



Festival of Poetry

On Tuesday 2nd of June, children from Ashmole Primary and Osidge went to Ashmole Academy to recite poems they had written. The poem I wrote was about how litter was destroying our planet. I spent a long time of thinking of rhymes and editing it, but it was well worth it as I was invited to read it at Ashmole!

As there were quite a few people (both children and adults), I figured that it would be quite daunting to read it in front of everybody yet I was wrong; The environment was uplifting and comforting which fuelled me with the confidence I needed to read mine aloud with a clear voice. Though the judges struggled to make up their mind, they finally settled to choosing me to be the winner of the Y5/6 category! This is a feat that I shall never forget. Afterwards, I was recorded reciting my poem which will be shown at the Trust Poetry Festival.

All in all, I am very thankful for winning and to be given the certificate.

Yusuf Y6, Osidge School



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Year 7 Poetry Festival

On June 4, Ashmole Academy held a special festival to celebrate poetry. Every Y7 student had written their own poetry anthology in English lessons and lots of us chose to perform one of our poems on stage in front of an audience of teachers and parents.

It was an amazing evening as it showcased all of the talent of Year 7. Everyone gave a brilliant performance on the night and some people won awards in different categories and were given books as prizes. Ruby won the Best Poem Award with her beautiful poem *My Curse* and Martha and Maria won the Best Performance Prize for their amazing *Cinderella* poem. I was lucky enough to win Poet of the Year and was delighted to be invited to perform my poem again at the Ashmole Awards Evening. Overall, the whole evening was fantastic and I was so happy to be a part of such a special event.

Alice, 7HLY



The Junior Poetry Festival May 2026

My name is Amelie and this is my news article about the Junior Poetry Festival held at the Academy in May 2026.

My poem was about the Highway Man, that we have been reading in school. I found it fun to write even though it was about death. You had to write something deep because it's a serious topic.

I was really happy when my poem was selected to be in the competition. I practised with my sister reading the poem out loud at home.

On the day, we all went to the Academy and sat in the library. I was a little bit nervous, but everyone was smiling so I was okay when I had to read my poem.

I loved hearing all the amazing poems. They were about the sea, monsters, nature, scary things and the seasons. There were so many good poems, but when I found out I was the runner up in my category I was sooooo surprised!!!

I got a certificate and I was so excited I told all my friends, my mum and my sister. It was the best day, especially when I back to school and my whole class clapped for me.

Even though I didn't win, it felt like I did!

Amelie, Y5 Ashmole Primary



Camp!

Yes, this might have been the first time some people were away from their parents, but that did not stop them from having a great time...

When we came we were all welcomed by a heart warming dinner, burger and fries. After our tummies were stuffed, we went into the hall and got split into groups that everyone felt comfortable in. Then the fun started! When we finally got in our groups, we were numbered 1,2 and 3, they did this for the games. We were told where our station was and off we went!

My group's first station was the parachute game, where we played cat and mouse, and sharks and lifeguard. This was personally my favorite game because not only was this game really fun but I also loved how they made it fair and let everyone have a go. The next station was back to the board which was also a very fun game. The last station was DISCO! This was a very fun activity with a range of songs and the main part of this activity for me was letting all your energy out.

The last part of the evening was Blane's magic show! I thank Blane a lot for all his hard work and beautiful tricks. He started the show by lighting up a paper with fire, throwing it up in the air but instead of making the whole school burn down, the paper surprisingly dissolved in the air! He picked volunteers, was fair and he even introduced us to one of his friends. A wooden duck, and it was no ordinary duck, it was a magic duck! After the wonderful show, came the best part of camp, getting to know who you were in the tent with! I was very lucky and got in the tent I wanted and with the people I wanted! We all unpacked which was personally very satisfying and brushed our teeth.

We all went to sleep and even though it was really hard for some of us in the end we did it and luckily for us an easy day was waiting for us the next day!

Olivia 4S, Osidge School

France

Our French trip was amazing, even though it was super hot! We visited multiple places like the Battle of the Somme museum, the zoo, record-breaking cathedrals, Parc Asterix, local markets, and even the cinema to watch *Minions* (in French of course). It was really funny trying to understand the movie! I really enjoyed eating at Flunch and visiting Parc Asterix which was full of crazy rides. The cathedrals were detailed and beautiful. The heat made us all a bit tired, but we still had so much fun exploring historic places. I also loved spending time with my friends in a new place. Overall, the trip was awesome.

Lois, Y8 Ashmole Academy





Year 5 School Trip - Lightship

On the 9th -13th of March, the two year 5 classes went on a thrilling 3-day boat trip. It included sailing in an open sea as well as sleeping in real cabins like a crew; I was with one of my friends.

We played many team games like sheep and shepherds (guiding a blindfolded person through an obstacle race) diplomacy (spies, builders and reporters) and much more! Most people would think that you go to bed after dinner but no! Year 5 went on a night walk through the muddy countryside! It was pitch-black so everyone got their wellingtons caked in mud!

Sailing however, was a whole different subject. You can't just hop in a boat and off you go. You need to wear seven layers of clothes!! It was so stiff that we couldn't touch our toes! Two tops, one jumper, one coat, two waterproofs and a lifejacket! We were all in different boats; I was with my friends. Some were boats of 2-3 and some were 5-10 people but I am sure everyone had fun in the end.

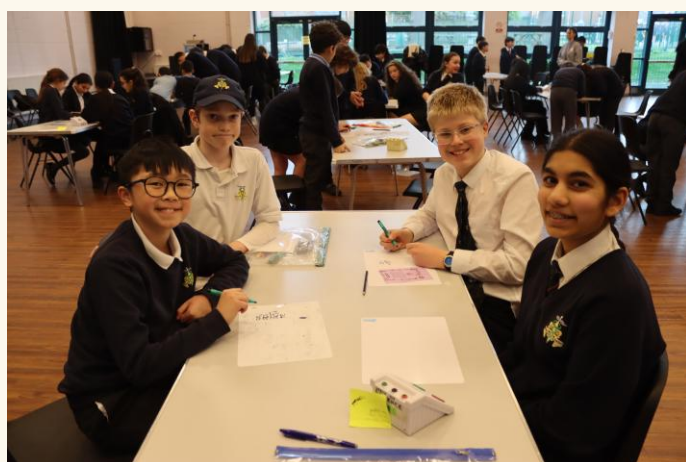
The food was delicious and each morning we had a warm cooked breakfast and while we were on the boats, we even ate some cake! On our tour of the ship, we saw all of the rooms in the ship and what they used to be such as the magazine (where flares were kept). So when it comes to you going to the lightship, I'm sure all of year 5 can agree it was worth every last penny.

Amber-Marie 5R Osidge School

Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge was a really fun challenge to participate in. It goes from easy and quick questions to hard and more challenging questions as you go. Although some questions were not easy, it challenges you and makes you think hard. It focuses mostly on problem-solving skills and your attention to detail. It is also timed for an hour so you should do the questions which are easier for you first and then try the harder ones. Overall, I think the maths challenge was a bit hard but fun and I enjoyed it very much!

Kadim, 7ART



School choir



My favourite club is choir. We do lots of singing with Miss Sudo and Miss Linden. We recently went to Wembley it made me feel happy because there were lots of colours and everyone was excited I sung all my favourite songs . We saw lots of schools and it went on very late. Some people in choir said ‘ this is amazing’

‘ I love this choir trip the best’

I love singing the song shine it has a nice melody and it is really good. We also sing the song Brave really well. Today we went to Trent school and practised with other schools. Soon we will be performing at the barnet music festival and we will be singing the song Brave just our school on the stage to lots of parents and other schools, we are excited but a bit worried. soon we are going to perform at the summer fair make sure not to miss us.

Jushn, Y5 Ashmole Primary

Debating

When I first joined the debating club, I was a bit sceptical about things. At first I couldn’t even debate with some people on why we should ban social media but the more I came, the more confident I got and now I can debate why school uniforms shouldn't be banned. I have learned how to be a better debater and how to express my ideas professionally. The first competition I participated in wasn’t too long ago.

It was the Secondary school debate and it felt good doing what I like doing (which is debating). My team won one game and lost one game but I definitely enjoyed all of it. The second competition I was in was the Primary school debate competition and I was judging teams from Osidge Primary. It was so much fun listening to children in Year 5 debating and having so much fun.

Philip, 7ONL



Ashmolean Scholars

The Junior Scholar programme has been a fantastic opportunity for me to go beyond the curriculum. Over the course of the school year, we have explored topics ranging from quadratic equations to whether football is a religion to how writers have shaped our past.

The sessions then motivated me to take part in the project at the end of the year, in which we

were asked to create a presentation about a ‘big question’ of our own choice. I explored how foxes are presented in stories and literature. I found it very interesting to see how in English stories, foxes are viewed very negatively but in many other cultures they are portrayed as intelligent and wise.

I have enjoyed the freedom of the sessions and learning things that I wouldn’t usually get to learn in lessons. I thoroughly enjoyed the junior scholar programme and I look forward to next year.

Isaac, 7GOZ

4T Osidge in Bloom competition

For our Osidge in Bloom competition, we decided to grow a herb garden. We carefully planted rosemary, parsley, thyme, oregano, basil, and mint to make our garden both vibrant and useful. Our class diligently waters the plants whenever they need extra care. We also keep a diary to make sure that the plants when the plants are checked and watered - recording the changes helps us track their growth too.

To make our garden even more creative, our class labelled and decorated one wooden spoon for each herb. We also created a flower-shaped display for our garden, with each petal showing the name of one herb. In addition, we shared our ideas by adding recipes and recommendations using the herbs we planted. We all truly hope that we will win!

Maya 4T, Osidge School



HYROX

My name is Avub and this is my first news article. I went to a HYROX competition. Hyrox is a fitness competition wear you are running and exersizing , it is for athletes everywhere I did the skier. I fell on it and bumped my head. Next I did the rower. I lost my shoe and hurt my leg. After that I did a run it was 200 meters and that was fun.

Next I did the farmers carry. Everyone was very fit there and it was cool to see people trying hard.

Ayub, Y3 Ashmole Primary

Rainbows

This is my first news article I am Aaria, I am writing about rainbows. To see a rainbow you need sun and rain. They are very colourful the colours of the rainbow are Red orange yellow green pink blue purple. You see the most rainbows in spring. I think: rainbows are really colourful and pretty. Once I saw a rainbow in the park when it was Spring.

Aaria Y2, Ashmole Primary

Wildlife garden

My name is Aaria and today Miss Linden took us on a small adventure. We went to the wildlife area and found out what the children were doing in their enrichment. I interviewed some people and found out what they were doing in the garden one girl was clearing the pathway she said 'it was super fun but be careful of the nettles'

I stung myself and it really hurt but I was brave and I saw lots of beautiful flowers they were trying to clean the nettles from the pathway which I think is very good as it means you won't get hurt. I felt a little worried when we explored to the deep ends of the wildlife garden. Then we say that they were doing good work clearing it up . Ellis and Chelsea in year 3 were planting very yummy vegetables they said they were ' looking after the plants'.

They were also making new wooden flower beds which they will fill with beautiful colourful flowers . I can not wait to see them. they also have a new beautiful new den at the back of the wildlife garden that year 6s are building. Make sure to have a peak at the wildlife garden next time you come to school.

Aaria Y2, Ashmole Primary

Carnegie Awards

I really enjoyed doing Carnegie because I was introduced to many excellent books that I may have never found if I didn't participate. All the books were wonderfully written and I was able to discuss them at the weekly meetings with other people who were passionate about the topic. It's often really difficult to find people who want to talk about these things so I think Carnegie was a brilliant opportunity for us to make friends and have fun.

Afterwards, when the results of the voting were released, everybody who took part got to attend a party with their friends at which the winners were revealed and we received awards for our accomplishment during the event.

Lorin, Y8 Ashmole Academy



Comic books

It needs drawing and writing. It also requires colour, panels and imagination or inspiration .Bunny vs. monkey by Jamie smart is good because it has humour and action. They have color and speech bubbles.I read the book Jedi Academy [which is about star wars]. [fun fact if a person holds a red lightsaber they are a villain].It is about jedi not getting accepted to the school she wants to join and goes to Jedi academy instead. First the author writes the script like a blueprint but about the story. Next the author does a rough sketch like a draft .then the author goes over the lines with ink .finally the author colours it in and then he/she publishes the book. I also read a anime called one piece and it is a Japanese manga where a boy called Luffy which tries to become the pirate king and he tries to get a crew along the way and he is a pirate going to go through islands like a sky island called Skypiea and a another one called egghead and many more and there is 1000 episodes in the anime and Luffy is still finding the one piece. Next time you go to the library have a look for the comics on the lower shelf as you walk in or try to pick a comic book up next time you go to the shops.

Jasper, Y3 Ashmole Primary

Life at Osidge

From reception to year six, you don't just learn, you explore, discover and change. You make friends on the way, some for life. You share joy, hardwork and memories with the school. When you leave, you don't only leave with knowledge, you leave with friendship and that incurable longing of adventure.

We've had many school trips, some short, others long . Nonetheless, all of them are fun, but they're not just a day off school; on school trips, you don't just dive into adventure but you get covered in a pool of interest and knowledge. In Osidge, the trips include: Kervan (year one), Tower of London (year two), London Zoo (year three) ,British History Museum (year four), tent/overnight (year four), Lightship (year five), R.A.F museum (year six), Kingswood/PGL (year six).

Niamh B 6B Osidge School

Sport



Sports Day

This year I took part in the year seven and eight sports day. It was very fun and a great opportunity! I participated in many activities including: bench ball, speedbounce and 4 by 50 meter relay.

My bench ball team won our tournament . We all played very well as a team and amazingly as individuals. At the same time rounders was going on and lots of my friends said they enjoyed it. Unfortunately, some events were cancelled due to the heat wave. However, many exciting track events still took place. I really enjoyed cheering on my friends and classmates who were doing the 100 metre sprints and 400 metre races.

Heidi, 7HLY

Tennis Day Year 2

On Wednesday we went to Tennis day it was so fun I played tennis and learnt how to hit a ball with a tennis racket and do back hand and forehand. My favourite part of the day was playing tennis I also loved the tennis games. I asked some of my friends how the day went and they said.

‘ It was very exciting’

‘ I am really good at Tennis’

‘ My best day at school so far!’

‘ My friend may have accidently hit a car with a tennis ball it was a bit funny but it was ok ’

All of my friends played with me and we had the best time ever running all day long.

Reya Y2, Ashmole Primary



Arsenal

This is my first news article. My name is Aleksander. I am writing about football. My favourite football club is Arsenal. Did you know Arsenal is at the top of the league right now. The best player in Arsenal in my opinion right now is Rice his number is Forty one Arsenal's last trophy Was the community shield in 2023. I really hope Arsenal win the league this year. I will be watching!

Aleksander Constantinou Y2, Ashmole Primary

Junior marathon

My name is Ayub this is my first news article and I went to the junior Marathon.

It was a 10 km run. Many people entered by putting their name in a hat.

I got chosen to run it. When I got to the place where you need to run I felt excited to run. I was the first person in Ashmole to complete the marathon I got a silver medal. I was able to run a mile in 8 minutes which I was very proud of. I ran it with my friends Iliyas and Daniel. They said

'this has been a great day'

'Let's do this again next time'

As we are on our way to basically becoming Usain Bolt at this point, see you in the Olympics in 2035. At the end we got shiny medals. Me and my friends also got ICE CREAM. People said

'MMMMMMMMMMMM'

'This was very yummy'.

My family went on the tube home it was a very long trip because we had to go from central London it took a long time to get back and there were lots of stations. I saw the other competitors they had Medals and it was nice to see.

Ayub, Y3 Ashmole Primary

Danceathon

They gave us some headphones it was fun and exciting they were colourful and everyone was very happy. I loved the danceathon because I got to dance with my friends it was funny to see everyone was wearing headphones but it was an amazing time and it felt like night in the day. Dale was a super cool DJ he even played different and cool music on the headphones we switched the songs by changing the colours this was so interesting. Some of my friends said 'this is so cool' 'I like dancing' 'change the colour to this red!' 'that was a great time'

I hope we have another danceathon and glad we can raise money for people who need it

Aleksander Constantinou Y2, Ashmole Primary

Gymnastics

I'm writing about gymnastics and what I can do. If you want to do gymnastics you have to be really flexible and practice a lot. Some moves that I know are the splits a cartwheel and a handstand and a bridge a backbend back handspring and if you want to do a back handspring you might need to practice for a couple days or even weeks and if you want to do the splits you need to be really really flexible to do it and if you want to do a cartwheel you only need to be a little bit flexible and I also know how to do a front handspring and if you want to do that you need to be so flexible. And once I went to a competition I had to do loads and loads of flexible things and it was really hard for me so that's why you need to practice lots to do gymnastics and you might need to do lots of gymnastics to do it and I also know a bridge you also need to be really flexible. You get to wear nice outfits and stretch your body a lot

Reya Davidson Y2, Ashmole Primary



For 90 years, Osidge school has helped children develop and grow throughout the year. The level of support that the teachers give to the children during primary school is exemplary. From the first day of reception to the final moments of year six.

Osidge school provides children with a vast choice of extracurricular activities, school trips and unforgettable experiences. Teachers guide the way for children to shape their futures. Some clubs run during school hours. This gives pupils a chance to relax and regroup at lunch before re-entering the classroom to resume the high quality work and effort to produce the best result possible.

Here at Osidge, everyone shows not only the school values but also the British values. Students here respect the adults and their peers and always use their impeccable manners which never fail to impress others.

In conclusion, Osidge school has provided a safe space for teachers and students all over the years and for some, a home...

Ariadni, 6B, Osidge School



My school is 90 years old and it is very special to me. Long ago, children came to learn and play just like we do today. Every day we read books, draw pictures and laugh with our friends. Teachers help us to grow and be kind. The playground is full of smiles and fun. I am happy to be part of this school story and make new memories and dream big every day together at school.

Daniela 1S, Osidge school



90 years of Osidge School

Osidge primary school in Southgate was built and officially opened in April 1936 by Reverend F.H. Richardson. Now it is celebrating its 90th Birthday. Osidge school is a member of the Ashmole Trust and educates children from the age of 4-11 with a capacity of 420 pupils. The head teacher is Mrs Chrisanthy Dyer.

Newly taken over, the school demonstrates excellent school values to the children which are: Captain care, Officer honesty, Major respect, Doctor determination, Sergeant responsibility and Admiral appreciation!

Asena 3R, Osidge School

Here at Osidge school, all children feel safe and happy. We get the opportunity to go on exciting school trips, like to the Tower of London and Hyde Park! I can trust the teachers at Osidge School and they are there to help me whenever I need it. I love coming into school everyday and finding out what I will be learning. At school, I learn to think positively, grow from my mistakes and to be kind. Pupils show appreciation for their learning because our lessons are fun and we learn things that are linked to our own experiences. My favourite memory from school is competing in sports day on our green field while my teachers and parents cheered me on!

Sindy 2L, Osidge School



I love Osidge Primary School because every week someone gets a certificate for showing our school values. I felt very proud when I got a certificate for showing responsibility for my learning. These values help us all be kind, respectful and not give up!

I love Osidge Primary School because I feel safe, supported and confident. I know I can share my ideas in class and my teachers and friends listen to me.

I love Osidge Primary School because I am an author, illustrator, scientist, mathematician, athlete, actor, artist and musician

Hannah 2B, Osidge School

90 years of Osidge School

Osidge is a magnificent school which has helped students for 90 years. It has been through very difficult times such as World War 2 and Covid but after all that, it has continued to shape young minds today.

Osidge has countless extracurriculars such as sports teams, languages, cooking clubs, crochet club and so many more activities. Even if you join in Reception or in year 6, you will leave this school feeling satisfied. Teachers offer students support and help them whenever they need it.

At Osidge, we go on countless school trips. We have had many interactions with animals in reception year one and year three and have been to the great tower of London and a lot of museums. In addition we have been to a lot of residential camps such as camping at school in year four, the lightship in year five for 3 days and finally we went to Kingswood in year six for a whole week!

We also have various assemblies every week such as music/singing assembly, certificate assembly and a general slideshow assembly. Some of the year sixes are Osidge Ambassadors and give speeches or tell us some news during one of the assemblies. We also have school councillors. We have one for every class in each year group. They get suggestions from our class about how to make the school better and give the suggestions to the headteacher and the school tries to make the suggestions come true. Some of the suggestions that came true were a nature garden; astro for sports; a stage and a new climbing frame.

At Osidge, we have won many awards mostly in sports. The boys football team won the treble and most recently the girls won a tournament. In addition, we have a lot of poetry and writing competitions.

At Osidge, we have many rules and values: Captain Care, Sergeant Responsibility, Officer Honesty, Major Respect and Doctor Determination. We also have zones; The red (angry), The blue (sad), The green (calm) and yellow (over-energetic). We have these taped up in classrooms and in each colour we have tips on how to return to the green zone. We also do PSHE and it helps us understand the real world and our rights as British citizens and children.

Osidge is an amazing school and is a perfect place to grow and thrive. The teachers prepare us for the real world and for secondary school. It assists students and helps them become better learners. It makes friendships grow and helps us discover what we are capable of.

Daphne 6B, Osidge School