



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Newsletter 6

Date: 16 February 2024

Staff have been out and about this week visiting classes. There have been some great examples of our rules for the classroom. *Lessons are for Learning*. To help us learn we remember to always listen to others, work as a team and are always kind. Although we have been teaching these in assemblies and classes Mrs Cox's class decided that they wanted something as easy as ABC to remember these. They have been learning the signs for listen, team and kind and they showed us in the whole school assembly.

In Nursery and Reception this week they were learning about following instructions and about pancake day. I joined the reception just in time to flip their pancake, thank goodness it didn't end up on the floor. Later in the week I met with Ms Goode, and we looked at how our DT curriculum helps children to develop those skills as they move through the school. You can see the DT curriculum here <https://ashtree.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/dt/>

Mrs Cox, our Reading Lead, has been listening to children read around the school. She was very impressed with how much progress children have made now that we have introduced Little Wandle our phonics scheme. Miss Sinnott is our Phonics Lead and whenever I visit their classroom the children show me their sticker on their arm which has a word or sounds that they are learning at the moment. They also have a 'password' that they read each time they leave the room.

Next week is half term, there will be some work happening in the school during the week to finish installing our new smoke detectors. I hope that you all manage to do something lovely, if you manage to take a photo of something that your child has learnt or achieved then please send it to Mrs Wasley on admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk for the next newsletter.

Mrs M Janes - Headteacher

Tri-Golf Enrichment Day:

On Monday, our pupils enjoyed their third enrichment day of the academic year with Tri-Golf. This follows on from Archery and Fencing in the Autumn Term. The pupils enjoyed an energetic warm-up, followed by some precision practice as they played a game called 'round the clock,' to practise the golfing skills. The pupils enjoyed themselves and hopefully had an unforgettable day!

Thanks again to Premier Education for delivering this for us <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4618/?f=before-school>.



A reminder to parents about how they can address any concerns with a member of staff.

If you need to talk to a member of teaching staff, the phase leader for the year group or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, we do our best to facilitate that.

It is, however, not always possible for that to happen immediately or for emails to be responded to immediately. The staff at Ashtree are working hard to ensure that high quality learning, emotional development and mental health and wellbeing for your children are their priority. This may mean that you will need to make an appointment at the office or email your concern or question. Staff then need time to be able to look into the situation or to book an appointment with you to discuss it further. This does not mean that we are not taking your concerns seriously.

I would also like to remind parents that whilst it is lovely to see you or your children outside of school and to say hello, the children are often very excited to see us somewhere other than school, it is not appropriate to approach staff outside of school or whilst in their cars to address a school concern. Thank you for your support with this.



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Citizens Advice Stevenage is an advisory service in Stevenage offering support to all resident in the SG1, SG2 and SG3 postal codes, we offer support and advice on the following areas.

- Benefits entitlement support
- Benefits appeals and tribunals
- Specialist debt advice
- Employment advice and tribunal support
- Energy advice (including pre-payment top up support)
- Crisis support for immediate need (including grants)
- Specialist housing advice
- Help to Claim specialist advice for new universal credit claimants (across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire)
- Family advice and access to justice

**Red Nose Day 15 March
2024 Theme: wear Red
for a contribution of
money**

As part of our service delivery, we have access to support for non-English speakers and support for BSL users through our language line for all appointments.

If you would like access to our services, please fill in an enquiry form on our website.

<https://www.castevenage.org.uk/get-advice>

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Ms Ruprai
Deputy Head Teacher

**World Book
Day Thursday
7 March 2024
Theme: is
Bedtime
Stories e.g.
Pyjamas**

You're Invited!

Autism in Schools coffee morning in conjunction with

ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust

When?
Wednesday
13th March

Where?
Ashtree
School

Time?
9-10am

Parent Carers of autistic children (both diagnosed and undiagnosed) are welcome.
No need to book!

Why not come along and find out more about:

- What Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) does in the Autism in Schools project
- What that means for you as a Parent Carer
- How it will help your child
- Meet other Parents of autistic children and young people

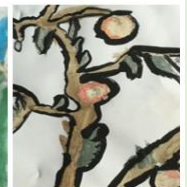
If you need the further information about visit info@addadvance.co.uk

ART SPRING TERM: Mrs. Somiah

PAINTING



This term, we have been doing painting. Children mixed their own shades of paint to create the realistic colours of nature.



Some children created Pop Art and others mastered the skills of adding detail and colour to the painting of trees.





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Basketball After-School Club:

Bookings are now open for our Wednesday after-school basketball club, for after half term. This will be a five-week course starting on Wednesday 28 Feb and run once again by Stevenage Royals Basketball. The course costs £25 and you can secure your child's place by booking via the link: <https://www.stevenageroyals.com/ashtree>

Free after-school club places

As a school we are able to provide a limited number of free places at some of our paid for after-school clubs. Families in receipt of 'benefit-related' free school meals, could be eligible. We have free-places available at the following clubs:

- Dodgeball (Tuesday after-school)
- Basketball (Wednesday after-school)
- Tennis (Thursday after-school)

If you wish to apply for a free place, please email admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk, with the club your child would like to attend, your child's name, dob, contact number, and details of any medical conditions. Please title your email: FAO - Mr. Yates - After-School Clubs.

The deadline to apply for a free place is Monday 26 February.

Outside Achievements:



Doris won swimmer of the month in January. She has recently moved up a group and has done so well, listening to instructions, and working hard. **Well done Doris!**

Fred Syd and Reggie have been very busy making bracelets to sell at their Nan's school to help raise even more money. So far, they have independently made over 75 bracelets, and they are going to continue making even more over half term next week. Their goal is to make 200 bracelets to sell to the pupils and families at the school in which their Nan works - the bracelets will go on sale from 18 March at their Nans school.



Attendance Cup:

The winner for this week is Harriers with 97.5%

This week's trophy winner is:

Community - Aisha (Wrens)

Pride - Anna (Swifts)

Resilience - Riley (Harriers)

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Eagles	10
Hawks	3.8
Falcons	6.2
Robins	7.1
Swifts	3
Buzzards	4.8
Penguins	19.5
Red Kites	14.2
Kestrels	8.6
Wrens	15.9



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House Points - Special Mention:

Niyah (Buzzards) for the compassion and care she showed one of her classmates, without hesitation, when they felt unwell during our swimming trip. **Awarded by: Miss Tobin**

Tommy (Hawks) came to show me his awesome writing. He had taken his teacher's feedback on board to improve his work and had made a great effort with his handwriting. Well done, Tommy! **Awarded by: Mrs Allen**

Riley (Harriers) has shown resilience and determination when faced with challenges in English. He continued to try by asking for support and by using resources within the classroom to help him. Now, we are able to enjoy his super writing as he writes independently. **Awarded by: Mrs Somiah**

Jessica (Harriers) We are proud of Jessica because she is now independently applying the writing skills that she has learnt. She is depending less on adult support. Through resilience and hard work, she is fast becoming a great writer. **Awarded by: Mrs Somiah**

Bradley (Harriers) Showed kindness to a younger child. **Awarded by: Mrs Somiah**

Anna (Swifts) as worked brilliantly in maths all week. She has taken pride in her work and her enthusiasm has been contagious! **Awarded by: Mrs McQueen**

Aisha (Wrens) is always helpful with lining up and holding the door open for the class to go out at break times and lunch times. She always does it with smile. **Awarded by: Mrs Livings**

Monday 26 February	Tuesday 27 February	Wednesday 28 February	Thursday 29 February	Friday 30 February
Menu 1 12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance Volleyball Y5/6 (lunchtime) Premier Education Gymnastics Club Rec - Y6 After School Club 3.15-4.15pm	Table Tennis Y3/4 (lunchtime) Premier Education Dodgeball Rec- Y6 3.15-4.15pm GoShin Karate Club Y3-Y6 After School Club 3.30-4.30pm	Stevenage Royals Basketball Y1 - Y6 After School Club	Stay Active (lunchtime) Rec - Y2 SFC Football Rec- Y2 After School SFC Football Y3- Y6 After School Premier Education Tennis Rec-Y6 After School Girls Football Training Mr Allen Y5/6 After School	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec - Y6 AM Club SFC Multi-Sports - Rec - Y2 Lunchtime 12.30-1pm) Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 - Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club (lunchtime) 12.30pm