

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first attachment today will deal with some significant proposed staffing changes for the school as we look to complete an Organisational Change process. This is obviously a difficult time for all concerned, but is a situation that 16 other Islington school's find themselves in as school budgets tighten within London. I will be in the playground throughout the week to answer any questions people may have but obviously am bound by strict protocols during the process itself.

I am issuing the dates for Sports days which will take place after half term, sadly these will this year cannot be attended by parents. However, we will vigorously tweet outcomes during the sessions to keep all families in the loop about the travails of the day!

After half term Year 5 will commence their intensive swimming sessions—they will go each day for a fortnight, except on the day of their Sports Day (Wednesday 9th June). The children will need a packed lunch each and we would like to know whether families would like a school packed lunch or if they will make their own a home. All children will need a swimming hat, swimming costume (This must be a one piece costume for girls and must be proper swimming shorts for boys) goggles would be a great addition but are not compulsory.

A reminder that on Friday we break up for half term and to help us clear a back log of unclaimed school uniform there will be items displayed in the lower playground on Wednesday after school and the upper playground on Thursday after school. Please take a look so we can avoid recycling items. But if we could give all families a general reminder to ensure their children's name are written on each clothing items label!

An important reminder to all parents to wait patiently until the children are dismissed by the teacher. For safeguarding purposes, the staff must say goodbye to the child and see the children go with the adult who is collecting them. I know we are all busy at the end of the day but it is essential we dismiss the children in a calm and controlled manner to ensure everyone is kept safe.

I would also like to let you know that all Islington school's will meet with Public Health England next week and so on Friday I will issue a Covid-19 Risk Assessment update, please watch out for this.

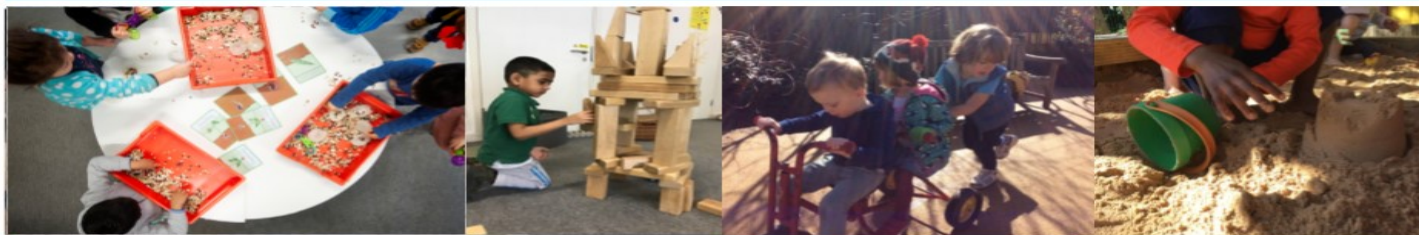
Finally, after some delay, we will on Monday open our election process for the vacant Parent Governor post, there will be a separate newsletter issued at 9 a.m. tomorrow that outlines the schedule and process for this.

Best wishes and stay safe,
Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

Ashmount Primary School
Community - Responsibility - Growth



Apply now for a place in our Nursery for our September and January intakes.



Children between 3 and 4 years of age are eligible to join our nursery class.

All children are entitled to a free 15 hours place (Mon-Fri, 9am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 3:30pm). Some children will be eligible for a free 30 hours place (Mon-Fri, 9am - 3:30pm).

We also offer families the opportunity to supplement this free entitlement by buying additional sessions.
Application forms can be obtained from the school office.

Friday 21st May 2021

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 top 3 most improved children for each year group this week are:

Y4 = Cairo, Marcus, Foster

Y5 = Samir, Olivia Morton,
Anthony

Y6 = Chiem, Sonny, Daniella



School Diary Dates

Healthy living Week: Monday 7th- Friday 11th June

Sports Days

Tuesday 8th June: Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 9th June: Years 4, 5 & 6

Class Assembly Dates (Virtual)

Tuesday 25th May: 1 Blue

Tuesday 22nd June: 3 Green

Tuesday 29th June: 4 Blue

Ashmount Together Events

Weekly Friday Food Bank collection (see details on posters around school).

Summer Fair in July: date TBC

Cake sales to recommence after half term! Look out for details soon.

Term Dates

Friday 16th July: INSET Staff CPD: school closed

End of Summer Term: Friday 23rd July at 2 p.m.

For full term dates, Bank Holidays and INSET days, please see our website.

Parent Safe – A Safeguarding Resource for Parents

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when they are, if we don't know what's happening on their devices.

Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay?

If you need help to find some answers, don't despair...scroll through this website for help or click to go straight to the topics or help section:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Islington In Bloom Competition

The Islington in Bloom Children's poster competition is back. We are inviting children to create a poster for the 2022 edition of the Islington in Bloom competition. The winning design will feature on next year's Islington in Bloom posters and leaflets. We are looking for a design which will encourage Islington's residents, schools, young people's centres, community groups and businesses to make their borough greener, brighter and more wildlife-friendly!

The competition is open to children of all ages and will be judged in the following age categories:

Infants (5 and under), Primary (6 - 10), Secondary (11 - 15),

Prizes Winners in each category will receive £50 Cass Art voucher and a personalised certificate. The overall winner will receive an additional £50 of Cass Art Vouchers.

The winning design will:

- include the words 'Islington in Bloom 2022' (Tip: keep the text in the centre of the design)
- be in a portrait format feature content which fits the In Bloom theme, such as flowers, trees, fruit and vegetables, gardening, pots, tools, homes, people, birds, insects and other wildlife
- be bright, bold and colourful

be on the back of an A4 sheet photocopied from the master sheet. We will issue these to all children on Monday. Entries should be submitted by 4 July 2021.

What we will be learning in the week beginning

Monday 10th May

Nursery: We will be making our own wild things out of shapes. We will be adventuring to the 'place where the wild things are' for a wild rumpus party.

Reception

English: We will be innovating the story 'The Snail and the Whale'.

Maths: We will be estimating and comparing groups up to 20.

Year 1

English: We will be practising and revising our grammar and spelling skills.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on counting to 100 and we will revise all the topics we have learnt this half term.

Year 2

English: We will be practicing our grammar and spelling.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on counting to 100 and revise all of our learning from this term.

Year 3

English: We will be using Roald Dahl's 'The Witches' to inspire rhyming poems!

Maths: We will be learning how to interpret and present data using bar charts.

Year 4

English: We will be creating our own evil, mythical character based on the Egyptian god, Seth.

Maths: We will be learning about how many months, weeks and days are in a year and converting analogue time to digital.

Year 5

English: We will be continuing our learning on journalistic writing inspired by the text 'Anglo Saxon Boy'.

Maths: We will be measuring angles with a protractor, drawing lines and angles accurately and calculating angles on a straight line and around a point.

Year 6

Year 6 will be completing their SATs assessments.

English: We will be editing and publishing our non-chronological report about a hybrid animal.

Maths: We will be recapping rounding and negative numbers.

Weekly Science Home Learning Activity!

To all budding Scientists,

Every week from today, I will be attaching a 'Science Fun at Home' activity to the newsletter for you to have a go at completing at home! We know how much you love science in school, so why not continue your love of Science at home? Each activity will be simple, engaging and involve practical science! The activities are open ended and adaptable for any age. Note: All practical activities require adult involvement - in other words Science fun for the whole family!

Jeanette - Science Lead



Woodwork in the Early Years

We are so excited to be introducing woodwork into the early years at Ashmount, but we need your help!

Do you work with wood?

Could you supply us with offcuts or provide wood in bulk at a discounted rate?

If so, please contact Rosie in Nursery via the school Office.

Recommend a friend - Fostering recruitment staff reward scheme

Introduce a potential foster carer and you could be enjoying a £1500 reward. This scheme aims to spread the word that Islington needs more foster carers for local young people and offers a little incentive too! Word of mouth is known to be the most effective source of foster carer recruitment so start spreading the news and starting those conversations about fostering.

It could be a friend, a colleague, someone who cuts your hair, who lives next door, or anyone you know well who may be a good fit for fostering but never got round to applying. They would be someone who lives in or near Islington with a spare room, wants to offer a child a good home and whom you believe would be able to keep a child safe.

What next?

Have a conversation with the person you think would make a great carer and ask them to contact the fostering team on 020 7527 7933 or at fostering@islington.gov.uk making sure they quote RECOMMEND and your name. (This ensures we know you directed them to us). If they go on to be approved as an Islington foster carer you receive your reward!

For more information about the scheme or around becoming a foster carer contact the recruitment team on 020 7527 7933 or at fostering@islington.gov.uk

Please note we are unfortunately unable to take direct recommendations due to recent GDPR updates. The reward is open to all Islington staff and will be payable for the introduction of a potential foster carer who is then successfully approved by the fostering panel.

We want to start as many fostering conversations as possible in our community and to help people find out more we will be running two online information sessions over Foster Fortnight: Wednesday 12 May at 10am and Tuesday 18 May at 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/islington-fostering-service-online-information-session-18-may-2021-tickets-151813334771>

Why foster?

Fostering is an amazing and rewarding journey. When you choose to foster with Islington you'll receive a generous financial allowance up to £815 a week, 24/7 support and fantastic training opportunities. Fostering is a rewarding way to make a positive difference to a young life and a wonderful way to enrich your own. By providing a stable and welcoming home you will give them the chance for a better future. We're looking for people who can give children and young people a safe, caring and supportive home, and who can work with us as part of a team.

We welcome people of any ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion. It doesn't matter whether you're married, in a civil partnership or single, whether you have a job or if you have a disability or long term health issue. There's no typical foster family, just as there's no typical child or young person. There are different types of foster care available, so you can choose the one that suits you best.

What you need to become a foster carer

All you need to become a foster carer is to be over 21 and have the space in your home and time in your life to care for a child. You'll also need to be in good enough health to care for a child or young person.

Don't rule yourself out, even if you feel you might not have everything it takes.

If you have questions about any aspect of fostering or would like to talk to us about it before making a decision, call us on 020 7527 7933 or email us at : fostering@islington.gov.uk

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st May 2021

Weekly Attendance

17.05.21 – 21.05.21

| Class | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Nursery a.m. | 96.0 |
| Nursery p.m. | 96.7 |
| Reception Blue | 94.3 |
| Reception Green | 96.3 |
| 1 Blue | 96.5 |
| 1 Green | 98.1 |
| 2 Blue | 100 |
| 2 Green | 98.1 |
| 3 Blue | 95.4 |
| 3 Green | 95.4 |
| 4 Blue | 94.9 |
| 4 Green | 95.7 |
| 5 Blue | 91.0 |
| 5 Green | 96.8 |
| 6 Blue | 97.9 |
| 6 Green | 91.3 |

Our best attending classes for this week were: Nursery p.m., 2 Blue, 4 Green and 6 Blue.

Well done children and adults. At the end of half term the best attending 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.

Holiday playschemes, 1-4 June 2021

Elizabeth House, N5 IED

Booking: 020 7690 1300

Hanley Crouch @ Brickworks Community Centre, N4 4BY

Booking: 020 7263 1067

Highbury Roundhouse @ Aubert Court, N5 IBL

Booking 079114 255545 or 07458323360

Highbury Roundhouse @ Yerbury Primary School, N19 4RS

Booking 079114255545 or Mob: 07951715530

Hilldrop Community Association, N7 OJE

Booking 020 7700 1871

Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre, N19 3YJ

Booking: 020 7272 5938; 07377 000510

Mary's, St Mary's Church, N1 2TX, childrenbookings@marys.org.uk

Booking 0207 7042873

Childminders can also provide holiday childcare. Use the directory to find a childminder in your area, or phone the Family Information Service (FIS) for advice, 020 7527 5959, or contact the FIS by email:

fis@islington.gov.uk

Access to Sports runs free activities during holidays; see website for details:

<https://accesstosports.org.uk/>

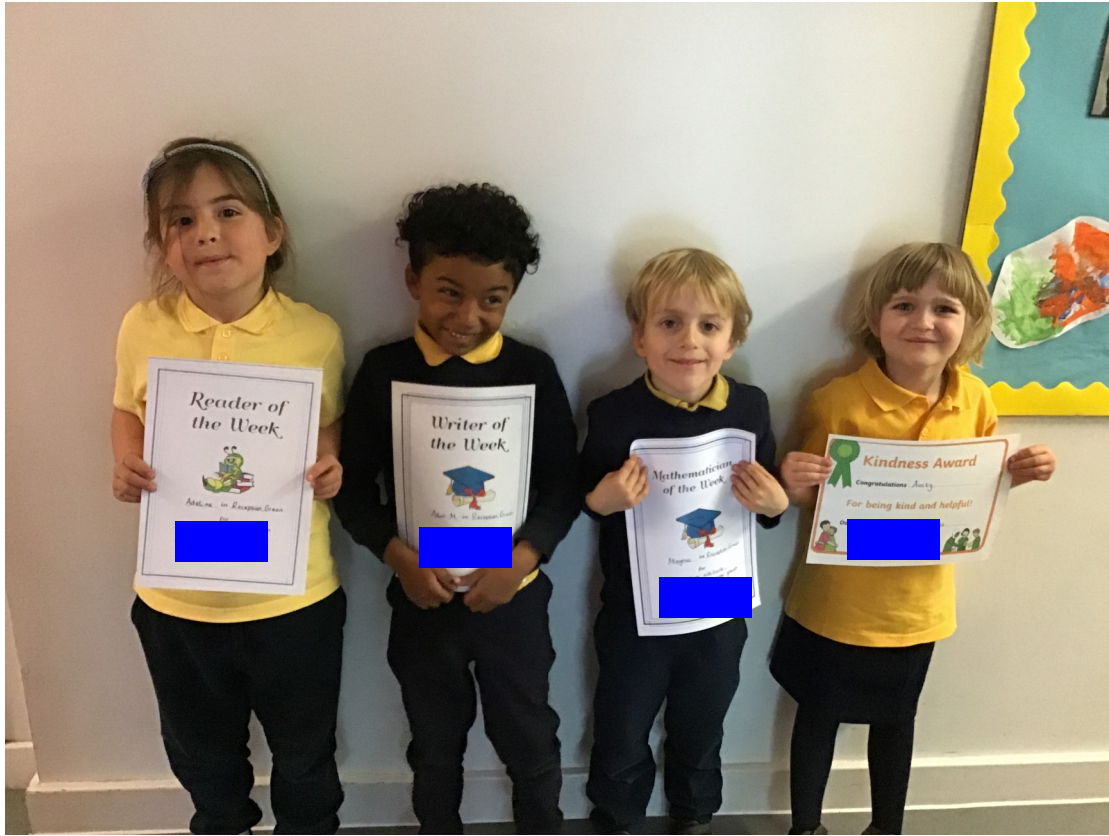
Islington's Adventure Playgrounds will also be open during June half:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/adventure-playgrounds>

Our learning in pictures: Nursery—Outdoor Classroom Day



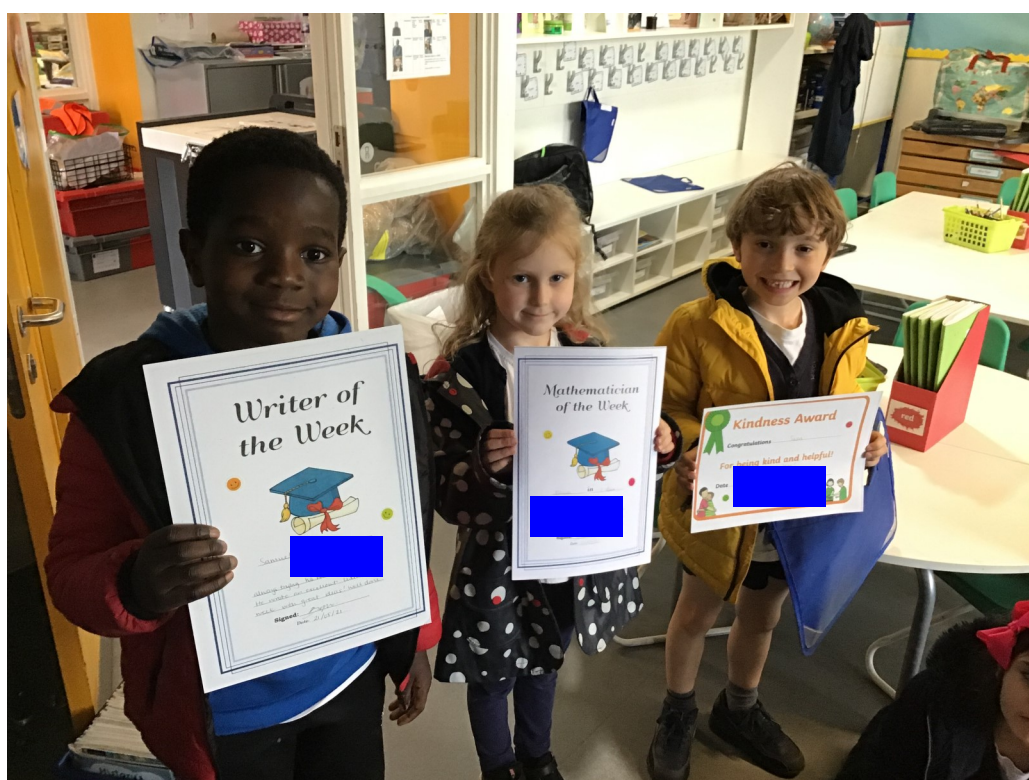
Our learning in pictures: Reception Learners of the week



Our learning in pictures: Reception—Outdoor Learning Day



Our learning in pictures: Year 1—Learners of the week



Our learning in pictures: Year 1 –Outdoor Learning Day



Our learning in pictures: Year 4—Learners of the week



Our learning in pictures: Year 4— Violin lessons in Year 4



Our learning in pictures: Year 5-Learners of the week and Arsenal Football coaching



Our learning in pictures: Year 5—Arsenal Football coaching and Year 5 growing space



Our learning in pictures: Year 6-Learners of the week and Outdoor Classroom Day

