



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Newsletter 6

Date: Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have been visiting classes and asking the children about what helps them learn. It was lovely to see how openly and knowledgeably they talk about all the strategies they have.

I spent a lot of time on Year 5 and Year 6 because they were keen to show me their working walls. At Ashtree classrooms have a working wall for most subjects, this has helpful vocabulary, methods, and definitions that they have previously learnt. They told me that these walls really help them to remember methods taught in Maths, with examples and explanations on display. They told me that the walls help them to 'concentrate on solving the problem'.

They spoke about the resources around the classroom, and how they can choose which apparatus might help in Maths or which word mat might help them in English. Sometimes the important learning in an English lesson is how to use the word not to remember the word and word mats can help them with this. One child told me that 'my sentences are much better when I use a word mat and then next time, I can use the word without the mat'.

One class told me about their Jotter, a book to jot down notes about subjects in one lesson to be used to make future work even better.

I also asked them about what makes it harder to learn, they told me 'the bees in the summer getting in the classroom' and 'when it is really sunny outside'

So, they like to give me a challenge to solve!

I would like to thank all of the children that spoke to me this week, it is always a pleasure walking around the classrooms and hearing what the children think and feel.

Mrs Janes – Headteacher

This academic year, we are hoping to continue to build the positive relationships that are formed when we all work together as a school community. One of the ways we are working to develop this further is by finding more opportunities for you to come into school to experience aspects of school life alongside your children. In order to achieve this, staff across the school have been planning more events which we hope as many of you as possible will be able to participate in. For example: the after school Reception cooking club has been extended due to its popularity; EYFS are planning some after school phonics and reading sessions; KS1 will be reintroducing, 'Stop and Read' for their pupils and their families and KS2 are going to be inviting parents into school during the school day to participate in a range of lessons with their children, beginning with Y6 and some food tasting which will be coming soon... so please watch this space for further details. We are also planning to invite families in before and after school to a range of different activities like last year's very successful, 'Wishing Tree' activity. We would love to be able to create a more permanent 'tree' display in a painted, mural style so if there are any artistic, creative members of our school community who would be able to help with this, please do get in touch! We are also looking forward to continuing to work with the Class Representatives to ensure that we build on further opportunities as the year progresses. When we work together as a team, we can create the best opportunities for our children.

Miss Kiernan - Parental Engagement Lead



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House Points - Special Mention:

Andrei (Robins) showed such kindness to his friend. His friend was upset as he missed his brother. Andrei helped by showing him the visual timetable to explain the day and when he would be able see his brother again. **Awarded by Miss Sinnott**

Oscar (Robins) noticed that his friend was struggling to open his drink bottle. He showed kindness by trying to help. Oscar undid the bottle and demonstrated resilience when trying to do the bottle back up! **Awarded by Miss Sinnott**

Luna Rose (Penguins) showed such kindness to her new friend who had fallen over. Luna went straight to the sink to get a wet tissue and 'magic water' as she called it to help her friend feel better. Such wonderful community spirit from Luna! **Awarded by Miss Sinnott**

Chantelle (Buzzards) received an on-the-spot house point for her honesty with the adults in class. Chantelle declined having an extra merit by telling the adults in class that she had already received a merit from another adult for the same reason. **Awarded by Mr Allen**

Erin (Falcons) has consistently displayed an enthusiasm for learning and a dedication to her work that enables her to achieve excellent learning outcomes. She takes time and care with all of her work and has produced a fantastic piece of artwork this week for Mental Health Day. **Awarded by Mr Yates**

Safi (Falcons) consistently shows exemplary effort in her work. Safi applies herself consistently in all areas of the curriculum, whether she finds the work easy to complete, or challenging to complete. Safi's hard work means that she is an excellent role model for others. **Awarded by Mr Yates**

Niamh (Falcons) consistently demonstrates excellent learning behaviours. She is a role model to her peers. When finishing her work, she diligently picks up her reading book and reads silently. This attitude really supports the learning environment of the rest of the class. **Awarded by Mr Yates**

Freddy (Swifts) has always thrived to do his very best in all areas of school life from when he started in Nursery, and he continues to do so in Year 2. He is an excellent role model for Ashtree School; consistently works hard, he's polite, helpful, and kind towards his peers and adults. **Awarded by Mrs Mohiuddin**

Daisy (Swifts) has been awarded a house point for taking pride in the classroom. She goes above and beyond to make sure that our classroom is tidy and even does it without having been asked. Daisy is always polite and offers to help others. **Awarded by Mrs Mohiuddin**

Lily (Swifts) has been awarded a house point for taking pride in the classroom. She goes above and beyond to make sure that our classroom is tidy and even does it without having been asked. Lily is always polite and helpful towards others. **Awarded by Mrs Mohiuddin**

Half-Term House Winners:

The house that earned the most house points this half term is **Oak House**.

This means, that all pupils in **Oak House** will be able to come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 20th October 2023.



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House Point Rewards:

Last Friday (6th October 2023) saw the introduction of our new rewards:

- EY/KS1 Pride Champion
- KS2 Pride Champion
- EY/KS1 Community Champion
- KS2 Community Champion
- EY/KS1 Resilience Champion
- KS2 Resilience Champion.

Pupils who have earned an 'on-the-spot' House Point, are eligible to receive one of these rewards. Pupils are given the trophy on a Friday to take home for the weekend. Pupils then bring the trophy back to school on a Monday so that it can be displayed on their desk for the week.

Our inaugural winners, chosen by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. McQueen were:

- KS2 Community Champion: Emmanuel, Buzzards
- KS2 Pride Champion: Vicky, Eagles
- EY/KS1 Community Champion: Teddy, Nursery



This week's trophy winners are:

- EY/KS1 Pride Champion: Lily, Swifts
- EY/KS1 Community Champion: Luna, Penguins
- KS2 Pride Champion: Erin, Falcons
- KS2 Resilience Champion: Safi, Falcons



All winners will take their trophy home for the weekend, and they will need to bring it back into school on Monday so that it can be displayed on their desk for the week. A big well done to this week's winners.



Boys Autumn Tournament



The Y5/6 boys football team once again battled the elements at their rescheduled Autumn Tournament. Despite not securing enough points to progress to the tournament finals, the team worked tirelessly and can consider themselves unlucky not to have scored more goals. All the players displayed resilience, teamwork and continuously encouraged each other. **Player of the Match:** Timothy, for his endless running and positive attitude.



Attendance Cup: The winner for this week is **Eagles** with **97.2%**

World Mental Health Day

We raised £178.25p

Well done everyone.



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Monday 16 October	Tuesday 17 October	Wednesday 18 October	Thursday 19 October	Friday 20 October
Menu 1 Parents Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm	Parents Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm	Basketball Y1 – Y6 After School Club	SFC Football Y3 – Y6 Lunch Club Boys/Girls Football Training Y5 – Y6 (Mr Yates/Mr Allen) After School EYFS Cooking Club After School Individual School Photos	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club SFC Multi Sports Rec – Y2 Lunch Club Dance Club (Sophie) Rec – Y6 After School Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30 to 4:30pm
Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM

We would like to welcome you to our Nursery, Reception, and Key Stage One classrooms for our



Open EVENING

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2023
15:30- 17:00

Ashtree Primary School and Nursery, Chertsey Rise, Stevenage. <https://ashtree.herts.sch.uk/>

Nursery Spaces available now: apply directly with the school
 Reception: Applications open 01 Nov 2023 and close 15 Jan 2024. Applications for a Reception place can be made through the following website:
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

