



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER: 4

DATE: Friday 29 September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week staff at Ashtree have been busy organising the EYFS and KS1 open evenings for September 2024 starters. We will be opening our doors to view Nursery, Reception and KS1 Wednesday 1 November between 3:30pm and 5:00pm. This is a chance for parents who have children that will be starting Nursery or Reception in September 2024 to see what we have to offer. I hope that Sunbeams will also be open to show parents the preschool provision available. When the information is posted to our Facebook page, please do share it, and help us to welcome as many potential parents as possible and show them a school environment that we are proud of.

I have been walking around classrooms this week and have to say that I am very proud of the children for the way that they are settling into the new class routines and showing me good learning behaviours when I come in. The older children have been setting an excellent example of how to behave in assembly and teaching the younger children for whom this is their first time in a whole school assembly.

I know that some of the House Point postcards have started to arrive at home, the children have been very excited about receiving them and are trying hard to earn more 'on the spot' house points and have another card arrive through the door. on the spot house points are awarded for outstanding behaviour, this might be in work, friendships, behaviour, or manners.



I visited Reception and Nursery this week and they were totally engaged in the activities during Child Initiated Learning. In particular I was impressed with Sahara who built a model of the tower in the town centre using the materials in the classroom.



I have seen some lovely examples of problem solving and community this week including the children using and enjoying the trail that the staff had left out for them to explore. Year 6 monitors taking on their role and responsibility very seriously, setting out chairs for assembly, supporting younger children log on to computers and lots more.

Ms Ruprai, Mr Yates and I have been talking and planning ideas for extending the rewards in school and so keep a look out for some new cups and awards on their way.

Another date for the diary, a letter will be coming out from the office with more details, but consultation evenings will be 16 and 17 October 3:30pm to 6:30pm both evenings.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that you manage to enjoy the Autumn weather which is definitely here.

Mrs Janes
Headteacher

Sporting Achievements:

On Thursday afternoon, a group of Year 5 and 6 children represented Ashtree at a Cross Country Festival. All of the children showed excellent resilience and determination to complete half a mile and mile long runs. A special mention goes to Lloyd E who won the Year 5 boy's race! I was very proud of their efforts, and this is an excellent start to the sporting events this year at Ashtree School. Reported by Mr Allen





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Outside Achievements:

Nella from Eagles attended a karate grading on Sunday 24 September at Hatfield Leisure Centre and achieved her 2nd kyu grading which is only 1 more kyu grade before she will be attempting her black belt. It was a 2-hour session including line drills of strike, block and kick combinations, a number of kata or forms (a series of or sequence of moves performed in a pattern) and finishing off with kumite (sparring) for approximately 10 rounds.



House Points - Special Mention:

Benjamin (Falcons) for his fabulous singing support when technology failed during singing assembly! **Awarded by Mr Yates**

Sonny (Harriers) for his understanding, compassion, and empathy when he took advice from the class assembly and applied it in the PE lesson. **Awarded by Mrs Somiah**

Amelia-Jane (Harriers) for following the end of day safety rules. When the teacher was busy talking to another parent, Amelia (instead of just leaving with her parent) waited to tell the teacher that her mum had arrived and brought her mum along, so the teacher could see who she was leaving with. **Awarded by Mrs Somiah**

Sienna (Robins) for showing pride in our classroom. She noticed the colouring pencils hadn't been put away in the correct pots. Sienna explained to the class that we need to keep the equipment tidy so we can feel proud. **Awarded by Miss Sinnott**

Reminders:

- Attached to this email is our code of conduct and expected behaviour from adults. Number of parents and children have been upset by the completely inappropriate language being used on school site. We will not tolerate this language directed at children, adults, or staff on our school site. If I am made aware of this, it may result in those using the language being banned from the school site.
- Bikes, scooters, electric or manual are not to be ridden on school site. This can result in an accident and injuries. If this continues, I may need to ask individuals not to bring them onto school site.

Music News:

Here at Ashtree we understand that music plays a key role in brain development. It helps with the nurturing of language, motor skills, emotional intelligence, and collaboration skills. This is why we are invested in creating positive and fruitful musical experiences.

Children have given lots of positive feedback about having their music lessons and clubs in our dedicated music room. Lylah (Hawks) says 'I like how there are lots of instruments in there and we can use the ear defenders if we need to.'

Charlie (Eagles) said 'there's more space to move when singing and playing instruments.'

Weekly Violin lessons have now started for Red Kites and Kestrels (other classes will follow later in the year). If your child is interested in having a 1:1 violin lesson in school with our teacher, you can sign up at hertsmusicservice.org.uk. Means tested financial support of either 50% or 100% is available to apply for online.

Other instrumental and vocal lessons are also available at Ashtree school via the Hertfordshire Music service.

Choir are already enthusiastically preparing for their first performance featuring harvest songs- look out for letters home!

Recorder clubs are enjoying learning their first 2 notes - B and A. Please do support your child by reminding them to practice regularly (ideally daily) practice makes progress!

Miss Hembra & Mrs Compton



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SENDCo Drop-In Sessions with Ms Ruprai

These sessions are to support you after you have spoken with your child's class teacher. You will be able to discuss:

- Information to share from home.
- Initial concerns about your child.

If you would like to book a drop-in session with myself, please contact the school office by either phoning or emailing admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk

Slots available		
		Thursday 5 October 9am – 9.15am
Monday 2 October 3pm – 3.15pm	Wednesday 11 October 3pm – 3.15pm	Thursday 12 October 9am – 9.15am

World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2023.

Wear yellow to school and donate £1 to young minds.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



Attendance Cup: The winner for this week is **Hawks 96.8%**

Monday 2 October	Tuesday 3 October	Wednesday 4 October	Thursday 5 October	Friday 6 October
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