

Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just to remind you that we head back to school for our final summer half term on Monday 7th June at 9 a.m. and as usual the gates will be open from 8:45 a.m. for our soft start.

I am mindful that infection rates have risen in Islington over the last fortnight so I would remind everyone that if you have developed symptoms over the break then you must let the school know by email at either: info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk or head@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

This is particularly important given the changes in national rates of the virus and although Islington continues to do well in relation to all London boroughs we are mindful to ensure everyone in the community remains safe. With this in mind we are now encouraging all families to begin ordering Lateral Flow Tests, which are free, to also test themselves at home, this is the same as the staff team do twice weekly. We are asking you to consider this as about 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. With new variants again taking hold in the UK we feel it is important to play our part in containing any further outbreaks. This would mean taking a rapid test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days) to check if you have the virus. If you test positive you would then self-isolate, which would help stop the virus spreading. There is more guidance how to order these tests at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

I have taken advice from the Parent focus group that regularly meet with Louise and so we will issue and open our Governor elections this Friday and several Governors will be in the playground to hand our flyers advertising the role and election process. The elections nominations will then open on Monday 15th June and close on Friday 26th June. The election will then run from Monday 29th June until Friday 2nd July.

I am also attaching guidance relating to Fortnite—we are experiencing regular issues with children accessing this game and would remind you that is recommended for children of 13 years of age.

Finally, on Page 7 we are also letting you know, as part of our work on becoming an anti-racist school we have signed up to the Halo code—find out more about it at the website link highlighted.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

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

Y4 = Cairo, Naomi, Imaan

Y5 = Samir, Olivia Morton, Jan-nat

Y6 = Daniella, Malakai, Cy



School Diary Dates

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

Sports Days

Tuesday 8th June: Nursery and Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 9th June: Years 4, 5 & 6

Class Assembly Dates (Virtual)

Tuesday 22nd June: 3 Green

Tuesday 29th June: 4 Blue

Ashmount Together Events

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

Friday 9th July: Summer Fair

Cake Sales

Friday 11th June: Y5 (KS2 playground) + Y1 (KS1 playground)

Friday 18th June: Y4 (KS2 playground) + Reception (KS1 playground)

Friday 25th June: Y6 (KS2 playground) + Y2 (KS1 playground)

Friday 2nd July: Y6 (KS2 playground) + Nursery (KS1 playground)

Term Dates

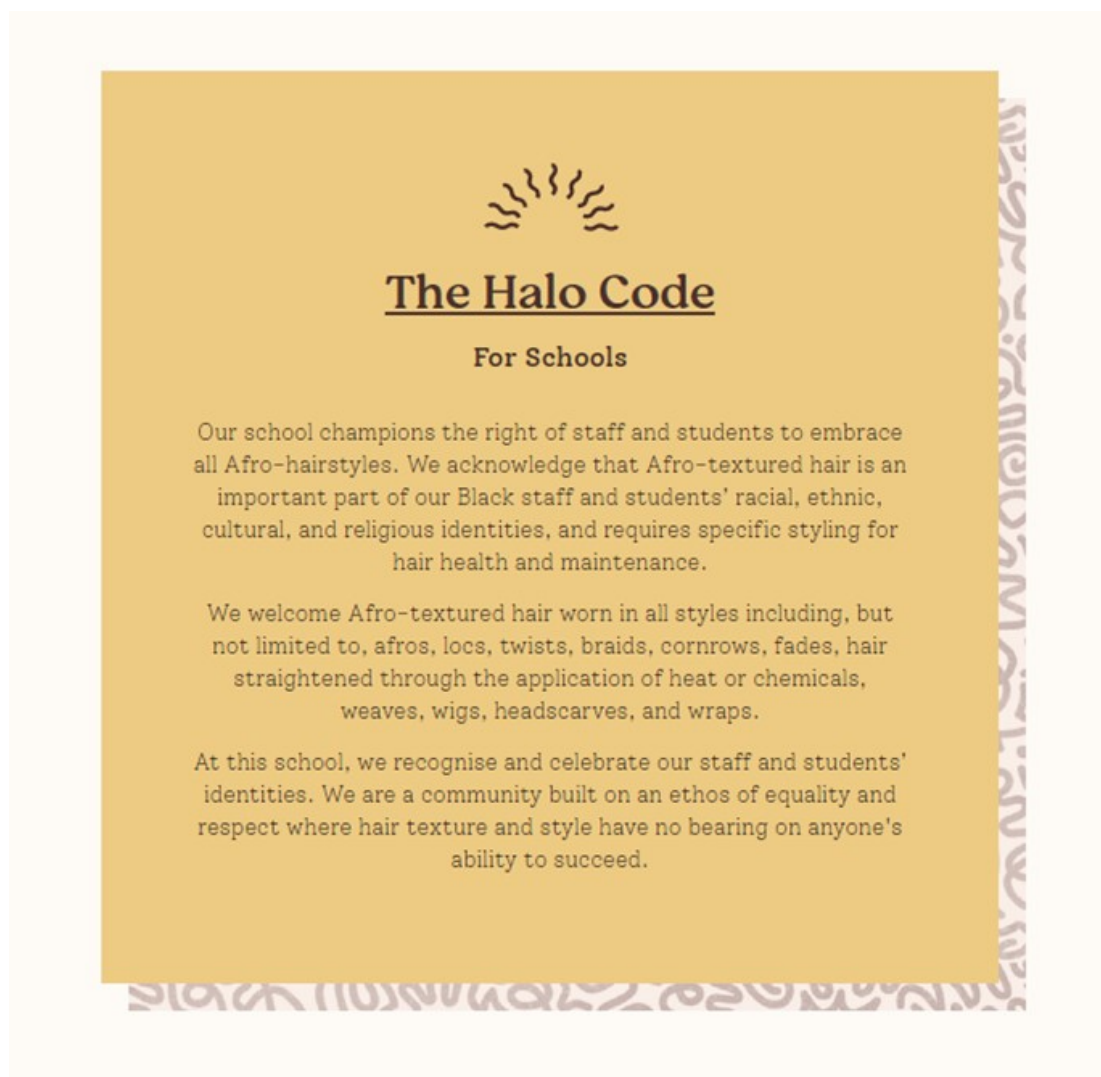
Friday 16th July: INSET Staff CPD: school closed

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

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

The Halo Code

As part of our ongoing work to be an anti-racist school, to fight against discrimination and for equity, we have signed up to the Halo Code at Ashmount. The Halo Code explicitly protects students and staff who come to school with natural hair and protective hairstyles associated with their racial, ethnic, and cultural identities.



Race-based hair discrimination has been illegal in the UK since the Equalities Act became law in 2010.

You can find out more about the Halo School Code here: <https://halocollective.co.uk/halo-code-school/> and the Halo Collective here: <https://halocollective.co.uk/>

If you have any feedback or questions, please contact Ellie - Deputy Headteacher, Teaching and Learning.

What we will be learning in the week beginning

Monday 7th June

Nursery: We will be learning about how to be healthy and taking part in our sports day.

Reception

English: We will be reading 'The Gruffalo' and describing his features.

Maths: We will be exploring halving and sharing.

Year 1

English: We will be writing reports about the Parkland Walk in the past and in the present.

Maths: We will explore how to read time.

Year 2

English: We will be exploring our new text, Anansi the Spider.

Maths: We will be learning about capacity.

Year 3

English: We will be planning and writing an eye-witness account based on The BFG by Roald Dahl.

Maths: We will be learning about angles.

Year 4

English: We will be reading 'The Lost Words' and writing our own poems.

Maths: We will be learning about statistics.

Year 5

English: We will be exploring the short film 'Flat Life' and writing a play script inspired by it.

Maths: We will be exploring the properties of triangles, quadrilaterals and irregular shapes.

Year 6

English: We will be planning and writing a non-chronological report about the mysterious creatures known as...Teachers!

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

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.

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	95.1
Nursery p.m.	95.6
Reception Blue	90.3
Reception Green	94.4
1 Blue	95.2
1 Green	97.2
2 Blue	97.9
2 Green	96.3
3 Blue	93.5
3 Green	93.9
4 Blue	95.1
4 Green	94.3
5 Blue	91.6
5 Green	95.8
6 Blue	94.5
6 Green	91.4

Our best attending classes for this term were: Nursery p.m., 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 5 Green.

Well done children and adults. As these classes were the best attending at the end of term each named 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 term:

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



Ashmount Together Gardening club has been busy this half term. Keep an eye out for all the new plants growing!

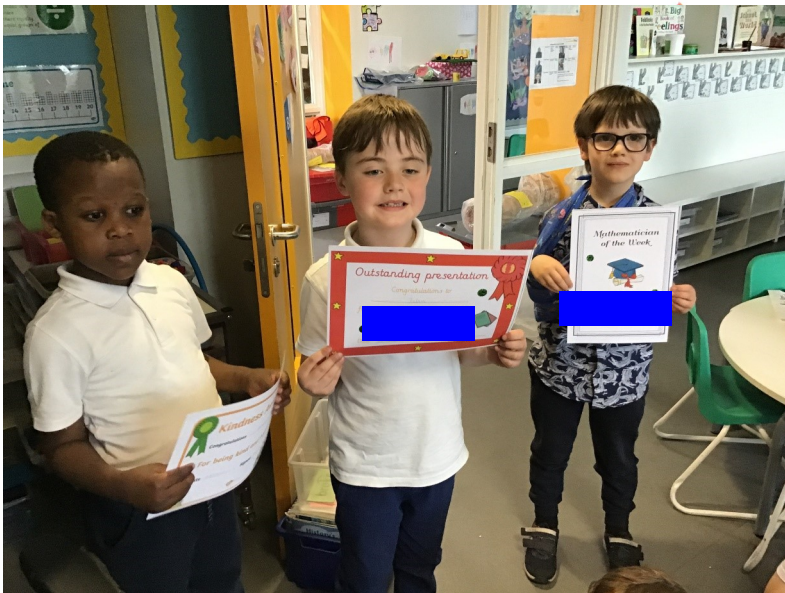
Would you like to get involved too? Currently we meet after school on Mondays and Thursdays (weather permitting), attendance is free, and all children with their families are very welcome. If you would like to know more please join the WhatsApp group linked below or leave your contact info with the office to pass on.

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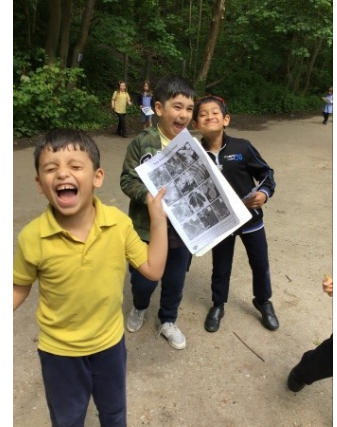
Our learning in pictures: Reception



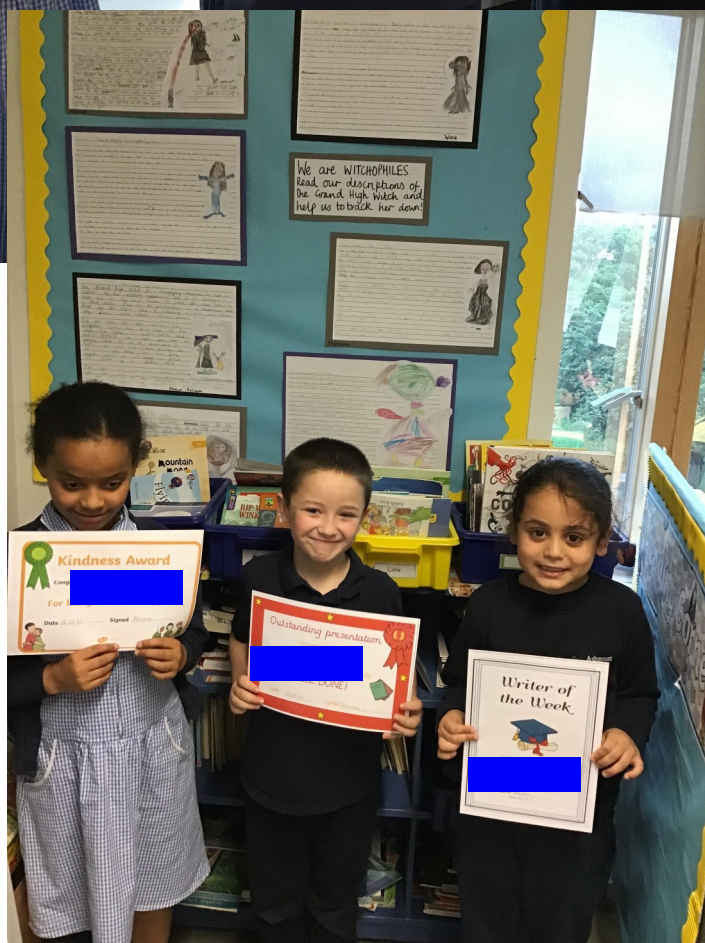
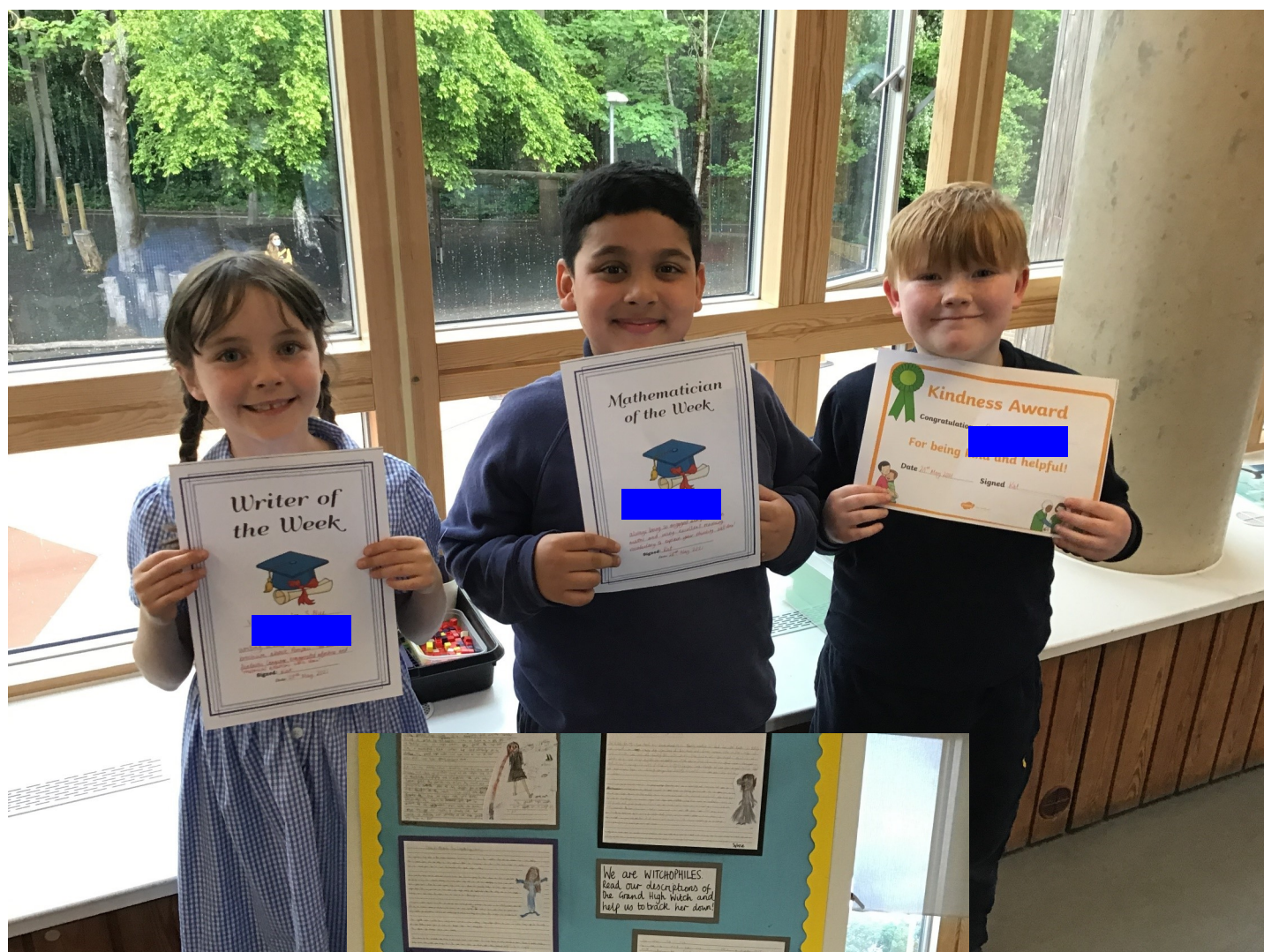
Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



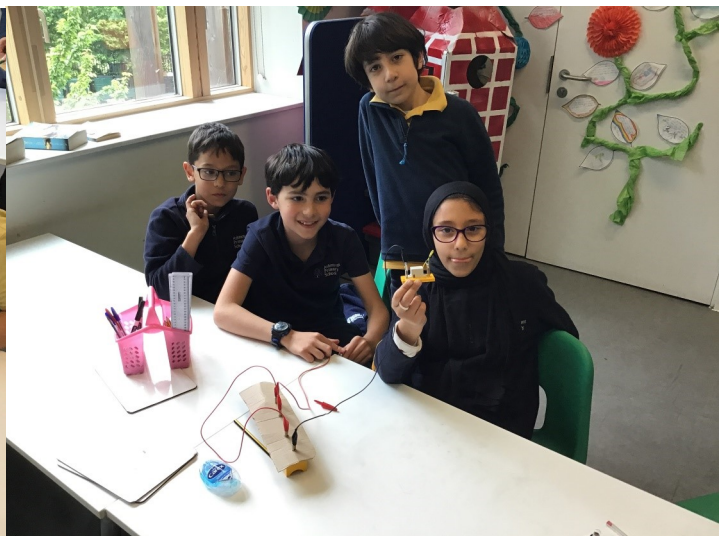
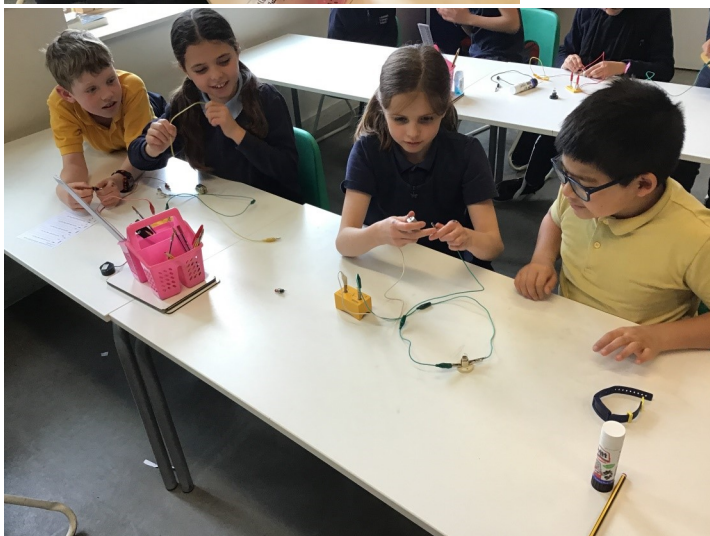
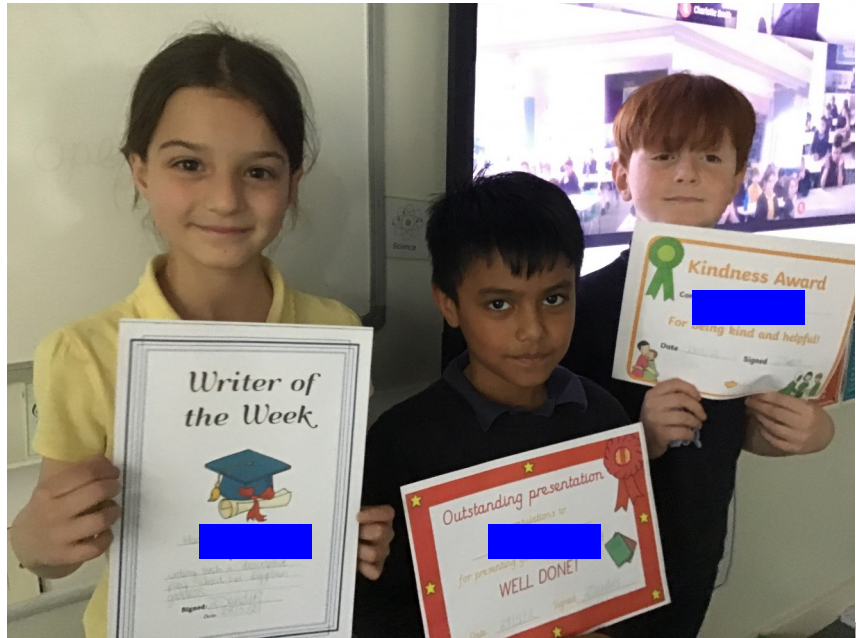
Our learning in pictures: Year 3



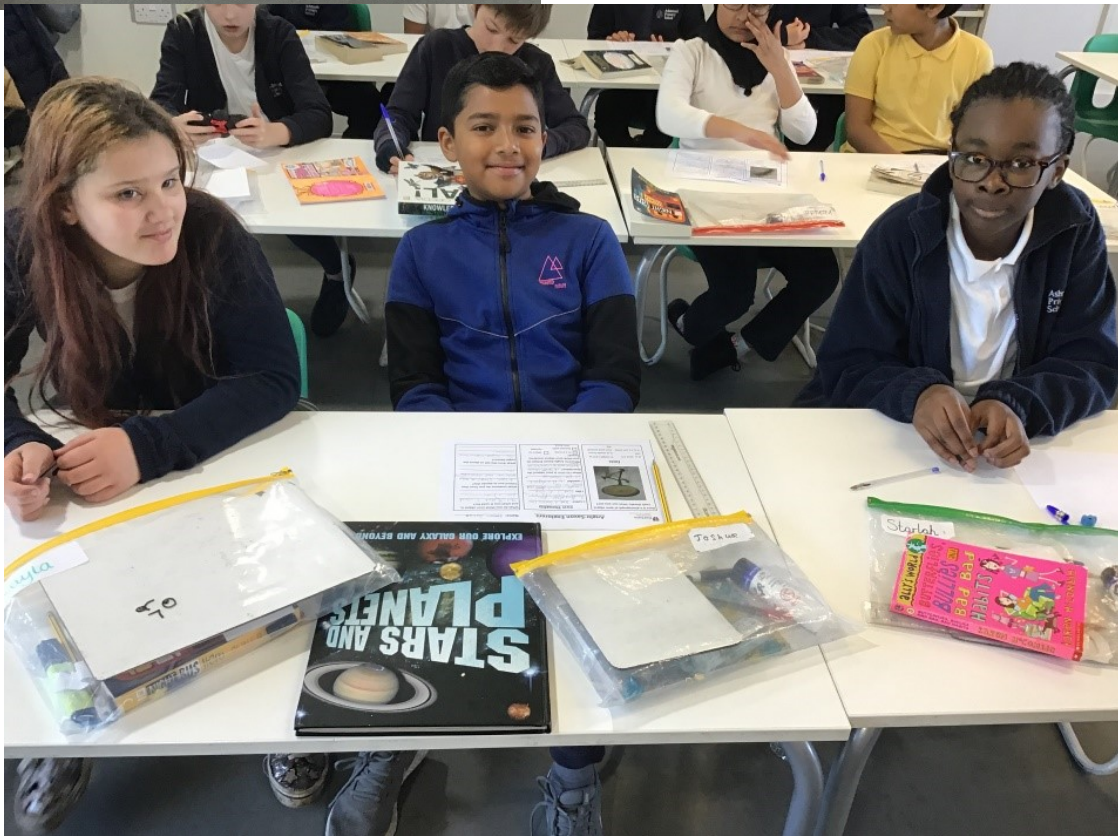
Our learning in pictures: Year 4



I received a fabulous hand made pottery gift this week and wonder if the amazingly artistic child is Ashmount's own future Magdalene Odundo! Remember you saw her work here first!



Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6



Our learning in pictures: Community Fun Run!

