

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want first today to talk about cars on site. We give permission to 10 families to drive onto site—this is due to personal disability or particular complex child need circumstances, all these vehicles as of Tuesday will have a pass visible on their front windscreen. No other cars should be on site without a signed pass from myself. A reminder to those families with permission to drive onto the site to drive slowly at all times, there is a 5 mph speed limit and pedestrians always have priority. We will at our leadership team meeting on Monday discuss ways we can monitor access. We are working with Islington to implement a fining system for any families who breach these rules. Please help us to keep everyone in the community safe—if you have no authority to come onto site do not do so.

If you want to access our celebration of the school's learning generated during Black History Month and see our video please use the link below. May I also pass on my thanks and appreciation to Emma, our History lead, and all of our families involved in making BHM happen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6AcH86fjwo>

Similarly, our first virtual class assembly happened last Tuesday with 6 Blue's Assembly, you can access this here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvjsAgb-8k>

A reminder that if you have gone to be tested for Covid-19 as an adult, or if one of your children have over the weekend please let us know, similarly if you have a negative or positive test outcome over the weekend contact us at:

info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Finally, please find attached updated information about Christmas card payments with the correct name for the bank account. Deadline for orders is Tuesday 17 November

Best wishes and stay safe, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

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Apply now for a place in Reception for September 2021

Now is the time to apply for your Reception place for next year!



Find out more...

Come on a socially distanced tour or arrange a virtual meeting with our Headteacher, Tony, by emailing the school office: office@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Watch our virtual tour online: <https://ashmountprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/admissions/school-tours/>

If you need any support with the application or have any questions, you can contact our Early Years Lead, Louise, or our Deputy Headteacher Ellie, by calling us or emailing

info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Important Information

Even if you are already part of the brilliant Ashmount community in our Nursery, you do have to apply for a Reception place. You must apply by 15th January 2021. For more details, visit the Islington website: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>. To apply online, visit: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

A Gentle Reminder

Whenever you are on the school site, morning or afternoon, please wear a face covering. If someone else is collecting your child, do make sure they know that a face covering is required.



Please keep your distance from others. At this time, you may have to wait a little longer than normal to pick up your child as we keep safety measures in place. It is a great help if you can be patient and understanding.

Only one adult should come onto the site to drop off or pick up.

Nursery: We will be creating our own artwork inspired by Jessica Warboys' abstract art work 'Sea Painting, Zennor 2015'. We will be telling our own stories and acting them out.

Reception

English: We will be exploring our new space themed text 'Whatever Next' and using our sounds to retell the story.

Maths: We will be learning to recognise money. We will also be using our counting skills to buy items from our pretend shop.

Year 1

English: We will be learning about the features of non-fiction texts and creating lost posters for Dogger

Maths: We will be revisiting place value and revising addition and subtraction.

Year 2

English: We will be writing a fact file based on the life and work of Vanessa Barragao.

Maths: We will be continuing with our learning of multiplying by 2, 5 and 10.

Year 3

English: We will be planning and writing our own adventure story similar to The Green Ship.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8.

Year 4

English: We will be retelling part of a narrative based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10 and 100.

Year 5

English: We will be planning, writing and editing a setting description based on 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.

Maths: We will be dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 and exploring multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000.

Year 6

English: We will be using artwork by Lubaina Himid to inspire our creative writing and researching her life and career.

Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

Our school is working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk and are looking for volunteers who can spare an afternoon or two a week to come in to school as a reading helper. Holding reading sessions with some of our children on a one-to-one basis, giving those that need it extra support to practise reading skills outside of the classroom. It's a fun role that's about much more than just listening to children read.

Coram Beanstalk help children become readers; equipping reading helpers to help children switch onto reading, learn to read and become confident independent readers. Reading helpers are trained in a proven approach and will lead sessions for each child that bring fun and enjoyment to the reading experience, ultimately wanting the child to choose to read and be enthusiastic about it!

Reading helpers read to the child, talk about what they have read, check understanding and encourage thinking and conversation based on a book. They use fun book based activities to reinforce understanding, develop vocabulary and further cement enjoyment through a positive reading experience. We know this approach works and raises reading attainment, with 1-1 sessions bringing additional benefits of improving confidence, self-esteem and attitude to learning.

If you would like to become a reading helper at our school, or you know someone, perhaps a grandparent or a neighbour who would like to join our friendly school community please do consider this role.

For more information or if you want to apply online, visit the website at www.corambeanstalk.org.uk and complete an application form.



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Ashmount Together Annual Virtual Quiz

This Friday 20th from 8pm

The Ashmount Virtual Quiz:

To register: email ashmountevents@gmail.com

Suggested donation £5 per zoom payable on the night.

We'll put people into teams of year groups - no one will 'team' alone!

However, if you have a team already sorted, let us know.

Takeaway chilli/drinks available on the night between 7-8pm

Pre ordering details to follow.

Don't whatever you do go out.

You'll miss out.

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Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to this week's current league table leaders in each year group! In line with our Growth Mindset philosophy, this charts the biggest improvement in correct scores over the last seven days.

The leaders are...

Y4 = Dylan, Eden, Louis M

Y5 = Starlah, Manal, Finlay

Y6 = Damien, Sean, Shabbir



Remote Learning Reminder

This is just a reminder that if your child is isolating (or not at school for another reason) you can access the learning for the days they are away in our Google Classroom. If you need a reminder of your child's log in, please contact the school office.

You can also access two weeks worth of learning from Islington online here:

<https://www.islingtoncs.org/node/16484>

If you need printed resources, pencils, pens, paper or exercise books, just let us know.

School Diary Dates

Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November: Arts Week

Second Half term

We re-open on Monday 2nd November at 8.45 a.m.

Class Assemblies

(These assemblies and shows will be remote or pre-recorded.)

Tuesday 10th November: 6 Blue

Tuesday 17th November: cancelled

Tuesday 24th November: *UPDATED*: 5 Blue

Tuesday 1st December: 2 Green

Friday 11th December: Year 4 Show

Monday 14th December: Year 1 Nativity

Ashmount Together Events

Weekly Friday Food Bank collection (see details in this newsletter and in posters around school).

Ashmount's Parents Quiz (virtual): Friday November 20th from 8pm.

Tuesday 15th December: Virtual Christmas Carols

End of term

On Wednesday 16th December school finishes at 2 p.m.

Free School Meals Check: Who can get free school meals?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the following:

Universal Credit providing you have net earnings of less than £7,400 a year (£616.67 a month)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit

Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC)

It is a simple process to check by going online at the following address. If you qualify you will be informed straight away and the school will be informed within 5 days. It does not matter which local authority you live in you still apply via the Islington portal at the website below: This will at a school break mean you can receive £15 per child support through a supermarket voucher which will be issued via Edenred.

<https://www.islington.gov.uk//children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

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Weekly Attendance

09.11.20 – 13.11.20

Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	92.4
Nursery p.m.	94.2
Reception Blue	95.7
Reception Green	98.4
1 Blue	100
1 Green	95.9
2 Blue	99.3
2 Green	95.3
3 Blue	95.9
3 Green	97.6
4 Blue	99.6
4 Green	97.2
5 Blue	93.8
5 Green	93.3
6 Blue	95.7
6 Green	95.9

Our best attending classes for this week were:

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

If you need support with attendance do contact Lisa, our School Home Support worker, through the office.

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Help support our local food bank by donating if you can.

Without the boxes, packets, and tins of food items regularly donated across the UK, food banks simply wouldn't be able to run. And as food banks face an ever-increasing demand for their services, particularly in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, you can help! At Ashmount, we are hosting Food Bank Friday collections for the Muswell Hill Food Bank, supporting people in our local community.

Please donate these items if you can:

Food items

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- ◆ Lentils, beans and pulses
- ◆ Tinned meat
- ◆ Tinned vegetables
- ◆ Tea/coffee
- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Biscuits
- ◆ UHT milk
- ◆ Fruit juice

Non food items

- ◆ Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- ◆ Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- ◆ Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons
- ◆ Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food

How to donate

You can drop your donations on any day Monday - Friday. Leave them in the donation box outside the school building near the front office or children can bring them into school.

Each Friday, a member of the school community will take the donations to the food bank.

If you can help, please contact your class rep or email Ashmount Together

ashmountschoolpta@gmail.com

We've set up a
**FOOD BANK FRIDAY
COLLECTION POINT**
to collect food for our local
food bank this Harvest!

Please donate an item or two
from the list if you can.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereals
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam



MUSWELL HILL FOODBANK

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Our learning in pictures—this week Nursery have been learning about Diwali and festivals of light!



Our learning in pictures—this week Reception have been working on Rangoli patterns and Diwali lamps!



Our learning in pictures—this week Year 1 have been looking at the seasons in Science and linking this to our fabulous park setting!



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Our learning in pictures—this week !



Our learning in pictures—this week Year 5 have been experimenting in Science looking at the topic of insulation!

