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"Inspiring minds to foster confidence"

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Newsletter

2024/2025 Autumn Term 1

What a fabulous start to the year it has been here at Ashby Hastings! A big welcome to our new starters in EYFS who have settled in wonderfully – we couldn't imagine school without them. It is great to see all of our children relishing new learning, socialising with their friends and enjoying life at Ashby Hastings. They continue to make us proud.

A big thank you to all parents who attended our recent Phonics / Reading Information Evening. We hope you found the evening useful. For those who could not attend, the information has been sent to you through Weduc.

Our PTA held another wonderful event with last week's Bonkers Bingo. As well as being an entertaining evening, a fabulous £516.88 was raised for the school. I would like to say thank you to all involved in helping to make this event such a success. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events – lots more are coming your way!

A big thank you to Mrs Ingram and Mrs Wileman who will be leaving us this half term. Mrs Ingram and Mrs Wileman have been fabulous members of our lunchtime team and will be greatly missed.

Thank you all for your continued support. I wish you all a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Monday 28th October**.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mckeown
Headteacher

Baby News!

I am delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Amour is the proud new mum of baby Freddie. I am sure you will join us in sharing our congratulations to Mrs Amour and her family. We wish her lots of happiness at this wonderful time and look forward to baby cuddles!

Ashby Hastings Pupil job Centre

We were delighted to open Ashby Hastings Job Centre again this year for pupils in Class 1, 2 and 3.

Congratulations to all of our successful candidates who took part in the application process, which included an interview during a lunchtime! There were lots of different roles up for grabs, and the children can't wait to start carrying out their new school roles after half term.

There were many jobs on offer ranging from Classroom Greeter to Lunchtime Assistant to Friendship Buddy.



Scooters and bikes

It is fantastic to see so many children coming to school on bikes and scooters. Please can we remind everyone that bikes and scooters are to be pushed, not ridden in the school grounds. This is to make sure everyone is safe.

Thank you

Amazing Pupil Results in 2024

We are delighted to share that both our EYFS and Year 1 Phonics data were significantly above national average.

We are very proud of each and every one of our pupils.

Our Harvest Festival

This week we celebrated our Harvest Festival in school. The children amazed us with their fabulous singing. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came to watch and a big thank you for all of the food that you donated - Ashby Food Bank confirmed that there was 113.25kgs of food in total, which is brilliant.



EYFS

The children have settled into life at school brilliantly! They have already shown us their confidence and kindness when they play together.

This term, we have been finding out about how we have changed since being a baby. We loved meeting a real baby and asked his mum lots of questions. We have also been exploring ourselves and our senses. We celebrated Harvest as a class, singing songs and making 'repeating pattern' fruit kebabs to eat too.



Class 1

Class 1 have been learning all about themselves and their families. We have discussed how all families are different and how this makes each one of us special. We have explored how we have changed from a baby and how our toys have also changed over time.

In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction and exploring numbers to 10; we are now more than ready to explore some bigger numbers! We have been exploring the use of line and texture in Art, and in Music, we have been focusing on the pulse and chanting the 'I see aliens' song whilst clapping the pulse – which was very tricky!

It has been a super half term and the children have all settled in brilliantly!

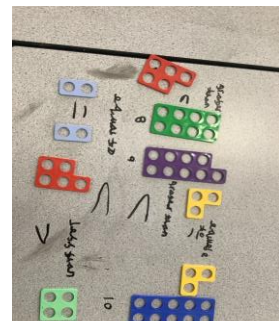
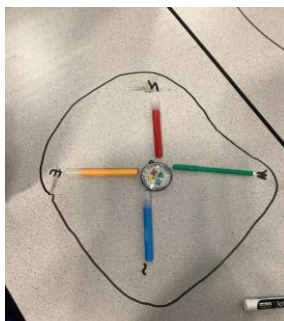


Class 2

What a great start to Class 2! In English, we have been describing characters from the books we have been reading, and in Maths we have been learning how to complete column addition. We have really enjoyed completing work on our tables!

We especially enjoyed going into the forest area, and have been busy planting bulbs ready for spring. In Science, we have been learning about plants and we undertook an investigation to explore what plants need to survive.

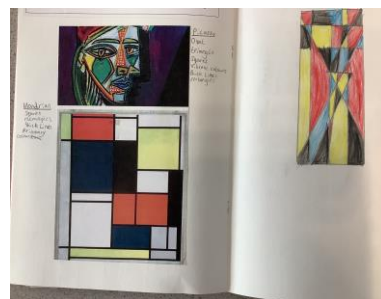
In Geography, we have focused upon map skills and enjoyed looking at our school from an aerial view - we now know this can also be called a 'bird's eye view'. Everyone also had a great time at the Multi-Sports Festival. Well done Class 2!



Class 3

Class 3 have settled really well into KS2, and we have welcomed lots of lovely new faces too. We enjoyed practising for the Harvest Festival, especially bringing lots of the grown-ups to tears with our beautiful rendition of 'Seeds of Friendship'.

In History, we have been investigating daily life in the Stone Age. We looked at how life has changed for various civilisations from the Paleolithic Stone age to the Iron Age. In English we have created freeze-frames to infer the character Om's feelings in "Stone Age Boy". We also wrote about waking up one day in the Stone Age and how we would feel about that – we decided that life is probably a lot easier nowadays with some of our modern comforts! In Art we explored cubism and created our own self-portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso. Class three definitely deserve a good rest!



Upcoming Diary Dates

5th November – Parents' Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 7:30pm

6th November – Parents' Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 6:00pm

11th – 15th November – Anti-Bullying Week: "Choose Respect"

12th November – Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

15th November – Children in Need

10th December – Christmas Service at Holy Trinity (**Class 3 only**) – **6:00pm start**

11th December – EYFS Christmas Performance – **2pm start**

12th December – Class 1 and Class 2 Christmas Performance – **1.45pm start**

13th December – Santa Fun Run and Christmas Jumper Day (Whole School)

18th December – Christmas Lunch – (**Whole School**)

19th December – Christmas Decorations Morning – (**Whole school**) - **9am - 10:15am**

20th December – Last day of term