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Ashmole Newsletter



AUTUMN 2015—ISSUE 1 FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Attendance

02/09/15 - 10/09/15

R	-	98.7%
Y1	-	96.1%
Y2	-	94.2%
Y3	-	93.1%
Y4	-	94.9%
Y5	-	92.6%
Y6	-	97.7%

Stars of the Week

04/09/15

N	-	Keniyah & Theo
R	-	Arun & Michael
Y1	-	Athena & Clayton
Y2	-	Oscar & Shania
Y3	-	Amari & Beatrice
Y4	-	Innes & Rufus
Y5	-	Omarion & Sihan
Y6	-	Aaliyah & Joshua

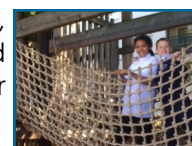
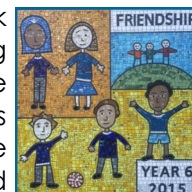
Stars of the Week

11/09/15

N	-	Jaiden & L'Mahri
R	-	Adrian L & Sian
Y1	-	Gabriella & Imran
Y2	-	Salma & Yahya
Y3	-	Bessie & Harris
Y4	-	Enoch & Jedidiah
Y5	-	Courey & Hary
Y6	-	Adanna & Ahmed

Welcome Back

Ashmole staff thoroughly enjoyed welcoming pupils back to school last week and it is great to see everyone looking so smart, well rested and ready for learning. Staff have asked for their thanks to be passed on for the kind words and gifts that they received from so many of you at the end of last year. The high level of interest, good nature and loyalty of Ashmole parents is much valued and we look forward to working in partnership with you again this year. A special welcome to parents and carers of pupils new to the school. We have enjoyed getting to know your children over the past two weeks and seeing so many of you at the start and end of the school day. As always, Ashmole pupils have settled down to their new routines and are enjoying learning in class and spending time with their friends in the playground.



Rights of the Child



We are delighted to be partnering with UNICEF this year as we apply for the 'Rights Respecting School Award'. Pupils will learn about different articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in assemblies each week and during classroom sessions. Pupils in key stage 2 will have discussions during their weekly 'circle group' sessions about their rights and responsibilities and how these relate to life at Ashmole. They will also explore ideas around social and emotional aspects of learning, community cohesion and sustainable development. We look forward to parents and carers being involved in the accreditation process later in the year.

PSA MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Ashmole PSA (Parents and Staff Association) will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 25th September between 9:00am and 10:00am in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers and find out how you can support other PSA events throughout the year.



Parents and carers are invited to donate cakes for the event which can be brought in to school on the day. You will be able to make a contribution for drinks and refreshments and all money raised will go to the MacMillan cancer charity.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday 25th. If you would like to make a donation to MacMillan but cannot attend the coffee morning, you can do so at the school office.

Term dates 2015-16

Autumn term 1:	Start	Finish
Autumn Half term break:	Wednesday 2 September	Friday 23 October *
Autumn term 2:	Monday 26 October	Friday 30 October
Christmas break:	Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December**
Spring term 1:	Monday 21 December	Friday 1 January
Spring Half term break:	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February *
Spring term 2:	Monday 15 February	Friday 19 February
Easter break:	Monday 22 February	Thursday 24 March**
Summer term 1:	Friday 25 March	Friday 8 April
Summer Half term break:	Monday 11 April	Friday 27 May *
Summer term 2:	Monday 30 May	Friday 3 June
	Monday 6 June	Friday 15 July**

* End of half term = usual finish time of **3.30pm** with EDC for those registered

** **End of full term = finish time of 2.00pm with NO EDC**

School CLOSED: Tuesday 1 September & Friday 16 October (staff INSET); Monday 2 May (Bank Holiday)

2 Week Planner

(items in blue open to parents/carers)

Mon 14/09	Tue 15/09	Wed 16/09	Thu 17/09	Fri 18/09
Year 5 to Vauxhall School for Mass Ensemble rehearsal (am)		Shakespeare workshop (8xYr 6) at Wyvil (3.30-5.00)	School photographer in for individual photos (and sibling groups from 3.30pm) Year 5 to Kia Oval (pm)	
Mon 21/09	Tue 22/09	Wed 23/09	Thu 24/09	Fri 25/09
Year 6 meeting re secondary transfer (5.00-5.30)		Shakespeare workshop (8xYr 6) at Wyvil (3.30-5.00)	Year 5 to Kia Oval (pm)	MacMillan coffee morning (PSA) 9-10am in the Hall

School Uniform



Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who have ensured that their children are wearing the correct uniform. Misplaced items can be easily returned if they have the child's name on (check that it is visible after washing). Please note that sweatshirts and cardigans must be navy blue.

Pupils' Birthdays

During our Friday assemblies, we acknowledge pupils' birthdays and they receive an Ashmole Birthday Certificate. Do not feel obliged to bring cakes in for your child's birthday but if you choose do so please ensure that there are enough for all of your child's classmates. They will be given out at the end of the day and must be either individual cakes or pre-cut and wrapped. This is so that they can be easily distributed at the end of the day. Staff cannot cut and wrap birthday cakes that are brought in to school.



Philosophy for Children

During our INSET day on September 1st, all Ashmole teachers trained to deliver Philosophy for Children (P4C) sessions. The P4C sessions involve the teacher facilitating a student-led discussion on a philosophical question. Extensive research studies have shown that P4C builds higher order thinking, questioning, speaking and listening skills. It creates respect for others, promotes engagement with learning and enhances educational development. Teachers will be continuing their training throughout the year and are using philosophical enquiry approaches in lessons across the curriculum.



Parking

Please avoid parking on the pavements outside the school gates to ensure that pupils (and parents with pushchairs) can stay safe during their walk to and from school. Thank you.



Violin Lessons

Violin lessons during and after school with London Music Masters begin next week. Please contact Ms Sewell in the school office if you have any questions about lesson times.