

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an interesting last few days of term for London schools and particularly all Islington schools and I would like to thank you for your patience during what has been a challenging time for all families. Clearly the pandemic continues to affect all schools and I will need you to let me know if any of your children have a positive Covid-19 test outcome over the next 6 days—as this may affect other class members having to self isolate (see the letter attached) and you can do this by emailing me at head@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

I would also like to remind you we will be running a Parent Governor election in the new year and we would strongly encourage those from our wider diverse community to consider standing for the role. You can chat to any of the leadership team about this or Jon our Acting Chair to gain an insight into the role.

We will later this week issue links to our Year 1 Nativity and Year 4 show performances. Can I add my thanks to all of the parents who supported in filming this event and are currently editing it!

I am listing resources that are available to support with safety and learning over the break below:

Online safety over the holiday – A parent's guide to being social online this December

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>

4 steps you can take to help children stay safer

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/how-you-can-help-children-stay-safer-online-over-the-winter-break...and-beyond/>

Food Banks and Free Meals over the holiday

https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/results.page?adultchannelnew=2_5

Need help? If you need support or know someone who does, there is lots of help available in Islington:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/coronavirus-covid-19/need-help>

Home Learning – Creative Activities: <https://www.islingtoncs.org/home-learning/creative>

Home Learning – Music Activities: <https://www.islingtoncs.org/home-learning/music>

Finally, this will be a very different Christmas time during the pandemic so with data rising significantly both locally and nationally please do all you can to keep safe, we have done well so far during the national crisis but I would like our success to continue into January and beyond.

Thank you as ever one and all for your support and especially to my staff team for their sterling efforts during this time.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

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 the week beginning 04.01.21.....

Nursery: We will be starting our new topic of 'Fairy Tales' by exploring the story 'The three little pigs'.

Reception

English: We will be watching the short film something fishy and retelling events of this film.

Maths: We will be counting and ordering numbers 1 to 10.

Year 1

English: We will be reading and exploring the story 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will be focusing on understanding and retelling the story.

Maths: We will be learning about addition within 20 using different strategies, such as, adding by making 10 and adding by adding ones.

Year 2

English: We will be writing a setting description based on the short film, 'Something Fishy.'

Maths: We will be measuring and comparing lengths in metres and centimetres.

Year 3

English: We will be reading the beginning of a new narrative called I was a Rat! by Philip Pullman and developing character descriptions.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on multiplication and division and learning how to measure in centimetres and metres.

Year 4

English: We will be reading and exploring the book 'Journey to Jo'Burg' by Beverley Naidoo.

Maths: We will be learning to multiply and divide by 11 and 12.

Year 5

English: We will be exploring the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

Maths: We will be focusing on multiplication and using formal written methods to multiply.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring the play Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. We will begin by investigating the language and themes.

Maths: We will be looking at decimals with up to three decimal points and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000.

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Weekly Attendance

03.09.20 – 15.12.20

Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	93.4
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Reception Blue	92.1
Reception Green	92.1
1 Blue	97.4
1 Green	97.0
2 Blue	98.4
2 Green	95.5
3 Blue	94.8
3 Green	96.4
4 Blue	96.7
4 Green	95.5
5 Blue	96.2
5 Green	96.7
6 Blue	94.0
6 Green	95.7

Our best attending classes for this week were:

Nursery, 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 5 Green

Well done children and adults. Each winning class gets a Friday afternoon DVD of their choice to watch and hot chocolate and cookies. At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupil groups is a huge focus 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.

Notification of two key changes to self-isolation guidance

As of 14 December 2020:

1. Household members and other close contacts now need to self-isolate for 10 days (previously 14 days)
2. The first day of self-isolation is day 0, and the period of self-isolation lasts for the next 10 full days

Self-isolation advice

Positive cases of coronavirus

- **First day of self-isolation (day 0):** The day symptoms started, or the day the test was taken if no symptoms were present.
- **Length of self-isolation:** The first day of self-isolation is day 0, and the period of self-isolation lasts for the next 10 full days.

Household contacts

- **First day of self-isolation (day 0):** The day the first person in the household's symptoms started, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms.
- **Length of self-isolation:** The first day of self-isolation is day 0, and the period of self-isolation lasts for the next 10 full days.

Other close contacts (not from same household)

- **First day of self-isolation (day 0):** The last day of contact with the positive case during their infectious period (i.e. from 48 hours before symptoms started), or 48 hours before the test day if no symptoms.
- **Length of self-isolation:** The first day of self-isolation is day 0, and the period of self-isolation lasts for the next 10 full days.

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, Maher, Sam

Y5 = Mohamed, Samir, Starlah

Y6 = Sean, Youcef, Damien



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: 07966 439 794

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.

School Diary Dates

Class Assemblies

Tuesday 12th January	2 Blue
Tuesday 19th January	1 Green
Tuesday 26th January	3 Blue
Tuesday 2nd February	6 Green
Tuesday 9th February	4 Blue
Tuesday 2nd March	5 Green
Tuesday 9th March	1 Blue
Tuesday 16th March	3 Green
Tuesday 23rd March	Reception Blue
Tuesday 30th March	4 Green

Parent Consultation Meetings (Virtual)

Tuesday 9th March 2:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Wednesday 10th March 3:45 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Ashmount Together Events

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

End of term

Wednesday 31st March 2 p.m.

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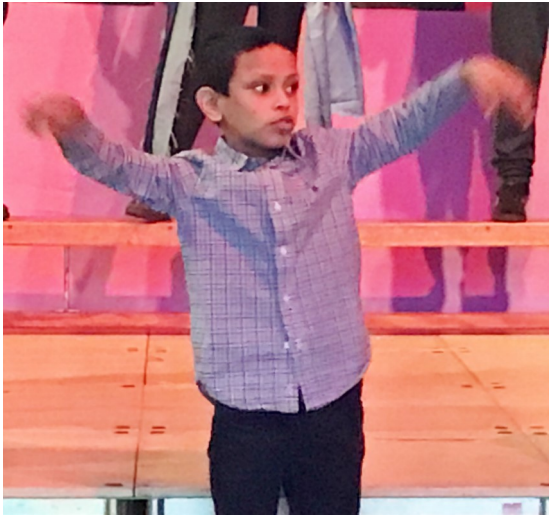
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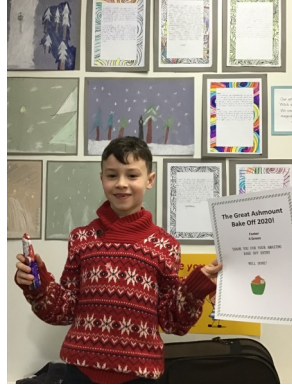


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Our learning in photos—The Great Ashmount Bake Off 2020



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



MUSWELL HILL FOODBANK