

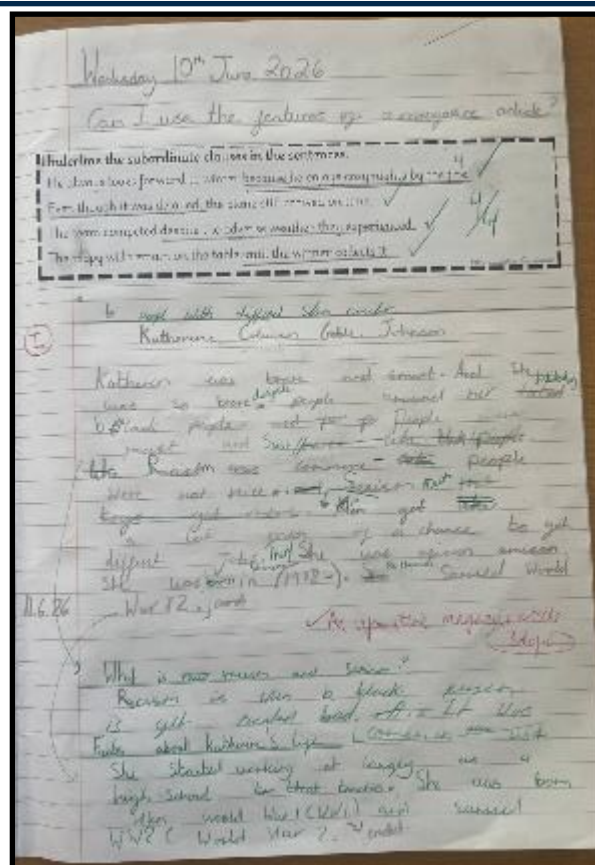
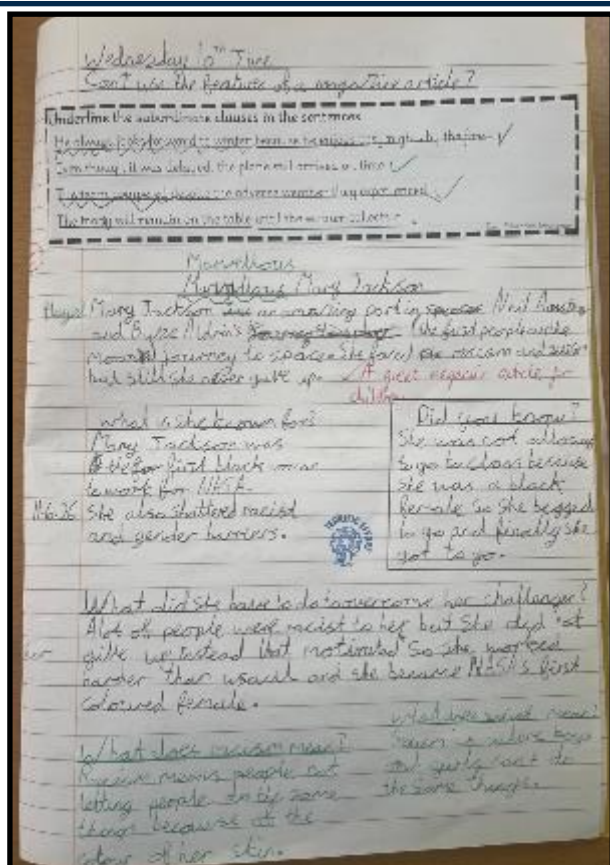
Magnificent Magazine Writers

This week's Stars of the Week certificates went to two of our exceptional Year 5 writers in Jupiter Class, and it is not hard to see why!

Both children were set the challenge of writing a magazine article using key features such as subheadings, fact boxes, "Did You Know?" sections and subordinate clauses – and they rose to it brilliantly. Their chosen subjects were two of NASA's most inspiring and trailblazing scientists: Mary Jackson and Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson, both of whom overcame extraordinary racial and gender barriers to make history.

The depth of understanding these children showed was remarkable. They wrote with empathy, confidence and real flair, weaving factual information together with thoughtful reflections on racism and sexism in a way that was both age-appropriate and genuinely moving. Their teachers were bowled over – and rightly so!

Both pieces earned glowing feedback, and we could not be prouder. This is exactly the kind of thoughtful, ambitious writing that makes Ashdon shine. Well done to you both – you are absolute stars!



Saturn's Celt Shields

This week, Saturn Class have been channelling their inner Celts – and the results are spectacular! As part of their history learning, our brilliant Saturn Class children designed and created their very own Celtic shields, each one completely unique and bursting with creativity and colour.

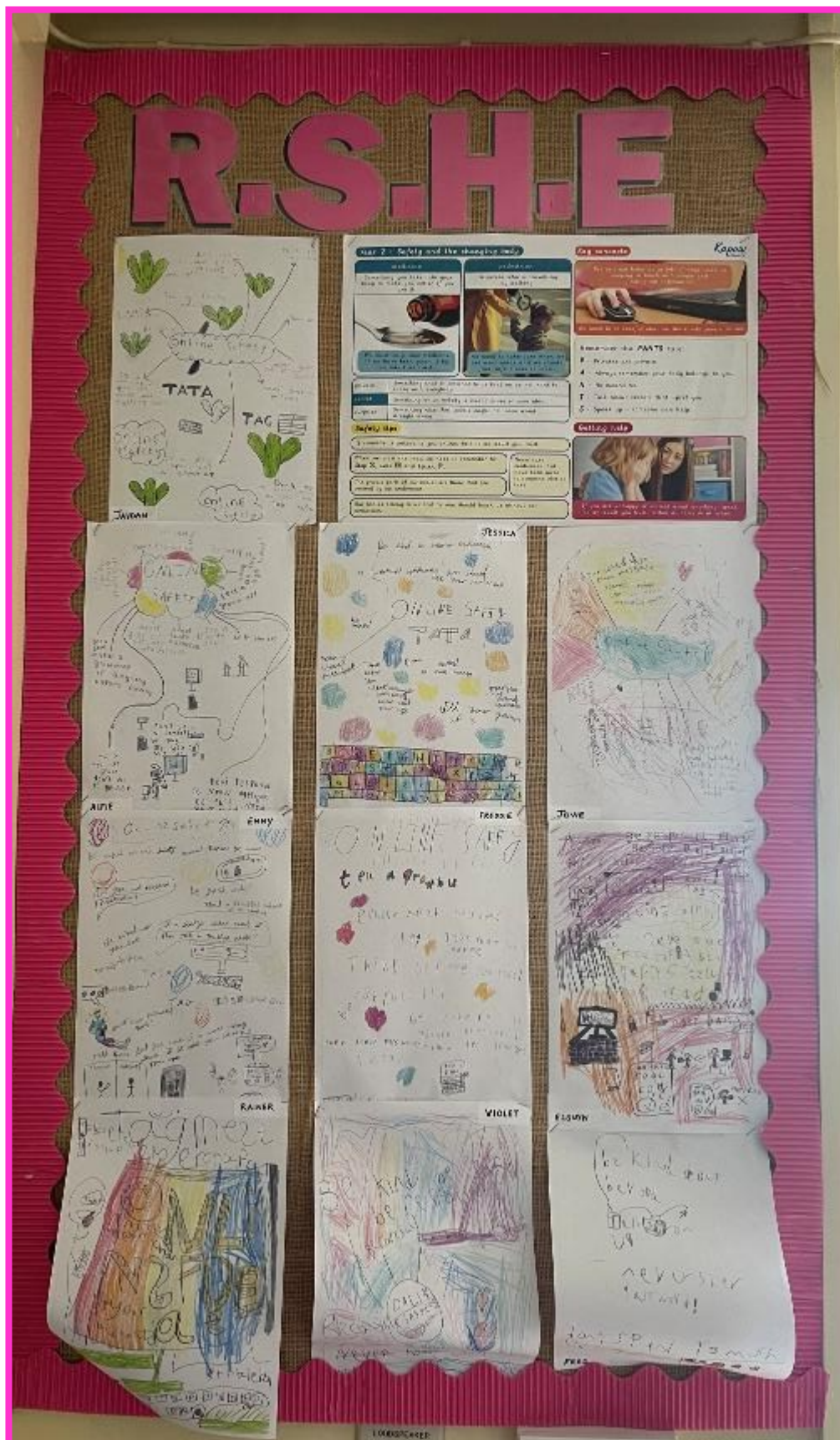
One of the most fascinating things we discovered along the way is that Celtic shields were deliberately individual – every warrior's shield was their own. This is quite different from the Romans, whose shields all had to look identical as part of their highly disciplined, uniform army. What a wonderful way to bring history to life and understand the very different cultures of these two ancient peoples!

We are so proud of every single shield – they look absolutely amazing.

Well done, Saturn Class!



Safety First in Mercury Class



This term, pupils in Mercury class have been exploring the important theme of **Safety** as part of their R.S.H.E. curriculum, delivered through our Kapow programme. Children learned about online safety, the PANTS rule, personal boundaries, and how to recognise when something feels wrong – and who to tell.

The display in their classroom showcases some brilliant independent work, with pupils using mind maps, illustrations, and their own writing to share what they've learned. From understanding the difference between private and public information, to knowing never to share passwords and always telling a trusted adult if something worries them online, the children have clearly taken these vital messages to heart.

We're so proud of the thoughtful, confident way Mercury class engaged with these conversations. Keeping children safe – both in the real world and online – is a shared responsibility, and we'd love for you to continue these conversations at home too.

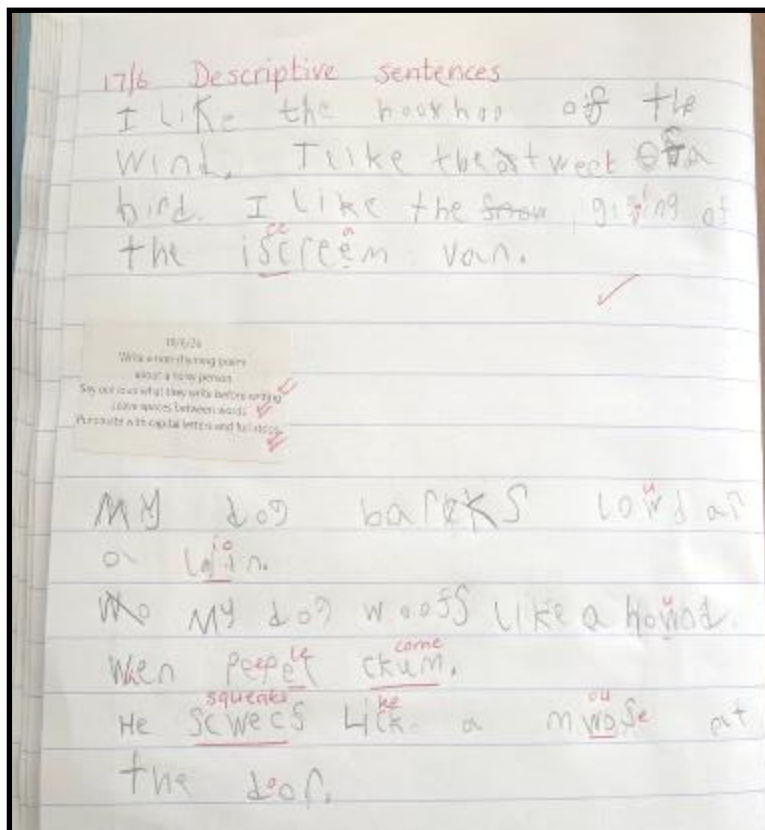
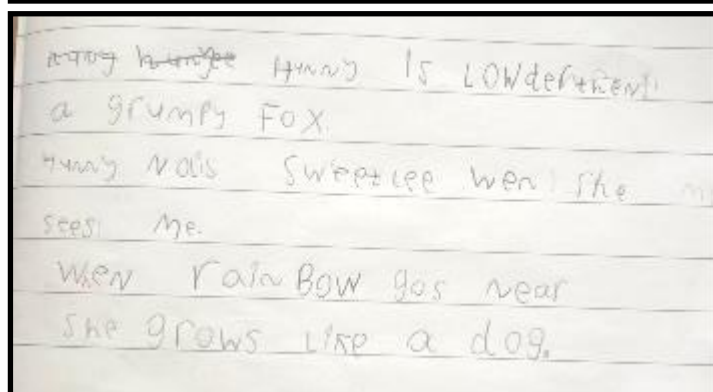
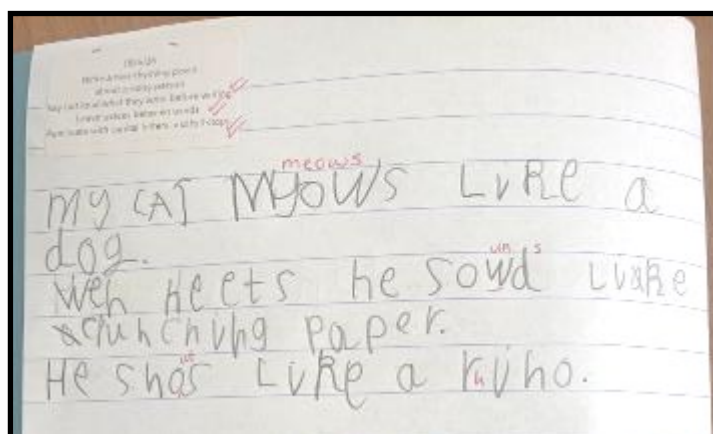
Mars Class Poets!

This week, Mars Class have been exploring the wonderful world of descriptive poetry! Their challenge was to write a non-rhyming poem about something – or someone – noisy, and the results have been absolutely delightful. From cats that meow like dogs and scratch like rhinos, to dogs that bark like hounds and squeak like mice, to grumpy foxes who growl sweetly, to children who shout like lions and snore like hippos – our young poets have shown incredible imagination and a real flair for vivid, descriptive language.

What makes these poems even more special is the wonderful use of similes throughout – comparing sounds and behaviours to animals and everyday things in the most creative and unexpected ways. The children clearly had great fun with this, and it really shows in their writing!

A number of our very brave Mars Class children then stood up in this morning's Celebration Assembly and read their poems aloud to their classmates and parents – a truly proud moment for us all.

Well done, Mars Class – you are brilliant writers and even braver performers!



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Our Ashdon 'Jockeys'!!

A few weeks ago, we celebrated the incredible equestrian achievements of Hector and Olive, who wowed us all with their show jumping success – and the good news just keeps coming!

We are thrilled to announce that Ariella has now joined the Pony Club too, and this morning's Celebration Assembly was once again filled with the most wonderful collection of rosettes, cups, certificates and badges.

At Ashdon, we are enormously proud of everything our children achieve in the classroom – but we are equally passionate about celebrating the incredible things they do beyond the school gates. Whether it's in the saddle, on the field, or in the community, every achievement matters and every success deserves to be shouted from the rooftops!

Keep shining, our Ashdon stars.



World Cup Fever @ Ashdon!

With the FIFA World Cup 2026 now officially under way, Ashdon Primary has well and truly caught football fever! Our wonderful Mrs Henry set our children the fantastic challenge of colouring the flags of the competing nations – and the results have been absolutely spectacular. From bold stripes to intricate designs, every single child produced a beautiful flag, with some even adding a very glamorous touch of glitter!

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Henry couldn't wait to transform all of these colourful creations into stunning bunting, and we think you'll agree – the display looks absolutely amazing. We are so proud of our Ashdon artists!

Meanwhile, our budding footballers took on the Keepy-Uppy Challenge with enormous enthusiasm, and this morning's Celebration Assembly was the perfect moment to crown our winners. A huge congratulations to Harry in KS2, who achieved an incredible score of 59, and to Jessica in KS1 with a fantastic 32 – what brilliant skills!

A very special thank you also goes to our amazing PTA, who very generously provided both winners with enormous prizes. Your support means the world to us and makes moments like these extra special!



Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is vital for your child's academic success and personal development. Each day offers unique learning opportunities and social interactions that cannot be replicated at home. Consistent attendance helps children build relationships, develop essential skills and maintain learning momentum.

We understand children become genuinely unwell and will of course report such absences fairly. However, minor ailments like sniffles are not always a reason to miss school, and we encourage attendance wherever possible.

Missing school creates learning gaps that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education.

Congratulations to Mars Class for having the highest attendance last week.

They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.

Jupiter Class: 97.5%

Saturn Class: 97.5%

Mercury Class: 98.3%

Mars Class: 98.8%

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Saturday 20th June - Maypole dancing at Hadstock Fete**
- ✓ **Monday 22nd June - Jupiter class WW1 Workshop**
- ✓ **Monday 6th July - Year 6 out at Airhop all day**
- ✓ **Tuesday 14th July - End of Year Performance @ 14:00 or 18:00**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July @ 09:15 - Leavers' Assembly**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July @ 13:45-15:00 - Summer Disco**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July - Year 6 School Sleepover**

Stars of the Week!!



Every week, we celebrate the children who have gone above and beyond to embody our school values of Challenge, Care and Celebrate. This week's stars have shown incredible qualities – whether that's tackling tricky learning with tenacity and a real growth mindset, showing warmth and kindness towards others, or simply bringing their very best self to school each day. Each star is thoroughly deserved. We are incredibly proud of every one of our shining stars – keep it up!