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# Ashmole Newsletter



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## Autumn Term Attendance

02/09/15 - 15/12/15

R	-	93.9%
Y1	-	96.1%
Y2	-	96.6%
Y3	-	96.4%
Y4	-	95.0%
Y5	-	95.2%
Y6	-	97.0%

Target = 96.9%

## Reading Champions

Congratulations to pupils who have achieved ten or more 100% Accelerated Reader quizzes this term

### 1st Certificate

- Y3 - Montana, Beatrice, Hangyul, Dominique, Leo Safiya, Bessie, George & Lucia
- Y4 - Elaisha, Sophie, Poppy, Innes, Adam & Adeleke
- Y5 - Sihan, Lazuli, Yusra & Nwike
- Y6 - Sakariya & Rashaan

### 2nd Certificate

- Y3 - Adam
- Y6 - Ahmed, Adanna, Ramona & Albi

## Pen License Awards

Congratulations to pupils who have demonstrated high standards of writing in all their work using cursive script

- Y3 - Oscar & Bessie
- Y4 - Enoch, Nathaniel, Harry, Innes, Adam, Megan, Alissa & Ayesha
- Y6 - Sumayah, Romy, Bille & Rajan

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff team I would like to thank you for your support over the past twelve months. The level of interest, good nature and commitment to supporting the work of the school from Ashmole families is much appreciated.

This year, we have increased the number of events where parents have shared in their children's work through performances, art galleries, displays of work, food tasting events or sports days. We will continue to offer similar events next year so that you can be more involved in your child's experiences at Ashmole. Our curriculum information events including the new Maths café sessions have been well attended and there will be further sessions in the Spring Term

Ashmole PSA events have been well supported by the whole school community. Parents with older children and those with children new to the school have enjoyed the chance to socialise with each other whilst raising money for the school fund. This year, the funds have been spent to provide every child an experience of seeing a high quality performance at The Unicorn Theatre and to create the British Wildlife mural at the Hanover Gardens entrance. We have also raised money for a variety of charities this year including Macmillan, Comic Relief, Trinity Hospice and Health Poverty Action.

The UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) has been a focus for the whole school this term. There are weekly RRSA assemblies, a pupil, staff and governor steering committee has been established and weekly pupil led circle group sessions in key stages 1 and 2 focus on this important topic. Our ongoing work towards becoming an accredited RRSA school will embed children's rights in our school culture, improve well-being and contribute to the development of every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

All teachers participated in ten hours of professional development this term to deliver Philosophy for Children (P4C) lessons as part of the curriculum at Ashmole. P4C has provided additional opportunities to develop pupils' critical thinking and higher order cognitive skills and pupils have responded well to teacher led sessions.

We will be providing more after school extra curricular activities later in the spring term. These clubs will be run by coaches and artists and there will be a termly cost to sign children up to participate. If, after a trial period, demand is high we will look to increase the number of after school clubs for more pupils.

You will have received a copy of The Ashmole Argus today. This pupil produced newspaper is always well received and is a chance to see how proud our pupils are of their school. Their pride is matched by my own in the consistently positive attitude and behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils. At Ashmole we regularly acknowledge, praise and reward pupils who help to make our school a place where everyone can focus on their learning. I am often struck by the considerate, respectful and caring nature of our pupils; they are a credit to the school and to their families.

Teachers have provided information so that pupils can research the topics they will be studying next term. The homework is optional during this holiday because socialising with family and friends, playing games together and having time to relax during the holidays is so important. We look forward to seeing pupils refreshed and ready to learn in January.

It has been a pleasure to work as the Head of Ashmole School this year and a privilege to work with your children. I look forward to a successful year for our school in 2016 and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Hickman  
Head of School

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Ashmole.

School closes at 2:00pm on Friday 18th December and reopens on Monday 4th January at 9:00am.

## Term dates 2015-16

	Start	Finish
<b>Spring term 1:</b>	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February *
<b>Spring Half term break:</b>	<b>Monday 15 February</b>	<b>Friday 19 February</b>
<b>Spring term 2:</b>	Monday 22 February	Thursday 24 March**
<b>Easter break:</b>	<b>Friday 25 March</b>	<b>Friday 8 April</b>
<b>Summer term 1:</b>	Monday 11 April	Friday 27 May *
<b>Summer Half term break:</b>	<b>Monday 30 May</b>	<b>Friday 3 June</b>
<b>Summer term 2:</b>	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) & Thursday 5 May (GLA Polling)**

## 2 Week Planner

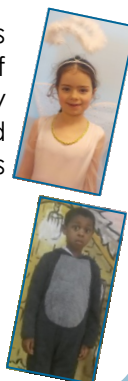
(items in blue open to parents/carers)

Mon 04/01	Tue 05/01	Wed 06/01	Thu 07/01	Fri 08/01
Start of new term	Quiz club qualifier round (KS2) 1.30		Swimming resumes for Year 4 <b>'Maths in the Early Years' meeting for parents 3:40—4:10</b>	
11/01	12/01	13/01	14/01	15/01
Yr 6 to IntoUniversity	Yr 6 to IntoUniversity	Yr 6 to IntoUniversity <b>Maths café (parent/carers of Yr5&amp;6) 9.10-10.00</b>	Yr 6 to IntoUniversity	Yr 6 to IntoUniversity

### Nativity Performance



Over 100 pupils singing Christmas songs dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men and an assortment of animals can only mean a primary school nativity performance! Ashmole staff and pupils worked incredibly hard this term to learn lines, practise songs and dances and we all enjoyed watching the performances on Thursday 17th December. Well done to the staff team for supporting so many pupils to enjoy the experience and thank you to families for your support.



### Christmas Lunch



Almost 200 Christmas meals were served at Ashmole on Wednesday 16th December. Children had an extended lunch time with their friends and enjoyed music, crackers, jokes and hats along with their turkey with all the trimmings!

### Good To Be Green Disco

We were delighted that so many Ashmole children met the challenge of staying green every day this half term which meant that they received an invite to our first 'Good To be Green Disco'. Acknowledging and praising our pupils who demonstrate positive behaviour for learning every day is as important as providing support for pupils who need it to make the right choices. All Ashmole pupils have 'stayed green' for a whole week at least once this half term and over three quarters of pupils have 'stayed green' every day this half term.



### Thank You...

...very much for the very generous gifts and cards given to Ashmole staff from families and pupils.