

# NEWSLETTER



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# Article 28

Every child has the right to an education

#### Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week saw us welcome Matt Osbourne from the Local Authority. Mr Osbourne is our School Improvement Officer and took the opportunity to look around school and speak with children and staff.

The visit was very positive. He was particularly impressed with the positive atmosphere and the relationship between children and staff.

Our Home and School Association AGM was well attended this week. Thank you to everyone that came and those who accepted officer roles.

Dates for the Monster Mash (26th October) and the Christmas Fayre (7th December) were confirmed. More details for these events will be sent out soon.

Donations from the HSA were given to our Wednesday Toddler group to buy craft materials, to OSCA for 2 DVD players & to School for lunchtime activities.

Finally, we are now accepting donations for the Harvest Festival. These items will be passed to the Black Country Foodbank on your behalf.

Thank you.

# Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations: W/C 2/10/23

#### **Key Stage One**

RR Foxes Isaac M
RT Hedgehogs Reuben P
1/2B Squirrels Jenson B
1/2D Moles Henry R-W
2W Badgers Rebecca L

# **Key Stage Two**

3/4B Elder Harry C
3/4R Oak Alfie W
4D Chestnut Clara M
5E Beech Madison G
5/6H Holly Lexi H
6RB Rowan Elwin J

### Parent & Child Questionnaires

We recently conducted parent and children questionnaires and would like to share some of the comments we received about our school.

**Children KS1** Overwhelmingly positive across the board. (One child said it was too noisy in the classrooms!)

**KS2** Again overwhelmingly positive. One child said they didn't feel safe because they don't like spiders.

11 responses further up the school had some negative comments.

One child in year 5 said "I'd rather stay at home and play video games" "I feel safe at school but I don't feel safe at home"

Some lovely positive comments were: "School is my safe place. It makes me happy." When asked if you were worried who would you approach? "Every grown up because they are all so kind" "Thanks for making me feel safe, loved and happy"

Parents (167 returns)

Comments "I am happy my child got to enrol at AP. She has loved every minute" "My child is doing brilliant at school. I'm happy with his progress" "very happy with the school. So much so we are staying and not changing schools even though we are moving house" "great school- the teachers are fab!" "Very happy with the school as a whole" "My son is very happy at AP and so are we as parents" "I can approach the school and my comments are taken on board" "My child looks forward to going to school" "KS1 is amazing throughout" "OSCA is great the children are happy" "My child is happy at AP, which I believe is due to the nurturing environment and staff" "AP is a fantastic school" " The school is fantastic with brilliant staff" "My child is thriving at AP" "My 3 children went to AP and they are all doing well because of the strong foundation they received at AP" "Gemma in the kitchen has been very helpful with the menus for allergy diet" "Since my child moved from previous school they have been welcomed amazingly.

Thank you to everyone for their feedback & comments.

#### Menu

WC <u>9/10/23 (Week 3)</u>

#### Monday

Fish fingers
Vegetarian Meatballs in tomato sauce
Potato wedges, pasta, sweetcorn
&peas
Iced sprinkle sponge.

#### Tuesday

Sausage & Gravy
Vegetable Fingers
Salmon Bites
Mashed potatoes, broccoli & mixed
vegetables.
Melting moments & custard.

#### Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal chicken
Quorn chicken fillet
Fish goujons
Baby boiled potatoes, carrots & peas.
Apple & shortcake & custard.

#### Thursday

All day brunch
Veggie all day brunch
Cod bites
Hash browns , baked beans & country
vegetables.
Marble cake & custard.

#### Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Battered fish
Chipped potatoes, spaghetti hoops &
sweetcorn.
Fruit & ice cream.

#### **Available Every Day**

Grab bags which contain a sandwich either cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Salad bag. One from a cake, biscuit or yoghurt. Fresh fruit. Water
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.
Fruit jelly, yoghurt

All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.

#### **EYFS News**

The children in Reception really enjoyed their first trip to Forest School and they managed to forage a lot of conkers! We will aim to go each Friday. This week, we made cupcakes. The children used pre reading skills to read a simple recipe and maths language to measure quantities! They looked delicious!

# KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One Art we have been creating pictures using different types of lines. We have used the work of an artist called Bridget Riley to inspire our ideas.

The children have also enjoyed finding out about their favourite toys from the past in History! Please talk to them at home about your favourite toys as a child. Next week we will be creating a whole class pictures using a range of different media!

#### **KS1 Maths**

Download the 1-minute maths app to support your child with their fluency and recall of maths

facts!



# **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 20th October Flu Vaccinations Rec - Yr6

Thursday 26th October

**HSA Monster Mash** (details to follow)

Friday 27th October

Break up for Half Term @ 3.15pm

Monday 6th November

Return to school @ 8.45am

School photographs

Tuesday 14th November Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November Parents Evening

Thursday 7th December Christmas Fayre

#### **RBD News**

The children have had yet another fabulous week - they are all working so hard and learning and applying new skills. Well done! It has been so lovely to see the children welcoming new members to the RBD and making respectful friendships. Well done to William who started this week - he has worked so hard with his English and Maths work this week and getting used to the school routines.

On Monday next week Years 5 and 6 RBD children are going to Braidwood School for the Deaf for a craft inclusion morning. We are really looking forward to meeting new friends and trying different challenges.

Well done to Ruzena for excellent effort in all aspects of her learning and trying really hard to remember new information and apply this to different contexts.

#### Signed Video:

As next week is dedicated to good mental health and wellbeing, we have filmed a sign version of the story 'The Colour Monster'. Please follow the link below or look on the Ashwood RBD YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=BzoiDkcFK1M





Colour

Monster

# **Calling Ashwood Scientists** Science Competition

To celebrate World Space Week, Mrs Bunn shared lots of amazing space facts in assembly on Thursday. The children were really interested and asked lots of thought-provoking questions. Mrs Bunn has set some competitions and is really looking forward to seeing the entries!

Reception children - astronaut colouring competition

KS1 and KS2 - Research one of the following astronauts:

Valentina Tereshkova **Neil Armstrong** Tim Peake Mae Jemison



Entries can be presented as a fact file, poster or as creatively as possible!

Deadline - Friday 20th October

## **KS2 News**

This week has been World Space Week. Mrs Bunn led an exciting assembly on Thursday to raise awareness of this fascinating topic area. Children are often very interested in space. If you would like to support them to explore, take a look at the World Space Week https:// website www.worldspaceweek.org/.

In other lessons, Year 6 have been polishing their formal calculation strategies for multiplication, Year 5 have been learning about Roman Numerals, Year 4 have been completing formal addition and Year 3 have been using their Place Value knowledge to compare numbers. Login t o https:// mathsframe.co.uk/ and search for what your child's year group have been learning about to complete activities at home.

#### KS2 maths

Please note that the way we organise our maths lessons will change next week. Your child may be taught by a different teacher in their phase of the school.

# \*\*\*\* TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

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# **FLU VACCINATION CONSENT** Friday 20th October

The online consent form must be completed by 14th October.

To date—only 201 replies received.



We are very proud to announce that Ashwood Park have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark.

"The reviewers have been very impressed by the high quality of the submissions we have received "