



Sports Days / School Events

Please remember that if you, or members of your family, take photographs or video recordings at a school event, these must be kept for family use only and not be uploaded to social media.

Thank you for your support in helping us to adhere to GDPR regulations.

John Muir Conserve Day

"We had another amazing day of John Muir and it was called Conservation Day. In the morning we did litter picking, took old tree guards off, drew maps and walked around the Church Lamas site. We ate lunch in the mini bus as it was raining.



After lunch we did a worm survey, we dug a hole in 2 different habitats and looked for worms, then we put some mustard water in it to see if any worms came to the top, next we put some vinegar into some soil to see if it fizzed, this would tell us the soil type. We had to see what type of worms they were."

Safeguarding Hotspot

YouTube videos and safety

Hello, my name is George and I am the IT Engineer at Ashford Park Primary school. Recently, I was called into Mrs Tarrant's office as a group of young children were talking to her about the resurgence in videos on YouTube, of content that the children

were finding scary or disturbing, when they were watching YouTube at home.

We felt it would be a good idea to inform parents of these videos and give some background into them. You may have heard the names Momo and IC9, and how video producers are 'cutting up' normal videos and inserting snippets of scary content into them.

At school, to prevent this, we have filtering in place and I have created a user specifically with an age limit to avoid this as much as possible, which means that at school we have the benefit of not allowing any inappropriate adverts to pop up.

Please be reassured that these videos have not hacked into your home computer, even though it may look like that! ALL requests from within these videos should be ignored and your children told not to listen to them, immediately telling you if they get a pop up. None of it is real and although unsettling the Momo image was actually a harmless sculpture created by a Japanese artist to show that there is beauty even in the most

unexpected places. The image of his sculpture unfortunately got taken over by hackers and they have used it for scaring children.

I would like to reiterate that they have not hacked your devices and should be totally ignored, that is the only way these things go away, by losing the power of fear and control. Please ensure that you have adequate antivirus and spyware protection at home and keep an eye on what your children are clicking on. YouTube themselves have now demonetised any content that gets flagged as containing these splices in them, but it is down to everybody to flag these videos in order to stop them.

Thank you for helping us to safeguard your children.

School Games GOLD Award

We are truly DELIGHTED and EXCEPTIONALLY PROUD, to inform our school community, that we have once again been awarded the School Games GOLD Award, in recognition of the quality of sports provision provided at APPS. We send our thanks to the staff and parents / carers involved, who frequently donate their own time to enable such a variety of sports activities to take

place AND of course, to our fantastically talented CHILDREN, who are true sporting SUPERSTARS!

District Sports



Last Thursday afternoon we took 45 children to District Sports, which this year, was held at the Walton Exel Athletics Track. We cannot tell you how proud the adults were to see all the children giving 110%. They all trained really hard with early morning starts for the week leading up to the event. Each child played a very important role in representing our school. Team spirit was very high as their cheers for teammates echoed through the viewing stand. The sportsmanship they showed to the other schools was very commendable too. We came 3rd overall out of the 6 schools attending and came away with lots of medals for first place! Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to the adults that came to help keep them safe.

Cricket

Last Wednesday afternoon we took 8 Year 5 boys to a cricket tournament at Ashford Cricket Club. The boys played very well.



We competed against 3 other schools. We lost our first match to Springfield by only 1 run! The next 2 matches against St Jude's and Chennestone we won. It was a very close competition and could have been anyone's title. We came 1st on runs only! A huge well done and thank you to Pratham D, Satyam P, Harry M, Dylan B, Jake K, Connor M, Freddie M and Aiden B. Our Winning Team!

Out of school achievements



Well done to Eesa K, Lugman K, Inaaya K and Dean K for taking part in the Judo Club Competition.



We have started a new year with the Living Streets WOW Scheme. The children can earn a new badge each month by coming to school in a healthy way. In June the children of Ashford Park Primary School earned 288 badges and were able to see how they did using the Travel Tracker.



This month's top 5 winners are:

- 1st Badger
- 2nd Kingfisher
- 3rd Fox
- 4th Squirrel and Robin
- 5th Heron

The children need to arrive in school once a week in a healthy way and log this information in class to earn themselves a badge. Come on children we can beat that during July and earn a new badge! Let's make the difference in 2019!

Achievement

Interesting word of the week: Synecdoche

- The use of a word or phrase, when a part of something is used in order to refer to the whole of it, or the whole to refer to a part.

Spelling Shed

Top class - Deer

Top spellers:

Amelia - Deer

Emily - Deer

Chloe B - Heron

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95.1%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Squirrel Class with 99.7%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Osprey Class with 96.9%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2018/19

The planned INSET Days so far are as follows:

24th July 2019

INSET Days 2019/20

4th September 2019

14th February 2020

20th, 21st & 22nd July 2020

July

5th – Rec to Year 4 Sports Day, Fire & Water - gates open at 9.15am for a 9.30am start. Air & Earth - gates open at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start

8th – 12th Year 6 Bikeability Training

8th – New EYFS Induction & Story Time Dormouse 1.30pm

9th – New EYFS Induction & Story Time Otter 1.30pm

9th – Induction Meeting for new EYFS parents / carers at 6.00pm

10th – New EYFS Induction & Story Time Rabbit 1.30pm

10th – Year 1 Rio Carnival, outdoor learning area at 2.30pm

10th – PTA Leavers Disco at 6.30pm

11th - EYFS Assembly in the hall at 9.00am

12th – Reserve Sports Day

12th – MUFTI Day in aid of Year 6 Fete – donations of jelly sweets appreciated

16th – Year 6 Fete 1.00pm – 3.00pm, children only

18th – Year 6 Leavers Play at 1.30pm and 5.00pm

19th – Year 1 trip to the Natural History Museum

22nd – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day, gates open at 9.00am. 9.15am start – 11.40am

23rd – Children break up for Summer at 2.00pm

24th – INSET Day

September

4th – INSET Day