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Ashley Junior School NEWSLETTER

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Inset Days

Monday 2nd November
Monday 4th January
Monday 22nd February
Monday 7th June

October Dates

14th October	Harvest Festival Assembly Y3&4
16th October	Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card
21st October	Earhart Trip - New Forest Heritage Centre
26th-30th October	Half Term

Please see back page for a full list of diary dates.

Letters Home

All letters sent home are available on the school website https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=71

Local Look Out

Please see below for details of activities, events, information, and support available in our local area.
Further information, can be found on the school website https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Local+Look%2DOut&pid=105

Wraparound Care Survey Update

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our Wraparound Care Survey. The survey is now closed, and we are currently reviewing the responses to help us better understand the needs and views of our families. We will be in touch shortly with a further update and information on the next steps.

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Message from Mrs Bartolomeo - Staff news

With the permission of his dear family, it with a very heavy heart that I am writing to let you know that Mr Millward, one of our treasured LSAs who retired through ill health last term, passed away last Saturday morning.

Mr Millward was a gentle, kind-hearted soul, and he loved working with the children, who he cared about very much, and the team at AJS. His quick wit, caring nature and courageous attitude towards life will be very much missed by us all.

I am sure that the AJS community will join with me in offering our deepest condolences to his family at this most difficult of times.



Safeguarding: School Invacuation - Lockdown

This week, we practised our school's Lockdown Procedures to ensure that all children and staff are familiar with what to do should a lockdown situation ever arise.
The children were calm, sensible and followed instructions carefully throughout the practice remaining quiet and stayed safely in their designated areas.
Regular practice of our emergency procedures is an important part of keeping our school community safe. These practices help children and staff feel prepared and confident about how to respond appropriately in an emergency.

School Raffle Success: Mural Funding Secured!

We are thrilled to announce that our recent school raffle was a fantastic success, raising a grand total of £979 and brining in an incredible profit of £881.10!

These vital funds mean we have officially raised enough money to begin creating our school mural. A massive, heartfelt thank you goes to the wonderful Mrs Edwards who worked tirelessly to track down such amazing prizes, as well as to all the local businesses and companies that so generously contributed. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive and dedicated school community.

Watch this space for more updates as the mural gets underway!
Don't forget to collect your prizes, from the office, if you haven't already.

Year 6 Bikeability

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability training, developing their cycling skills, confidence and road safety awareness.
Sessions were provided for both riders and non-riders, giving children the opportunity to build their confidence and practise riding safely on the playground and roads.
Bikeability helps children develop independence, decision-making and confidence, as well as important skills for staying safe.
Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for their enthusiasm and positive attitude. We are very proud of you!

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Harvest Festival



Crochet Club



Eco Team Danes Park Visit

Today, a group of AJS Eco Team members were delighted to be invited by Pennyfarthing Homes to visit their Danes Park development in New Milton to help plant a wildflower meadow. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to make a positive contribution to our local community while learning about the important role wildflower meadows play in supporting biodiversity and providing habitats for wildlife. A big thank you to Pennyfarthing Homes for this valuable and enjoyable experience!

Working together

If you have any concerns or queries (admin, pastoral or learning), please come and speak to us. The school office will ensure the most appropriate member of staff is informed. We are always happy to listen, help and work together to support our children.

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National Poetry Day



Last Thursday, children across the school celebrated National Poetry Day. Inspired by the poem Citizen Science and the Climate Detectives, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdtD4eBufy8 listen to the poem here). Our children turned into climate detectives, reimagining our school grounds as a sustainable, wild sanctuary. Below are some of the creative ideas from across the school.



Our School of the Future: Imagine a Greener Tomorrow

Inviting the Wilderness Back

- "Beautiful flowers will dance with the bees and the butterflies,"
- "A football pitch with bird nests in the trees so the birds can watch us play."



Beating the Heat & Finding Calm

- "Tall trees to create a shady shelter where oxygen circles,"
- "When it gets really hot, cooling ourselves down with the sprinklers, the fountains."



Sustainable Learning & Action

- "Outdoor classrooms will save energy and create an environment of happiness and wonder,"
- "The Eco Team keeping our school grounds, healthy and alive"

Earhart Poetry





The children in Earhart explored a wonderfully wicked poem, "The Lion" by Roald Dahl. Taken from his famous book Dirty Beasts, this humorous poem follows a narrator trying to tempt a lion out of its lair with everything from curried beef to a big plump hen-only to find out that the lion's favourite meal is actually the reader! https://mylibrarycardworeout.com/2018/05/the-lion-by-roald-dahl/

Click here to read the poem.

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Online Safety Newsletter

Please click the link below for our latest edition of Online Safety Newsletter
https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67



Social Media

Stay Connected with Our School Community
We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with the latest school news, celebrate our pupils' achievements and keep informed about upcoming events and activities. By engaging with us online, you can stay connected and be part of our vibrant school community.

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Full List Of Diary Dates 26/27

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SCHOOL HOLIDAY

October	Walktober
14th October	Year 3 / 4 Harvest Festival
16th October	Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card
21st October	Earhart Trip - New Forest Heritage Centre
26th-30th October	October Half Term
2nd November	Inset Day
6th November	Year 6 Visit Science Zone UK
10th November	Year 5 Remembrance Service
13th November	Children in Need
16th November	Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying week
27th November	Sparkle & Shine Day (Details to follow)
8th December	Poetry Performance Upper School Y5&6 (Details to follow)
10th December	Poetry Performance Lower School Y3&4 (Detaisl to follow)
14th December	Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church
16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	Christmas Craft Fair
21st December-1st January	Christmas Holidays
4th January	Inset Day
15th-19th February	Half Term
22nd February	Inset Day
10-12th March	Year 5 Osmington Bay Residential
26th March	Good Friday
29th March	Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)
30th March-9thApril	Easter Holiday
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May	Bank Holiday
1st-4th June	Half Term
7th June	Inset Day
22nd July –31st August	Summer Holidays