday 6 June - First day of term for pupils
- Friday 22 July - Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm

Academic Year 2022

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2022.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 6 – 17 June 2022.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 6 – 24 June 2022.

KS2 – Y6 9 – 12 May 2022.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times, as they will be unauthorised.

Academic Year 2022 / 2023

- 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022 - Half term holiday
- 22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023 - Christmas holiday
- 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023 - Half term holiday
- 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023 - Easter holiday
- 29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023 - Half term holiday
- 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023 - Summer holiday
- Thursday 1 September 2022 - **INSET Day 1** - school closed to children
- Friday 2 September 2022 - **INSET Day 2** - school closed to children
- Friday 25 November 2022 - **INSET Day 3** - school closed to children
- Monday 28 November 2022 - Occasional Day - school closed to children
- Monday 20 February 2023 - **INSET Day 4** - school closed to children
- Friday 26 May 2023 - **INSET Day 5** - school closed to children