

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have so far signed up to our parent consultations on the 3rd and 4th of November, we will issue the online links to these sessions on the afternoon of Monday 2nd November. These slots will literally be 10 minutes only and then be terminated as the slots is a digital time slot—so please be on time for your session. Any more detailed conversations can be held at a later date.

When we return to school on Monday 2nd November our Autumn 2 curriculum from Year 2 to 6 will continue to re-establish learning behaviours, with a focus on wellbeing and mental health. We will further broaden our curriculum offer by adding Science alongside phonics, reading, writing, maths, music and PE.

A huge thank you for your generous donations to the local Food bank thank, see images of your donations later in the newsletter.

On our return after half term there will be two new faces, student teachers Marion and Orlando will joining us until February. Marion will be in Years 5 and Orlando will join us in Year 2. I trust you will give them both a warm Ashmount welcome.

If you do one thing this half term... make it reading! Please find attached some great top tips from the Education Endowment Foundation for making the most of reading at home.

Hold that date! Ashmount's parents quiz is going virtual. Friday November 20th from 8pm..... watch this space for more details.

Thank you to those who have re-donated to the GoFundMe account for Cillian, our amazing colleague who passed away at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. As I mentioned last week due to technical issues donors had their generous contributions refunded. After discussions with GoFundMe the account was re-instated and we are kindly asking that those who previously donated to resubmit your generous gifts so that by the end of half term we can issue these funds to Embarak, her husband. You can resubmit via this link: <https://gf.me/u/y3vi7m>

Finally, a huge thank you to one and all, children, parents and staff to what has been an excellent first half term's return to school in the middle of a pandemic. It is likely that there will be more trying times to come over the winter period but I am sure that if we continue to support one another during this period of time we will be able to ensure the safety and success of the whole school community.

Best wishes and stay safe, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

### 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, Louis M, Maher

Y5 = Lara, Ruby, Milla

Y6 = Lewis, Youcef, Cy

### 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 taking part in colour experiments and observing what happens when we mix colours together. We will be reading 'the button box' and sorting buttons and finding the odd one out.

#### Reception

English – We will be exploring the space-themed story of Toto and retelling it using actions, as well as putting ourselves in the shoes of the characters.

Maths – We will be exploring shape. We will learn the names of common 2D shapes and hunt for them in the environment.

#### Year 1

English – We will be reading and exploring the story "Dogger" by Shirley Hughes.

Maths: We will be focusing on subtraction, looking at the symbol (-) and different methods to subtract, starting with crossing out.

#### Year 2

English: We will be re-telling a story based on our reading of 'The Tiger Skin Rug.'

Maths: We will be learning the 2 and 5 times tables.

#### Year 3

English: We will be reading 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake and writing a character description of Mrs Tredegar.

Maths: We will be continuing to use bar models to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and consolidating our learning from the first half term.

#### Year 4

English: We will be reading the book 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and describing a setting using expanded noun phrases.

Maths: We will be learning to measure length and perimeter.

#### Year 5

English: We will be exploring the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and planning, writing and editing a diary entry.

Maths: We will be focusing on multiplication including, multiples, factors and prime numbers.

#### Year 6

English: We will be beginning a new text, 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick and will be planning and writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character.

Maths: We will be identifying square and cube numbers and investigating the order of operations (BIDMAS).

### 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

**FOOD BANK FRIDAY** [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org) trusselltrust

Your donations will be going to a local food bank – a registered charity or charitable organisation which is part of the Trussell Trust network. Reg. Charity in England & Wales (1110522) and Scotland (SC044246). Reg. Ltd. Co. in England & Wales (5434524).

## MUSWELL HILL FOODBANK

Friday 23rd October 2020

## Friday Night Take Away

St Mary (Ashley Road, NI9 3AD) offer a **takeaway on Friday** evenings for anyone in need of a hot meal.

Whether you are struggling to put food on the table, or struggling to cook, or are just in need of some extra support at this time. Takeaway provides both meat and vegan options, and all you have to do is message us to be included. We will ask you for your name, mobile number, family size and any dietary requirements.. Every Wednesday, for as long as you want to receive the messages, you receive a text asking if you want a meal and you simply have to reply "yes 3 meals please" or yes "5 meals". We then know if you want vegan or meat, and you are welcome to ask other questions. To sign up please either email [takeaway@smhr.org.uk](mailto:takeaway@smhr.org.uk) or text [07581340796](tel:07581340796) or call them on [020 7916 2710](tel:02079162710) and leave a message for Tamsin (our Vicar) and the team if we aren't in.

(Any information you give is only stored for the purposes of takeaway, unless you want to hear more from us in which case you simply have to ask.)

Friday Night Takeaway meals are collected between 4 and 6pm. If for some reason you are unable to collect the food that week please let us know as soon as you can, so we can give it away to someone else in need.

Friday Night Takeaway is a initiative lead by St Mary Hornsey Rise, on Ashley Road, in conjunction with a number of volunteers. **If you would like to volunteer** with us you are more than welcome to get in touch, or come down to the church, we are open Monday to Friday 12pm to 3pm (Wednesdays until 8.30pm and Fridays until 6pm).

## School Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November: Parents Evenings (further details have been sent out in an email from Tony)

Thursday 5th November: Flu Vaccines Reception - Year 6

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 will be remote or pre-recorded.)

Tuesday 19th November: 6 Blue

Tuesday 17th November: 1 Green

Tuesday 24th November: 4 Blue

Tuesday 1st December: 2 Green

Dates for the Year 1 Nativity and the Year 4 show will be confirmed soon.

## 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.

# ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

Weekly Attendance 12.10.20 – 16.10.20

Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	93.0
Nursery p.m.	96.6
Reception Blue	99.0
Reception Green	94.0
1 Blue	92.6
1 Green	99.0
2 Blue	96.0
2 Green	97.9
3 Blue	92.3
3 Green	92.9
4 Blue	97.3
4 Green	98.0
5 Blue	97.2
5 Green	97.2
6 Blue	95.9
6 Green	95.7

Our best attending classes for this week were:

Reception Blue, 1 Green, 4 Green, 5 Blue and 5 Green

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.

### Our Learning in Photos

We've been busy hammering golf tees into pumpkins, making potions, mark making in pumpkin guts and enjoying dressing up!



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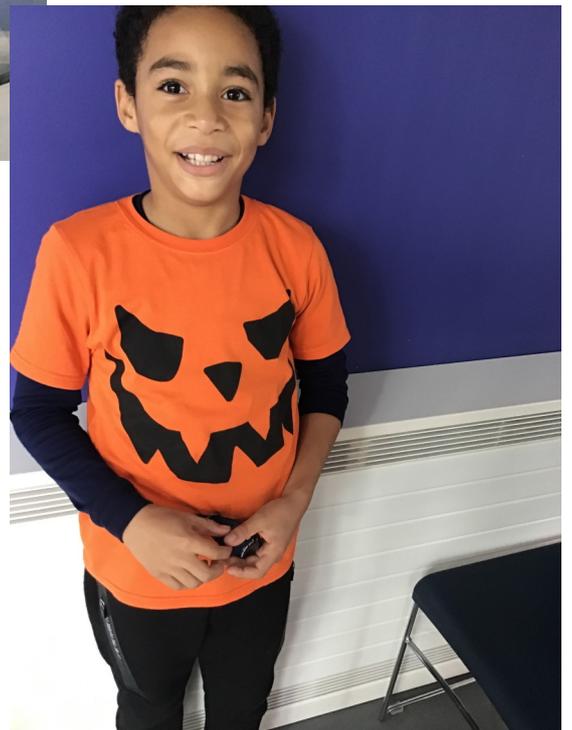
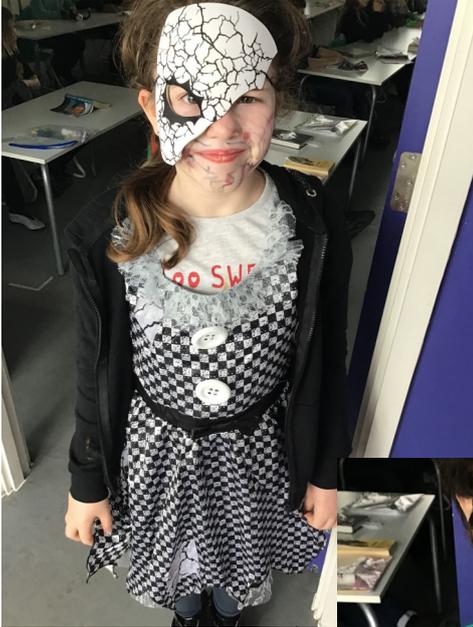
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Food Bank Collection—A huge thank you to everyone in the community for your generous donations!

