

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Fri 20th October

Key Stage 2 Isle Listen Workshop sessions

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October

Half-Term week

Mon 30th October

First dance sessions with Reception & Year 1

Tue 31st October & 7th November

Reception & Key Stage 1 Cricket coaching sessions

Wed 1st November

Manx Care Flu Vaccinations

Mon 6th - Fri 10th November

Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 8th November

Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament

Thu 23rd November

West Midlands Theatre Company - Sinbad

Fri 24th November

Year 6 Football Fixtures at The Buchan

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of the first half term. It's certainly been a busy one - full of excellent learning opportunities for all children and memorable experiences. I'd like to start by thanking you all for your engagement in our recent Teacher Meetings. I trust you found these meetings helpful in finding out how your child has settled in to the new academic year. Over the past seven weeks, it's been particularly pleasing to see our Reception children settle in so seamlessly to life at Ashley Hill, and I wish to credit our Year 6s for taking on so many responsibilities with such ease, supporting all children with role model behaviour.

Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

Our Year 6 classes have recently conducted elections to decide upon key roles in the school. I'd like to thank all children for their hard work in preparing speeches and congratulate the successful candidates. I'm pleased to announce the following:

School Ambassadors

Carla Conradie Lily Dyson
Zach Crellin Michelle Grosvenor

House Captains

Clypse
Archie Kaighin
Max Hunter

Howstrake
Sophia Henderson
Dan Fallon

Hague

Oliver Edwards
Sophia Browning

Keppel

Alfie Faragher
Amelia Potter

ICT Ambassadors

Nathan Corran
Penny Hegarty

Librarians

Amelia Potter Sophia Browning
Holly Gordon Isla Edwards

School Council

We've also been delighted to see so many children stand for election to our School Council. The School Council will begin their meetings after half term with Mrs Ashton & Mrs Clennell. The council members are as follows:

Year 1: Chloe & Jack
Year 2: Arlo & Roksolana
Year 3: Carter & Hollie
Year 4: Kai & Ayla

Year 5: Eliza & Sophie

Year 6: Zerina & Thea

Staffing change

We're sad to say farewell to Mrs Leo at the end of this half term. Mrs Leo has worked with us for ten years and has had a huge impact on the children and is a highly regarded member of staff. We wish her well as she looks forward to new challenges in the next part of her career and thank her for her years of service to Ashley Hill. Our Year 3 (RM) class will be taught by Mrs T. Smith on a Friday. Mrs Smith is well known to all the children at Ashley Hill, having taught on supply in most classes! She is looking forward to working with them!

Remembrance fundraiser

After half term our Year 6 children will be visiting each class to sell items to the children in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. From Monday 30th October, you are welcome to send in small amounts of cash (max. £2) to enable your child to purchase these items (including snap bands, bracelets and poppies). Please keep an eye out for more information after half term about the Remembrance events and services on the 11th and 12th November, where we anticipate some of our Year 6 will take part.

Youtube

It has come to our attention that a number of children in school are using inappropriate language and content derived from Youtube. Whilst the majority of what is disclosed is often used out of context, I am sure you'll join me in raising concerns about this. Youtube has many merits and I do not wish to suggest that it should be prohibited in its entirety, however I would invite all parents and carers to be mindful of supervising your child if they are on this application and placing age appropriate filters in the settings. For further information on how to set up these filters, please refer to the Safer Schools site, which includes a wealth of information on the safe use of applications, such as Youtube.

Jewellery

We have noticed a number of jewellery items being worn by children throughout the school. As our school uniform policy states, children may wear studded earrings (which should be removed for PE sessions, including school swimming) only. Children should not wear any necklaces or other forms of jewellery in school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.