

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week where the impact of the school return during the global Covid-19 pandemic has been very apparent with a number of children away from school who are awaiting test outcomes—due of course to the limited availability of tests. We have also seen our first recorded child case of the virus in Nursery. This meant we suspended our Nursery and reception Bubble and next week these children will be accessing Remote Learning at home. We are issuing links to learning on our Google Classroom on page 2, which we will upload with the weekly learning offer in English and Maths each week going forward. We will also be working hard over the next few days to ensure that with any future year group bubbles that are suspended we are able to move rapidly to some form of live teaching offer. I will let you know more about this in due course.

Like all Islington schools we continue to review our Health and Safety plan for the school and although we have unfortunately had a first confirmed case this week both the national picture and local view in Islington continues to show that the pandemic is being predominantly driven by adult to adult transmission and not children. So I must ask you again to ensure that when you collect your children each afternoon it is only one adult that comes onto the site and that all of you wear a face covering, but as importantly as soon as you have collected you children you must leave the school grounds.

On Monday our after school Walking Bus to the Cape will start—please ensure you have signed up at the Cape before joining us for this service. Clubs will also start tomorrow—but all JK Dance clubs will commence the following Monday. The office team will contact all families to confirm start dates and times. All payments must be made online through Parent Pay.

Finally, at this time there may well be times when you need to access additional support at Ashmount. You can do this by contacting Lisa our attendance and family support worker, Fiona our lead therapist for our Place 2 Be counselling support offer, or Annabel our Deputy Headteacher Inclusion who can support with all matters surrounding Special Education Needs or Inclusion support. We are aware that need is higher than might be usual right now and if you need us either drop into the office, email office@ashmount.islington or speak to one of the leadership team in the playground. We are always about at the start and end of the day in the school playgrounds.

Best wishes and stay safe, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)



Remote Learning if your child/children are isolating

In our Google Classrooms, you can now access resources for the English and maths learning that is taking place in classrooms in school.

Please be aware that these resources have been created for the teacher to deliver and facilitate the learning in a physical classroom, with dialogue and teaching input.

We want children at home to have access to the same resources as their classmates in school but we don't have the capacity right now to make this interactive or to adapt it more exactly to remote learning.

We are sorry that this is the case but hope that you understand. We are aware this is not a perfect offer but we are working hard to get it to you quickly so that the children do not miss too much learning.

For any bubbles that have to be sent home there will be a more full and varied remote learning offer in Google Classrooms. This week we have sent details of the Google Classroom offer to those families of children in Nursery and Reception who are isolating.

If you have any questions, or need any support with Google Classroom or with access to technology, please contact us of-
fice@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

What we will be learning next week in...

Nursery: We will be starting our music, phonics and PE sessions this week. We will also be categorising and sorting objects as part of our maths learning.

Reception

English: We will be reading the story 'What makes me a ME?' by Ben Folks and David Tazzyman. We will be writing simple sentences using our sounds.

Maths: We will be learning to count and represent numbers 1-5. We will be learning how to count the numbers carefully using different objects

Year 1

English: We will be reading and exploring the characters and the settings from the book 'Anna Hibiscus' by Atinuke.

Maths: We will be comparing numbers and finding one more and one less than a number.

Year 2

English: We will be investigating a new text called The Book of Hopes. We will use this to create illustrations and retell stories using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.

Maths: We will be learning to count, compare numbers and explore number bonds and patterns up to 100. We will also continue to develop our place value skills.

Year 3

English: We will be studying the poetry of James Berry and writing our own poems based on his work.

Maths: We will be learning about addition and subtraction facts and adding 3-digit numbers together.

Year 4

English: We will be using our new text Jemmy Button to write settings using adjectives and figurative language.

Maths: We will be finding 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a given number. We will also be comparing, ordering and rounding numbers.

Year 5

English: We will be planning and writing a recount based on the story 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

Maths: We will be comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. We will then explore negative numbers and Roman Numerals

Year 6

English: We will be investigating a character's thoughts and feelings inspired by the book Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman.

Maths: We will be solving problems involving addition and subtraction.

Parent Presentations

Sadly, we can't invite you into school this term for our Autumn Parent Presentations. However, our teachers have created video versions of the presentations for you to watch online. The presentations are to tell you bit more about the year group your child has moved to, to meet the staff and share information about our curriculum. We have also emailed out to you the slides from the presentation. If you have any questions for the teachers, please contact them through the office info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk marking the email for their attention.

Nursery

<https://youtu.be/8NHyAwrEDHk>

Reception

<https://youtu.be/3YcunsSnb-A>

Year 1

<https://youtu.be/zkXD27CG2RQ>

Year 2

<https://youtu.be/iT2JMdyfHY>

Year 3

<https://youtu.be/moaOf2tNuy0>

Year 4

<https://youtu.be/Orwuo5pTzps>

Year 5

https://youtu.be/OzmE7Wc_ANo

Year 6

<https://youtu.be/O9q-POxqkYo>

COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing

Looking after your feelings and body PDF attached with this week's newsletter.

English version of guidance here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Translated versions online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

DfE - Translations of the information for parents and carers about going back to schools, nurseries and colleges in the autumn term.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term-translations-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=98153d56-acec-49ca-b662-f24cc64f6056&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2020

Weekly Attendance 14.09.20 – 18.07.20

Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	84.9
Nursery p.m.	83.5
Reception Blue	94.0
Reception Green	87.3
1 Blue	97.4
1 Green	94.1
2 Blue	98.1
2 Green	90.3
3 Blue	87.7
3 Green	91.0
4 Blue	95.1
4 Green	87.8
5 Blue	90.8
5 Green	94.4
6 Blue	77.8
6 Green	89.7

Our best attending classes for this week were: Reception Blue, 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 5 Green.

Well done children and adults. Each winning class gets an extra 5 minutes play on Monday.

Look out for our attendance board in the playground celebrating the best attendance.

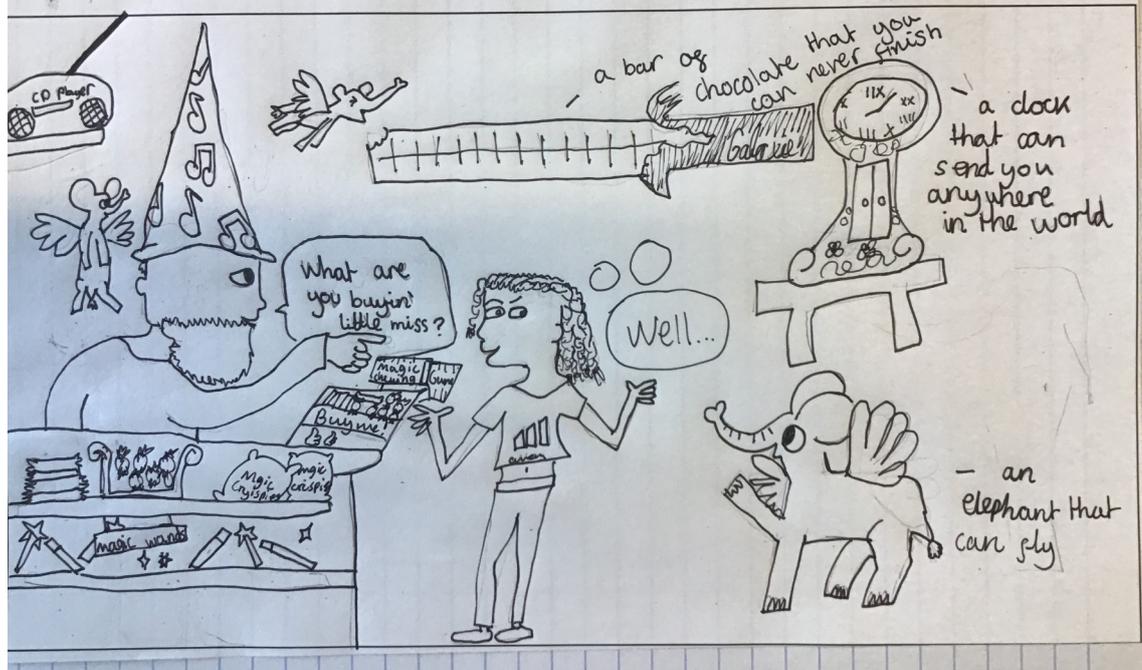
At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupil groups will be a huge focus this Autumn with the mantra being , "Every minute matters , Every second counts!"

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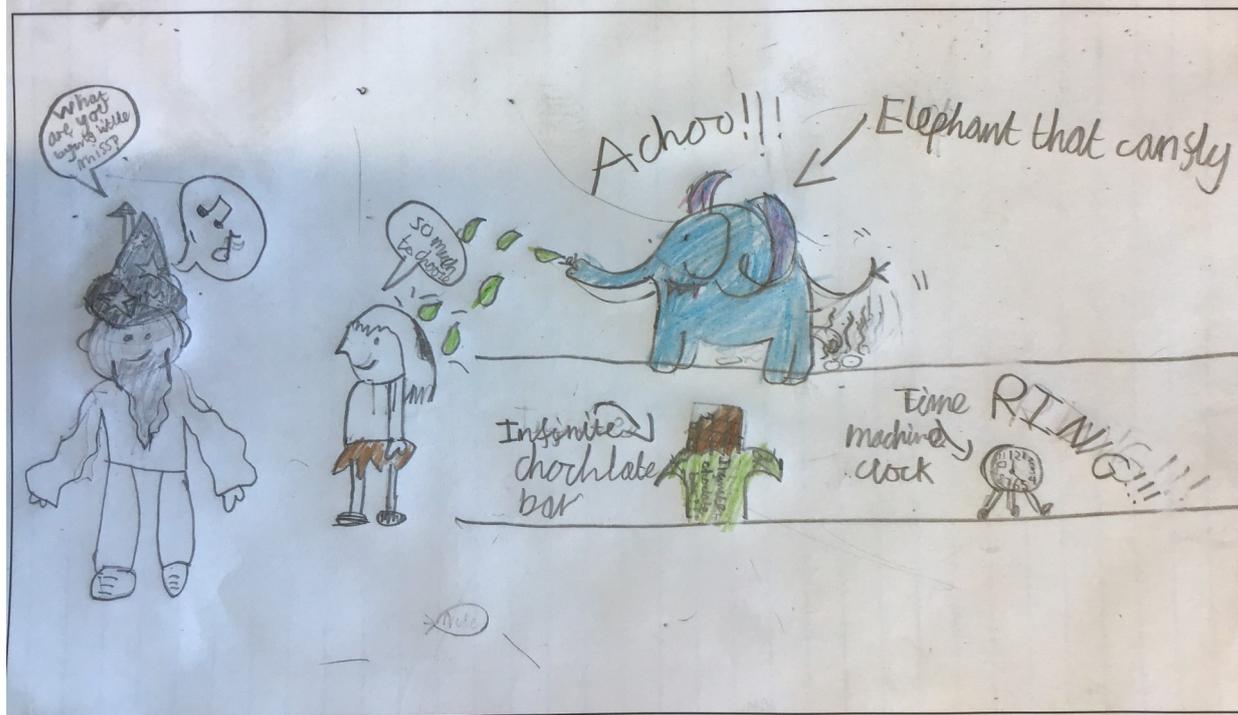
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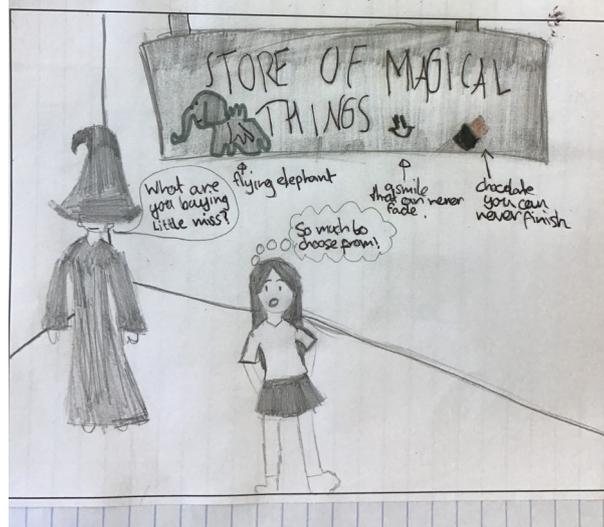


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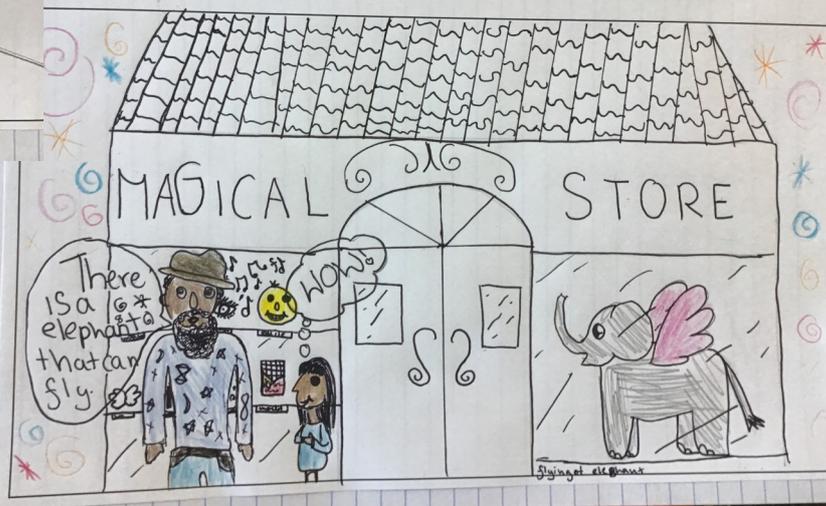
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