

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few reminders, as we prepare for our annual Year 1 and Year 4 performances and our annual Carol concert these events will sadly this year be virtual. We will issue a video of the Year 1 and Year 4 performances on Wednesday 16th December. Next week we will issue details of our virtual Carol Concert, but in preparation for this we will be recording year group carols and we would ask all children, where possible to wear a Christmas Jumper, but if you don't have one children could come dressed in a green/red/white top and/or a Christmas hat/headband on Thursday 3rd December.

I will also this week be returning books that we retained in the summer to keep a record of learning until all classes had a reasonable volume of school learning in their class learning books. We are now in this position and so the learning we collected will go home on Tuesday after school.

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

We are also today advertising a Meal Time Supervisor role, please see the advert attached with details of how to apply.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

Piano and Singing lessons

We are happy to announce that we now have a new piano and singing teacher, who will be offering music lessons after school at Ashmount. If your child is interested in having lessons please contact the teacher: Natalie Higgins; natalielouisethiggins@hotmail.com Tel: 07966439794

Natalie Higgins is a highly experienced, creative musician and composer from London.

With an MA in Jazz studies from Trinity Laban Conservatoire, Natalie has taught in schools around London and is especially interested in finding the best ways to help creativity and musical skills flourish early on in children using both stimulating and playful techniques.

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.

What we will be learning next week.....

Nursery: We will be learning all about our emotions using the book 'The Colour Monster' and will be exploring light and shadows.

Reception

English: We will be conducting research about the solar system using non-fiction texts and other materials. We will also present our findings to the class!

Maths: We will be learning the basics of addition by adding more Christmas themed objects to an amount.

Year 1

English: We will be learning to create our own versions of the story 'I Love You, Blue Kangaroo.' To do this, we will choose and describe a new setting and toy.

Maths: We will be learning to count and write numbers to 20.

Year 2

English: We will be using our phonics and comprehension skills to answer questions on a range of text types.

Maths: We will be reviewing our learning of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Year 3

English: We will be learning about non-chronological reports and writing our own based on transport.

Maths: We will be learning formal written methods of multiplication.

Year 4

English: We will be writing the first part of a fantasy narrative.

Maths: We will be learning to multiply and divide by 7 and 9.

Year 5

English: We will be continuing to explore the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' to plan, write and edit the second half of our narrative.

Maths: We will be learning about finding the area of squares, rectangles and compound shapes.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring the short film 'The Piano' and investigating the main character and the sequence of the film.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing fractions.

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, Jeremiah, Naomi

Y5 = Jackson, Samir, Atlanta

Y6 = Youcef, Joel, 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

Class Assemblies

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

Tuesday 1st December: 2 Green

Thursday 3rd December: We will be recording our carols for the Virtual Christmas Carol show and children can wear Christmas or winter themed jumpers with their school uniform.

Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day at Ashmount

The Year 4 Show and Year 1 Nativity will be available to watch as a video from Wednesday 16th December.

Ashmount Together Events

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

Tuesday 15th December: Virtual Christmas Carols 4:30 p.m. A link will be shared.

End of term

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

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Attendance 23.11.20 – 27.11.20

Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	97.9
Nursery p.m.	98.2
Reception Blue	74.7
Reception Green	81.5
1 Blue	99.3
1 Green	96.8
2 Blue	100
2 Green	95.7
3 Blue	96.7
3 Green	98.5
4 Blue	98.4
4 Green	94.3
5 Blue	98.9
5 Green	98.3
6 Blue	95.5
6 Green	96.7

Our best attending classes for this week were:

Nursery p.m., 2 Blue, 3 Green and 5 Blue!

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.

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.



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
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the trussell trust
Stop UK Hunger

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 (1130522) and Scotland (SC044246). Reg. Ltd. Co. in England & Wales (5434524).

MUSWELL HILL FOODBANK

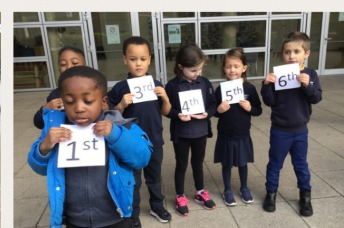
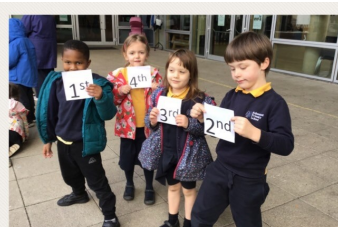
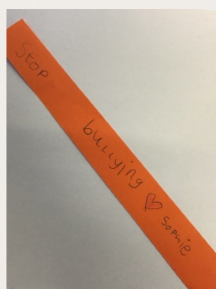
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Our learning in photos — Year 1!



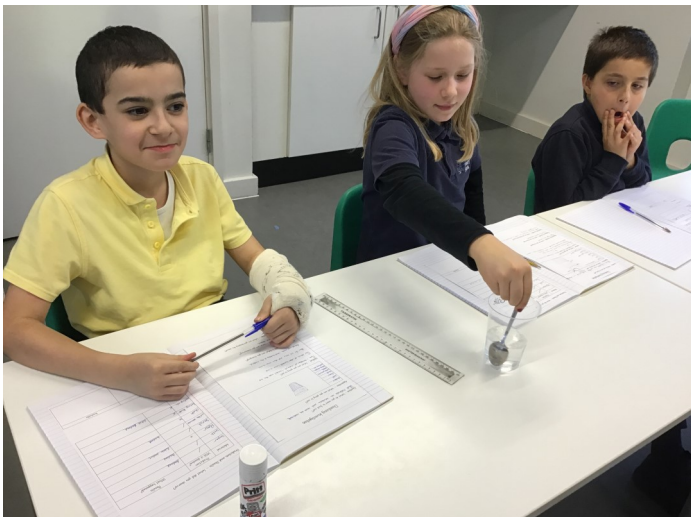
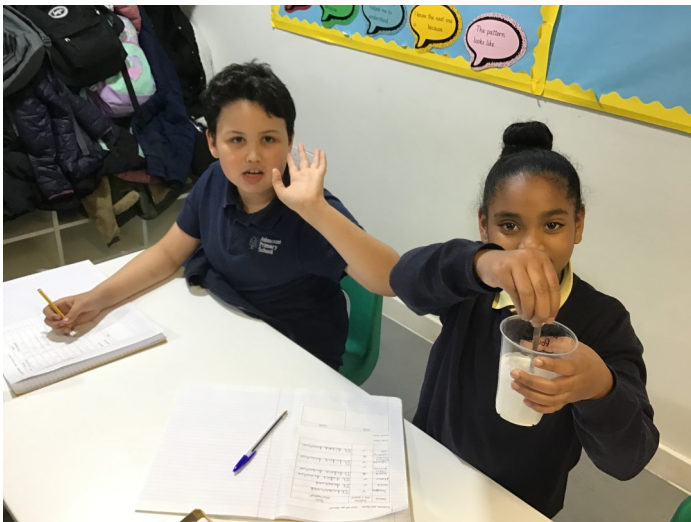
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Our learning in photos — Year 1 !



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Our learning in photos - Year 5 have been experimenting with dissolving!



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Our learning in photos — Our Year 5 children were thrilled to receive a response from the Home Office regarding the letters they had sent about the UK parliament doing more to protect and support refugees. Whilst they didn't receive a reply from Priti Patel, they did receive a reply from Catherine West MP who is a local MP for Hornsey and Wood Green. We hope you enjoy reading the response as much as the children did.



CATHERINE WEST MP

Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green

5 Blue and 5 Green
Year 5
Ashmount Primary School
83 Crouch Hill
London
N8 9EG

16 November 2020
Our Ref: ZA9419

Dear 5 Blue & 5 Green

Thank you so much for sending me your detailed and very persuasive letters about refugees and asylum seekers, following your class reading of "The Boy at the Back of the Class".

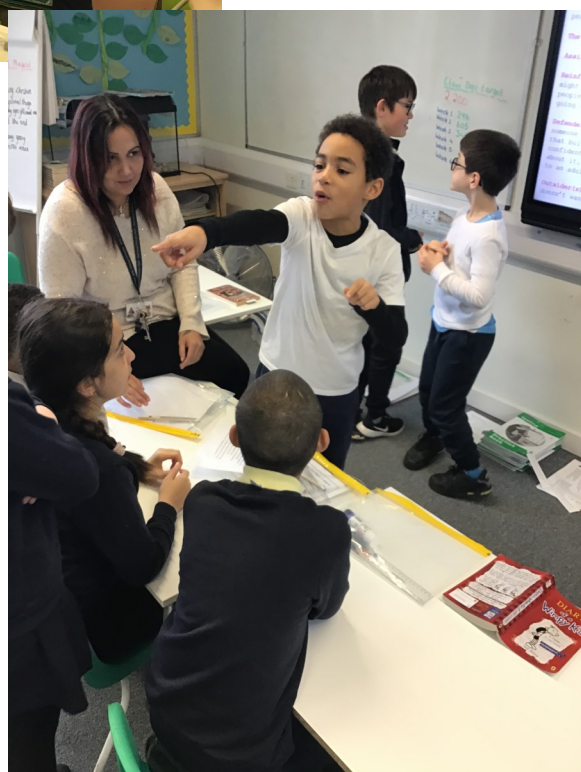
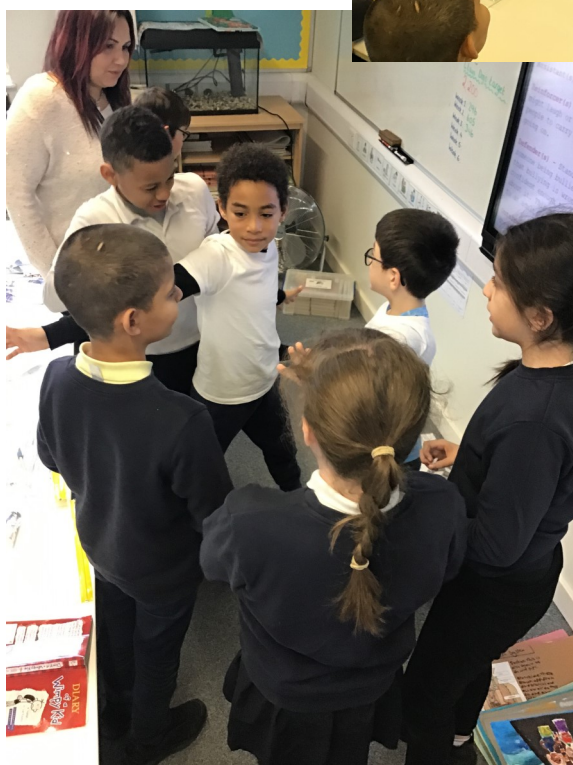
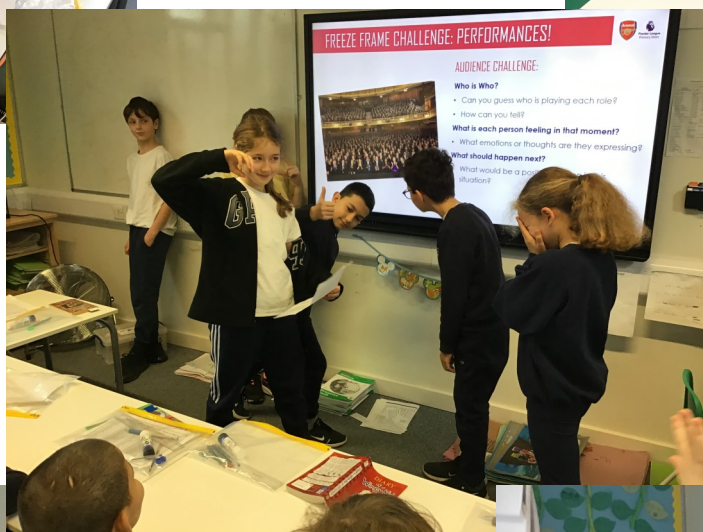
You have all been absolutely right to highlight the stigma and difficulties which asylum seekers and refugees face and it is so important that you have, and will continue, writing to people like me and the Home Office to highlight the need for the UK to do more to help those in this situation.

In my work in Parliament I will continue raising the need for further protections for asylum seekers and refugees and I will absolutely make sure that your opinions and demands are listened to.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine West
Member of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green

Our learning in photos!



Our learning in photos — Reception have been developing their hairdressing skills!



Our learning in photos—Year 5 developing their drama skills with West End in Schools!



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Our learning in photos!

