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# ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

While we don't celebrate Thanksgiving this week like they do in the United States, it is a great reminder for us all to stop and think about what we are most grateful for. This year we all hope to be able to enjoy the festive season with friends and family, an opportunity that we did not have last year. The prospect of gifts and shopping seems trivial now when what we really missed last year was spending time together. That is not to say that we won't get pleasure from carefully selecting the right gift for the people that we love, but it does remind us that the best gifts don't have to carry a price tag and giving can give us more joy than receiving.

Staff at Ashlawn are looking forward to our slightly different Secret Santa again this year. Last year we decided to purchase gifts for vulnerable students rather than for each other. The response was overwhelming and we were happy to be able to deliver the presents to our students (and in many cases, their families) in the days leading up to Christmas. For many of us, it was the highlight of the year. If you would like to support in this endeavour, please do join in with us. Last year we had several parents say that they would have loved to be part of this initiative and for that reason, we'd like to extend an invitation for you to take part and donate. If you are interested in participating, please contact [halll@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:halll@ashlawn.org.uk).

We hope that our students enjoy the extended weekend and that they are inspired by Thanksgiving to take a moment to give thanks to those around them who support them every day.

## The Lily Mae Foundation

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to The Lily Mae Foundation when you sponsored me to complete 50km of running in 5 days during baby loss awareness week. Officially, based on combined Go Fund Me donations, we managed to raise **£4080!** Unofficially, I think it was a little more with a few people donating directly to the charity too. Our original target was £1000 and so to raise this amount of money was incredible.

Thank you to everyone who donated, everyone who messaged with kind words and everyone who simply had us in your thoughts during baby loss awareness week. Thank you also to my friends and colleagues who ran a number of the legs with me - Mr Unwin, Mr Naylor, Mr Taylor and Mr O'Flaherty. Also, to two ex-colleagues but good friends Mr Gordon and Mr Orford. They were all an amazing support during the week and especially during the final leg!

Hopefully, the fund raising completed will emphasise a message that we keep reiterating to our students; to always share their feelings with trusted adults and seek support if they need it. Thank you again and have a lovely extended weekend with your children.

## Nathan Ellis



### Nathan's Fundraiser for the Lily Mae Foundation

£3,345 raised of £2,000 goal

**The Lily Mae Foundation**

**FUNDRAISING INFORMATION**

WHY NOT SET A TARGET TO HELP SUPPORT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF THE CHARITY.

- MEMORY BOX £80**  
This enables us to provide a Memory Box to bereaved parents to help them capture treasured memories of their baby.
- COUNSELLING SUPPORT DAYS £50**  
This will enable us to provide a place for bereaved parents on our Counselling Support Days.
- ONE TO ONE SUPPORT £40**  
Will enable us to provide a one to one meeting for a bereaved parent with a Babyloss Support Worker.

**The Lily Mae Foundation**

Supporting Parents & Families after a Stillbirth, Neonatal Death, Miscarriage or Medical Termination

**Baby Loss Awareness Week Fundraiser**

£735 raised of £500 goal





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## *Job Opportunities*

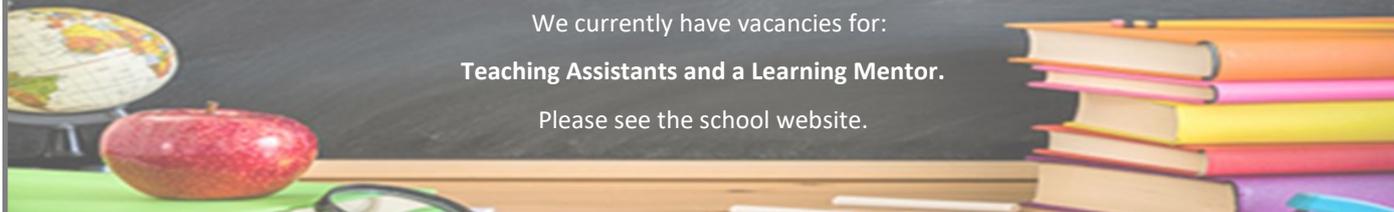
Are you passionate about working with children?

Would you like to join our successful Learning Developmental Department?

We currently have vacancies for:

**Teaching Assistants and a Learning Mentor.**

Please see the school website.



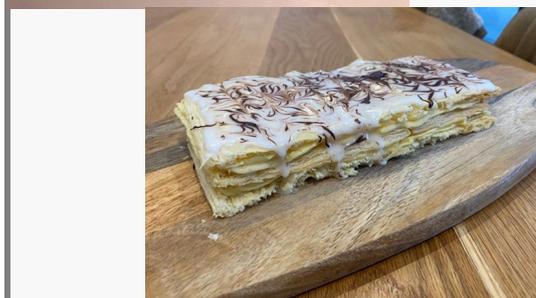
## **Menu for week commencing 29 November 2021**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HMD: Lasagne with garlic bread and sweetcorn	HMD: Sausage, mash and vegetables	HMD: Chilli and nachos	HMD: Sweet and sour chicken bites and rice	HMD: Fish, chips and mushy peas
HMD: Vegetable lasagne, garlic bread and sweetcorn	HMD: Vegetarian sausage, mash and vegetables	HMD: Vegetarian chilli and nachos	HMD: Quorn sweet and sour with rice	HMD: Cheese and onion pasty and chips
Jacket potato and beans	Hot Pasta King (meat)	Jacket potato and cheese	Hot Pasta King (Meat)	Jacket potato and cheese
Hot sausage roll	Hot Pasta King (veg)	Hot cheese and tomato pizza	Hot Pasta King (Veg)	CMD: cheese and ham
CMD: Chicken and stuffing	Hot cheese and ham toastie	Hot pepperoni pizza	CMD: Ham salad	CMD: cheese and tomato
CMD: Egg and cress	CMD: BLT	CMD: Hot 'n' spicy chicken with mayo	CMD: Cheese salad	Small flavoured hot chicken

Please note that all meal choices are subject to change at very short notice due to supply chain issues. Refunds will only be possible in the case of known dietary needs such as allergies.



## *Patisserie Week*





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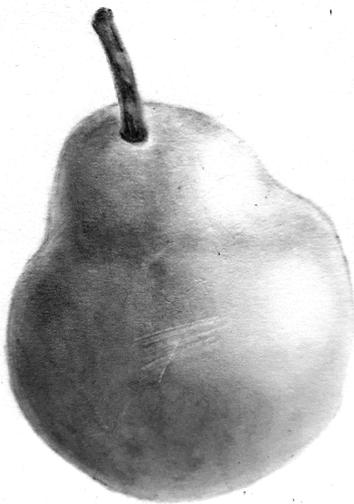
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By Blythe Year 10



By Tilly Year 8



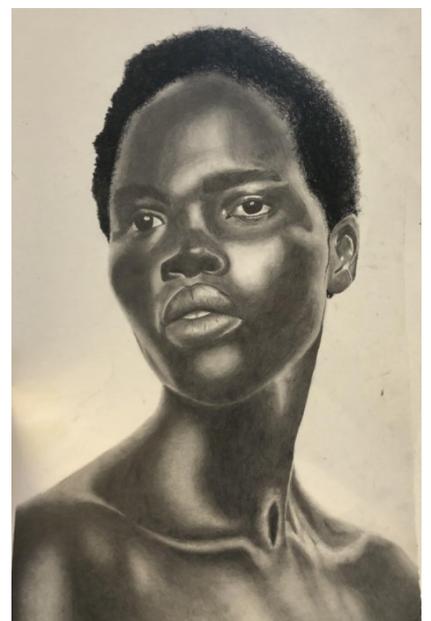
By Maisey Year 13

## Art of the week

By Shannon Year 7



By Grace Year 9



By Clara Year 13



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## Careers News



Success Beyond School have Free of Charge, Live Online evening seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential. Parents can register now for:

**Wednesday 1 December: *Building a Future in Finance*** – How your child can break into the finance industry.

<https://investin.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=42ef3d3a89e86b8375cadb9aa&id=b44b8a2fb5&e=be6481cd6f>

**Wednesday 8 December: *Level up with Law*** – Support your child on their journey to become a top lawyer.

<https://investin.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=42ef3d3a89e86b8375cadb9aa&id=9d07558ac8&e=be6481cd6f>

### Access Creative College Birmingham

Any Students interested in Music, Media, Gaming, Events & Computing, please see the below link to register for an open day on **Saturday 27 November** at **12 pm**.

<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/saturday-27th-november/>



### Meet the Employer: Chris Pitts

Chris will be delivering a short talk on Finance, Marketing and Working Software.

**Tuesday 7 December** we are running a Working Lunch where Chris will be giving an informal conversation / talk to provide an insight into the careers and pathways surrounding finance, marketing and working software.

If any students interested and would like to come along please come see **Mrs Cooke** or **Miss Martin** at the Careers Hub to receive more details and an invite slip.



### Work Experience Year 12 & Year 10

Year 12 Work Experience Forms should have all been handed in by now, if you haven't return your forms, please can you do this soon as possible. If you are still struggling to find a placement please can you email **Miss Martin**.

Year 10 Work Experience forms should be handed in by **Friday 3 December 2021**



Any completed forms should be handed in at Main Reception or Student Services, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school or **Miss Amanda Martin** at the following email address: [martina@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:martina@ashlawn.org.uk)



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## Childline

### What do Childline do?

Childline gives children and young people a voice when no one else is listening. Whatever problems or dangers they face, the service will give them somewhere to turn to for support when they need it. Childline counsellors are also available to speak to online through 1-2-1 chat and via email too.

In form time next week we will be exploring the website and the tools they have to offer. If you see your child googling Childline please do not panic. The website provides information on the following topics:

- ⇒ Money problems
- ⇒ Healthy and Unhealthy relationships
- ⇒ Abuse
- ⇒ Domestic Violence and how to cope
- ⇒ Divorce and Separated Families
- ⇒ Mental Health issues
- ⇒ Bullying
- ⇒ Sexting
- ⇒ Alcohol/ Drugs/ Smoking
- ⇒ Mood Journals
- ⇒ Living with a disability or Special Educational Need



## Black Friday—Staying Safe Online

While it is perfectly fine to feel excited about the fantastic deals it is still extremely important to stay safe online during the sales. With the increase in internet traffic with millions of people shopping online, many malicious sites seek to scam you by hiding in the midst of all these fantastic deals.

### Here are our 5 Top tips for staying safe online this weekend!

1. If it's "too good to be true", it probably is (sorry about that!)
2. Verify the links you click (or don't click)
3. Use unique passwords on each site
4. If possible, use a credit card (you will be protected if something goes wrong)
5. Use trusted retailers and vendors



You should be safe now...

We hope some of our tips help you stay safe online tomorrow and over the weekend – whether that's during Black Friday, Cyber Monday or throughout the entire Christmas period. As a school who promotes Online Safety, we feel it's important to keep an eye out for everyone online including the families in our community! Happy Shopping!



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## **PTA Uniform Sale**

Our next uniform sale is to be held this Saturday 27 November. It will start at 10 am and close at 11.30 am. Donations will be most welcome on the day or they can be dropped into school reception during term time. We will be located in the canteen to the left of the main reception. Please remember that our sales are only as good as the variety of donations we receive. We look forward to seeing you there. Should you wish to assist with sorting through donations at any of these sales from 9 am then please do message us on the Ashlawn PTA Facebook page.

## **Reporting Home Lateral Flow Device Results**

We would like to remind and encourage all students to test twice weekly so we can keep our community safe. If your child tests positive follow the link to log the positive home test result: <https://ashlawn.org.uk/coronavirus-notification/>

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**25 November 2021**

6th Form Open Evening

**26 November 2021**

Teacher Training Day

**27 November 2021**

PTA Uniform Sale

**10 December 2021**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Term dates for this year can be found on the link below.**

[Term Dates](#)

## **Facial Coverings**

Whilst cases in school remain low face coverings are only necessary in indoor communal areas where it is not possible to socially distance.

If you would like to continue to wear a face covering, please feel free to do so. We will keep this under review and should we see cases rising and/or linked cases, we may need to implement the wearing of masks again.

## **Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 7-11**

The date for the Nasal Flu Immunisation has now changed to Tuesday 18 January 2022

## **Important Visitor Information**

All visitors **must** report to Main Reception via the pedestrian gate so that they can sign in.

Please **DO NOT** enter the school via other open gates as this will activate an intruder alert.

## **Free Sanitary Items**

Students can collect free sanitary wear at school. They are available from Reception, Student Services and the PE changing rooms. Tampons and sanitary towels are available.

**Mrs Pountney**  
Assistant Principal



## **Food Bank**

If you are struggling financially and would like a food parcel or food bank voucher, please contact Mrs Pountney or Mrs Lavery as we have a few food parcels left and we are happy to deliver.





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## **Safeguarding Advice**

What to do if you are worried about your, or someone else's safety.

Tell a trusted adult at school.

We are here to help, and our team of Designated Safeguarding Leads will provide support.

You can also call on the following number: 01788 573425.

If you are in immediate danger then phone 101 or 999.

Here are some other ways things you can get the help you need:

- Tell a trustworthy family member or safe adult who may be able to help you
- Call Childline on 0800 1111 and talk through how you are feeling and your concerns
- Email the Designated Safeguarding Leads at school at [safeguarding@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ashlawn.org.uk)
- Speak to Young Carers if you are looking after someone at home. Tel: 02476 217740
- Look online for support from the Family Information Service at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)
- If you feel unsafe or in danger call the council helpline on 01926 414144

If you are struggling with your mental health and want some reassurance and advice, then contact your form tutor or Head of Year. They would love to hear from you and they will help alleviate your worries.

**Mrs Pountney**

**Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**

The Family Information Service can provide a wide range of information/support/ referrals for families in Warwickshire either via our helpline or on a face to face basis.

FIS Brokerage Service is a 1:1 early intervention service which can be used to support families with children age 0 to 25 living in Warwickshire to access services where there are barriers and/or complex needs.

To access this service please contact them using the methods below:

[fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)

- [Twitter – @WarksFIS](https://twitter.com/WarksFIS)
- [Facebook – Warwickshire Family Information Service](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFamilyInformationService)
- <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

01926 742 274.

The Family Intervention Service can help you with topics such as:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare
- health and wellbeing

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. They are there to help!.

**Mrs Pountney**

**Assistant Principal**

