

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the Year 6 parents for their support in allowing their children to join us this week on our school journey to Kingswood out in Cromer. The children had a fabulous time building skills and memories that will last a lifetime. As importantly it has allowed them and the staff team to bond in a way that will ensure exceptional learning outcomes for the rest of the year. An additional huge thank you to the staff team who were out with the children this week—Christianne, Leanne, Candy, Jenna and Salman who were brilliantly led by Ellie. There will be photos and a write up to come in next Friday's newsletter.

Thank you to all families who have been supporting us with wearing masks on site but we really need a higher take up of this basic courtesy to keep everyone safe. We are still in the middle of this dreadful Covid-19 pandemic and it essential we all do our bit to ensure we have children with us every day, but also don't have to have staff away from us self-isolating. These seem like small measures but they really are essential in ensuring we have continuity of educational provision throughout the autumn term.

A reminder to all families that Crouch Hill Park is a car free site, apart from families that we have formally given permission to drive onto site for child related reasons or adult health issues. By now this should be known by all families so please continue to respect these arrangements to ensure all families are kept safe.

Finally, we will on Monday issue information about the local and national child flu vaccination programme and we will be strongly encouraging all families to participate. This year it is more important than ever that all families engage in this initiative. I have published more information about this on page 4 and if any families have questions then please let Katie or Shajia in the office know or speak to me directly in the playground.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

Parent Presentation Dates

September 2021

Our Autumn Parent Presentations will take place on the following dates this September. In these presentations you can meet your child/children's new teacher(s) and find out about the learning for the year.

Monday 20th: Year 6

Tuesday 28th: Reception

Wednesday 29th: Nursery

UPDATE: These presentations will be held online in a Google Meet at 9.30am on the dates above. You will receive a link to the Google Meet in a text before the meeting date. Many thanks.

Year 6 Canvas Bags For Sale!

Year 6 have designed an Ashmount bag and it is now for sale (£6) to raise money for Ashmount Together (our PTA). Please buy one (or two!)

Log on to your School Money account to buy one (<http://www.eduspot.co.uk>) then pick it up from the office or pop into the office.



Flu vaccination Programme 13th October Reception to Year 6

This year's flu vaccination programme starts for Islington primary, secondary and special schools in October and this year we have our school vaccination session in school on Wednesday 13th October. It is more important than ever that we all, as a school community, engage in this programme. Because of the social distancing measures in place for Covid-19, very few people had flu last year. This means there is likely to be a lower proportion of the population immune to flu. Vaccinating as many people as possible will protect individuals, especially the most vulnerable, and keep hospitalisation down, reducing the strain on the NHS. It will also reduce staff and pupil absence.

The take up of the vaccine by Islington families has been low in the past (averaging only 41% compared to the target of 75%. In some schools, the rate is below 20%. We are working with Vaccinations UK to improve vaccine take-up rates and increase the protection of children and families in Islington – we would really appreciate your help with this.

We will issue information from Vaccination UK about this on Monday and hope you will all sign up to consent to your child having the nasal vaccine this October. There will also be a porcine-free alternative.

What we will be learning next week

Nursery:

English: We will be reading the story 'So Much' by Trish Cooke and making marks to represent our own families.

Maths: We will be learning to match two of the same object through practical activities such as pairing socks.

Reception

English: This week we will be learning about owls through non-fiction texts.

Maths: This week we will be learning to represent numbers 1-5.

Year 1

English: This week we will be learning about the features of postcards and how to write our own!

Maths: This week we will be learning to compare objects using counting and vocabulary: more, greater than, less than, fewer and equal to.

Year 2

English: This week we will be learning about the features of non-fiction texts and writing fact files about Mary Seacole.

Maths: This week we will be continuing our learning on place value of numbers and applying our knowledge of number bonds.

Year 3

English: This week we will be exploring character descriptions. We will be creating a description to include in our Roman Myth.

Maths: This week we will be learning to count in 50s and to count forwards and back in 100s.

Year 4

English: This week we will be exploring character descriptions. We will be creating a description of Egyptian gods and goddesses.

Maths: This week we will be learning add and subtract numbers within 10,000.

Year 5

English: This week we will be writing a recount of a chapter of our book, 'The Boy at the Back of the Room'.

Maths: This week we will be learning about numbers to 1 million, negative numbers and Roman numerals.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring the text Pig Heart Boy and writing a newspaper report.

Maths: We will be learning to round any number and explore negative numbers.

Our Home Learning

September 2021

Reading

All children are expected to read, and/or be read to, for 15 minutes a day and to complete their Reading Records each week. We will provide reading books from school along with access to the Read Write Inc texts (our phonics programme) online. Reading and sharing reading at home has been shown to have the greatest impact on learning across the curriculum for young children so we really encourage you to prioritise this.

Maths

Children in Reception will receive a Numicon pack and information about how to use this to support maths at home.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will receive half termly maths facts to learn.

Children from Year 3 up will have access to Times Table Rockstars and are expected to practise two to three times a week.

Spelling

Children in Years 1 to 6 will receive half termly spellings to learn at home along with ideas of how to practise these.

POWER Projects

These creative projects go home as a class start a new Topic and children share them in class.

After reviewing our home learning offer and looking at how many people access the online platforms, along with their cost, from September we will no longer be using My Maths or Bug Club.

If you have any questions or suggestions about home learning, please chat to Ellie or Ross, you can reach us through the school office or find us on the gate.

New Primary and Secondary School Admissions for September 2022

Parents and carers can now apply for a primary or secondary school place for September 2022 through the e-Admissions platform. The deadlines are:

Secondary Transfer application deadline: 31 October 2021

Primary Reception application deadline: 15 January 2022

The brochures are available on the main council website. Islington Council has also published two short presentations to help parents and carers with the application process:

Primary: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Secondary: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-secondary-school-place>

School Diary Dates

Half Term Holiday:

Monday, 25th to Friday 29th October 2021

Full term dates and INSET days are on the school website: <https://ashmountprimaryschool.co.uk/news/term-dates/>

Educational Visits and Workshops

Garden Classroom Wellbeing Workshops

Please see email with further details.

Year 6 Residential:

Mon 13th - Fri 17th September

Year 5 Intensive Swimming Lessons:

Mon 13th - Fri 24th September

Ashmount Together Events

17th Sept: Y1 (KSI) + Y3 (KS2)

24th Sept: Y2 (KSI) + Y6 (KS2)

1st Oct: reception (KSI) + Y4 (KS2)

8th Oct: Nursery (KSI) + Y5 (KS2)

15th Oct: Y1 (KSI) + Y3 (KS2)

22nd Oct: Black History Month (Y2 + Y6)

12th November Ashmount PTA Fireworks Night at Crouch End Cricket Club

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Attendance

13.09.21 – 17.09.21

Class	Percentage
Nursery	86.7
Reception Blue	92.9
Reception Green	89.6
1 Blue	93.3
1 Green	93.7
2 Blue	95
2 Green	93.3
3 Blue	94.6
3 Green	96.3
4 Blue	93.6
4 Green	98.3
5 Blue	97.3
5 Green	98.7
6 Blue	100
6 Green	96.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Blue, 2 Blue, 4 Green and 6 Blue

Well done children and adults. The best attending classes at the end of term each named class get 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 Katie and Shajia through the school office.

Did you know? Islington Council have invested in online courses for parents (and teenagers).

These FREE courses can help support the Mental Health and well-being of children and young people, and of parents.

The advertisement features a central blue speech bubble with the text 'NEW TERM NEW START NEW LEARNING FOR PARENTS TOO!'. Surrounding this are four smaller speech bubbles with testimonials: 'Transformed the way I respond to the kids', 'Every parent could benefit from this course!', 'Reassured me I'm already taking the right approach', and 'Transformed the way I respond to the kids'. The background shows a woman in a purple top and a young girl in a yellow top. At the top left, it says 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD SOLIHULL APPROACH' with icons of children. At the top right is the NHS logo. At the bottom, it states 'online courses available 24/7 prepaid access for residents in eligible areas' and the website 'WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK'.

Courses include:

Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby

- Understanding your baby
 - Understanding your child (main course)
- Understanding your child with additional needs (main course)
 - Understanding your child's feelings (taster course)
 - Understanding your child's brain (short course)
 - Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)

Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing (accompanies UYC and UYCAD)

Uniform grant

If your child is an Islington resident and is eligible for free school meals, they're eligible for the uniform grant as well. The council pay £150 to help meet the cost of school uniforms when your child transfers to secondary school from Year 6. To apply, you can complete the School Uniform Grant

Application form found here: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

For Haringey residents, please follow this link: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-application-forms/free-school-meals-fsm-and-clothing-grant>

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Our learning in pictures - Nursery



Our learning in pictures—Reception



Our learning in pictures—Year 1

Educational Visit: Garden Classroom Workshop.

Today, Year 1 Blue went to Elthorne Park for an afternoon of craft activities in the outdoors. Children painted stones, made bunting using colours from hammered out plants and friendship bracelets. What a lovely way to learn!



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Our learning in pictures—Year 1



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Our learning in pictures—Year 2



Our learning in pictures—Year 3



Our learning in pictures—Year 5

