



# The Ashbeach News

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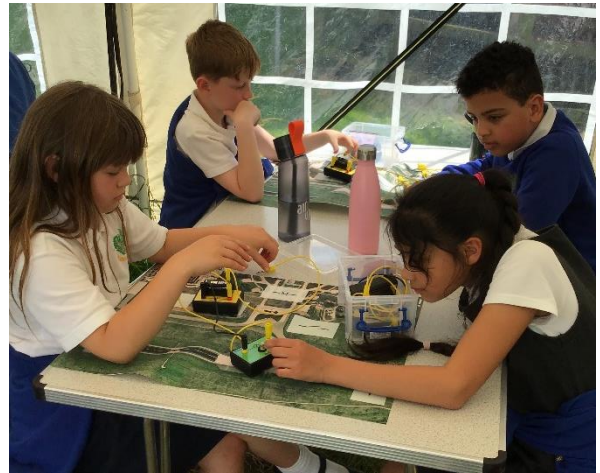


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last month, the children in classes 1 – 6 enjoyed their trip to Ramsey Museum where they enjoyed using practical resources to learn about various scientific phenomena. We are very grateful for Cambridge Science Museum for funding the coaches for this visit.



This month the children have also enjoyed the Greek Day where they learned lots about the Ancient Greeks, tasted some traditional food and made Greek vases. I thank you for the donation of £2 towards the food and for supporting the children to dress up and really become immersed in the day.



# The Kite Trust.

More recently, we have had a visit from The Kite Trust who have worked with key stage 2 on challenging gender stereotypes. They looked specifically at gender stereotypes in children's literature.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from Giacomo Querini – a Senior User Experience Researcher for Lego who completed lego building workshops with Dolphins and Bear class. We were also given a large donation of Lego for all the children to use.

I continue to be so grateful for the effort and support of parents in restoring the common. Following another Grounds morning, we are now able to use the common for lunch times and lessons. Thanks to the grant money that Friends of Ashbeach secured for us, we now have 6 lovely new picnic benches, the



story circle has been restored and the summer house is under construction. There are still plans to put in place but it is really beginning to take shape and be



an asset to the school again. What an amazing community effort.



A promotional advertisement for Barracudas holiday childcare. It features a group of children smiling, a smartphone displaying the website, and various text elements: "BOOK NOW! for great discounts!", "SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL DISCOUNT!", "USE CODE: SCHOOL20", "LOCAL CAMP AVAILABLE! Use code for an EXTRA £20 off your booking! \*Minimum of 2 dogs", "Visit barracudas.co.uk or call 01480 467 567", and "BARRACUDAS Holiday Camps". There are also logos for Trustpilot and Ofsted.



We are very sorry say that Mrs Cave will be leaving us in July. Mrs Cave has worked at the school for 10 years and has supported many children through their SATS and with their transition to their secondary school. She has decided that it is time for her to focus on other aspects of her life and will be retiring from teaching. We are very grateful for the dedication she has shown to Ashbeach and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Happily, we have been successful in recruiting Miss van der Gaag from September who will share a class with Mrs Goater. Miss van der Gaag may be known to some of you as she worked for many years at



Ramsey Junior School so she knows the area well. She is excited to join our happy team here at Ashbeach. The children who will be in Miss van der Gaag's class will have met her on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Children's reports have been sent out promptly just before the end of term and should now all be at home. We also welcome the summer reading challenge and encourage all children to participate.



A massive thank you to everyone for contributing to an amazing turn out on Sports Day. The marvellous

weather reflected the brightness of the children as they thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competition and gave it their all. As much as it's the taking part that counts, we want to congratulate the blue team on winning with 143 points. Well done!

Alongside Ashbeach Sports Day we partnered with a charity event in support of King's College Hospital where Theo Nicholls' (year 1) little brother Teddy had two major live-saving transplants. We supported the charity hosting games and activities after the picnic on Sports Day. We managed to raise an outstanding amount of £485.06. What an amazing contribution made from such a small school! We thank all of you kindly for the money donated and the enthusiasm shown towards the cause. Theo's family came back to the school to express their gratitude; "Wow! What an incredible TOTAL thank



**King's  
college  
hospital  
charity**

you so much to everyone that contributed to the Charity afternoon on Sport's Day. We honestly cannot

believe your generosity and are very grateful. As you know the Charity is very important to our family. All of your donations will go towards helping so many families and children like ours. The biggest thank you from Theo, Teddy Emma and Greg".

We would also like to send a massive school-wide thank you to Friends Of Ashbeach for last Fridays Ice Lolly sales which were much needed in the hot summer weather alongside the Sports Day refreshments and organising and operating the



outdoor school disco which couldn't have been done



children communication committee  
**fundraising** **ideas**  
**PTA school**  
 pupils staff parents **rewarding events** organisation **teachers**

without them .Furthermore, Year 6 send their friendliest thanks to Friends Of Ashbeach for their leavers gifts which included personalised pens and notebooks, preparing them for their next steps into secondary school!

**THANK YOU!**

Well done to the Years 5&6 for their perseverance in the Bushcraft Residential. They thoroughly enjoyed many exhilarating activities including; knife work, fire lighting, and den building. And to keep them going they delighted in burgers, spag bowl and a popular favourite, rocky road. All children coped well with the limited facilities (the poterloos) and a special kudos to Miss Mosley for her determination with said facilities! Many thanks to all children for maintaining such wonderful behaviour throughout

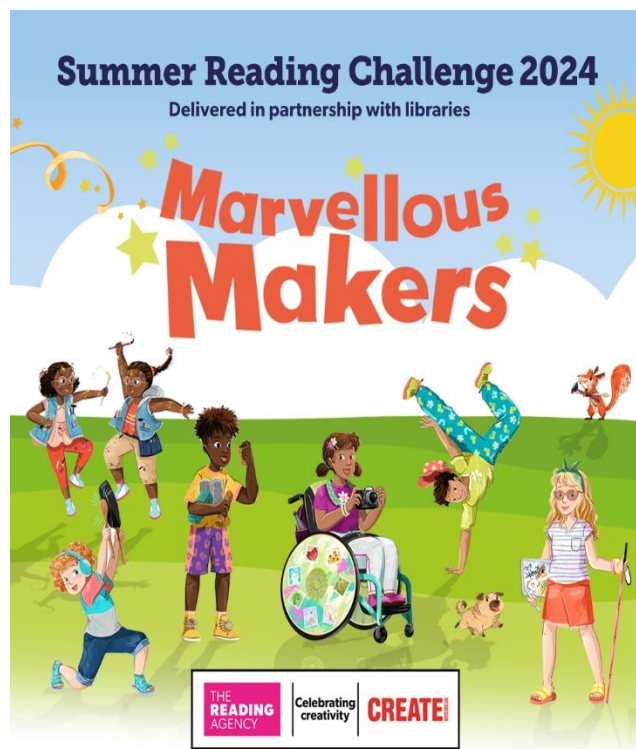


Last week those who attended the Ramey Carnival were told they were looking fantastic indulging in the Lion King theme. Their passion for the roles won them a well-deserved joint 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winning them £25.



What a fabulous summer performance of KS2's Production of "Troy Story". The children send a massive thank you to all staff members who were able to make the play possible and enjoyable. We also thank friends of Ashbeach for providing parents with the 50/50 bucket.

On Tuesday, the children learned about The Summer Reading Challenge which is being held at all local libraries. It is completely FREE. All you need to do is pop along to a library (you can sign up for a library card if you don't already have one) and sign up for the challenge. To get the medal and certificate at the end of the summer the children need to have read 6 books. These can be picture books, story books, fact books, comic books or an audio book- all are available at the library for FREE. It is really important that the children keep reading over the summer to avoid what is known as the 'summer dip'. The summer reading challenge is a great way to do this.



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On Wednesday, our year 6 leavers had a very special assembly to celebrate their achievements

and entertain us with their short play about 'escaping' school. As per the Ashbeach tradition, 3 trophies were awarded as well as the Rotary star shield.



We send our congratulations to all children as well including these award winners:

Musician of the Year – JoAnna

Outstanding Achievement award – Chloe

Sports person of the year – Isaac

Rotary Star Shield – Kelsey



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children and staff for their hard work this year. Our impressive Ofsted result was well deserved due to this hard work and they have continued to make improvements every day since!

Additionally, I have been so grateful for the community spirit shown by the parents and carers this year. You have helped us achieve so many things: renovating the common area; supporting us to send the children on trips; residential or visitors in school; raised money for charity; attended parents evenings, plays and open days; attending community events such as church visits and finally (but very importantly) encouraging your children to uphold the school rules and values. I like to think we are all a



team working together to provide the best for the children of Ashbeach School. Thank you so much.

Next year, we continue to strive make improvements to our school provision. We will be continuing of promote reading for pleasure and we will have a focus on handwriting and spelling. We will also be promoting pride in our school and ourselves and will be encouraging correct school uniform. Please look out for a letter outlining our expectations for this.

Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



## ASHBEACH SCHOOL VALUES

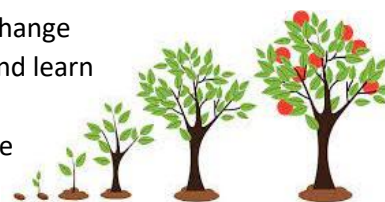
### HONESTY

- We have integrity
- We are truthful
- We are true to ourselves
- We ask for help when we need it



### EVOLVE

- We value change
- We grow and learn
- We mature
- We improve



### ASPIRE

- We challenge ourselves
- We aim to be the best we can possibly be
- We want to learn
- We push ourselves to improve



### RESILIENCE

- We have a growth mindset
- We learn from our 'mistakes'
- We keep trying
- We use our tools to help us 'get out of the pit'



### TEAM

- We work together
- We celebrate that we are all different
- We are one family
- We support each other and are kind to one another



**Diary Dates**

**2024**

	Summer holidays
17 Aug	FOA Summer Bingo at the Ramsey Community Centre
3 – 4 Sep	Teacher Training Days
05 Sep	Start of Autumn Term
16 Sep	Afterschool clubs start
25 - 03 Oct	Book fair
14 Oct	KAPLA Bricks Day
21 Oct	Individual Photos
28 Oct -01 Nov	Half Term Break
04 Nov	School term starts
25 Nov	Flu Vaccinations yr R - 6
16 Dec	Christingle Service
20 Dec	End of Term
06 Jan	Teacher Training Day
07 Jan	Start of Spring Term



# Teddy Bears' Picnic

**Tuesday 30th July  
10am to 12pm**

Grab your favourite teddy and come and join us for an interactive storytelling adventure – a bear hunt in the museum!

Make a pair of teddy ears and a plate of junk-modelled food for you and your bear, enjoy picnic toys and games in the garden, and find all the hidden tiny teddies to earn some stickers!

**£3.50 per child**  
Aimed at children aged 3 years and up, but everyone is welcome!

**Limited places - online booking essential**  
<https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



**THE NORRIS MUSEUM**  
Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

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## It's not Magic, it's Science!

### Ramsey Rural Museum

July 23rd - 24th	Magic Tricks
July 25th - 29th	Optical Illusions
July 30th - 31st	Maths Magic
Aug 1st - 2nd	Bubbles

Activities at 11am and 1:30pm  
Free to enter  
No need to book

**CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE**  
cambridgesciencecentre.org

**Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants**

Share your pics:

**Great Fen Summer Fun**  
At the Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve

**Wild in the Woods Day Camp**  
A day to explore the great outdoors without your adults! Packed full of activities, games and crafts. Swing from the trees, cook over the fire, design an epic den, go bug hunting, use hand tools and much more.  
**31st July, 14th and 28th August, 10am-3pm | £35/£40 per child age 7-12.**

**Family Picnic Day**  
Bring a picnic and get to know Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve. Pond dipping, sweep netting, games and crafts.  
**Saturday 3rd August, 10am - 3pm | £5/7.50 per child.**

**Creatures of the Night**  
A late night adventure to see how the reserve comes alive after dark. Use bat detectors to hear and identify local bats, set out a moth trap, listen for owls and go scouting for other nocturnal sights and sounds.  
**Saturday 31st August, 7.30-9.30pm | £6/9 per child.**

**Book online:**  
[wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events)

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