ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Let's start with some fabulous learning away from school from two children this week. Firstly, huge congratulations to Lillia who won the Islington in Bloom poster competition! You can see her mentioned here:

https://www.islington.media/news/boroughs-brightest-blooms-recognised-in-annual-rewards

Then another amazing child entry from Samir, who is currently preforming at the Royal Court! Wow!!! Click here for details—and definitely worth booking a visit:

https://www.timeout.com/london/theatre/what-if-if-only-review

A reminder that we kicked off our Black History Month this week and although black history is now being taught through an array of discrete units across the year there are still learning events going on across the school this month—see page 2 for greater detail. We will as part of our Black History Month hold a celebration organised by our amazing Ashmount Together which will take place on Friday 22nd October after school. There will be more details about this in next week's newsletter.

We would also like to announce a change to class assembly time on Tuesdays – this will now start at 9.05am online and in person for parents We look forward to seeing 4 Blue's families next Tuesday!

Thanks very much to all families who have donated to our Food Bank box this half term and your generous donations. Keep them coming in as we look to combat the scourge of food poverty in Islington!

Ashmount continues to support teacher training as part of our commitment to bringing new professionals into the teaching system. So later this term we will have 2 student teachers joining us; Abigail in Reception Green and Kerry in 1 Blue. I hope you will give them both a warm Ashmount welcome.

Finally we are advertising for 2 Higher Level Teaching Assistant roles and if you know of anyone who would like to apply please spread the word!

http://jobs.islington.gov.uk/job/-v3529465?_ts=3745460

Best wishes and stay safe,
Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

Black Mathematician Month

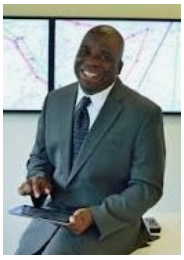
As part of our learning on Black History Month, the children at Ashmount have also been learning about prominent black mathematicians and scientists as part of our learning offer.

These have included:

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE – a space scientist

Professor Kathleen Adebola Okikiolu – a mathematician whose research has impacted the development of the teaching of maths for inner-city children

Dr Nira Chamberlain – a mathematician who is president of the Institute of Mathematics and Applications



Katherine Johnson – a mathematician, physicist and space scientist

Gareth Dauley – a mathematician who leads on renewable energy projects through his company Energy Storage

Apply now for a place in our Nursery

We have spaces in our wonderful Nursery. Come and join us!

Find out more... Come on a socially distanced tour or arrange a virtual meeting with our Leadership Team by emailing the school office: info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Watch a 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 Assistant Headteacher and Nursery Teacher Louise or our Deputy Headteacher Ellie by calling us or emailing info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Important Information

To apply for a Nursery place at Ashmount, you apply through the school. You can collect a form from our office or find it on our website along with further information about hours and funding: https://ashmountprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/admissions/nursery-admissions/ Our Nursery is for children from 3 years old. We have spaces for children for mornings, afternoons and for 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 top 3 most improved children for each year group this week are:

Y3 = Ryan, Sadie, Sophia

Y4 = Issah, Haider, Abdur-Raheem

Y5 = Jeremiah, Sade, Maher

Y6 = Samir, Rayhan, Anthony

Here is a helpful link for parents of children who are learning to read using the RWI phonics programme. It is really important that children know how to pronounce each sound accurately before they blend them together to form words. This video shows us how to pronounce each sound accurately.

https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Q7fDYVJY/HwXmbMRh

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What we will be learning next week

Nursery:

English: We will be reading 'Happy in Our Skin' by Fran Manushkin as part of our learning about Black History Month. We will mix paint to represent our own skin colours and will be positively describing our skin.

Maths: We will be learning to compare and order objects according to size.

Reception

English: We will be reading 'The Colors of Us' by Karen Katz as part of our Black History Month learning and celebrating skin colours.

Maths: We will be learning about the composition (how numbers are made up) of numbers up to 4.

Year 1

English: We will be continuing to develop our skills to write independently using our Get Write programme.

Maths: We will be looking at different ways of adding to ten, including using part whole models.

Year 2

English: We will be developing our skills in descriptive writing inspired by the text ' My Two Grannies' By Floella Benjamin.

Maths: We will be learning to subtract ones from a two digit number without renaming.

Year 3

English: We will be reading 'Africa is not a Country' as part of Black History Month and writing letters to the children in the story.

Maths: We will continue learning the column method of addition of 3-digit numbers with renaming.

Year 4

English: We will be reading 'Islandborn' as part of Black History Month and writing character descriptions.

Maths: We will be learning to multiply by 7, 9, 11 and 12.

Year 5

English: We will be learning about the story of Walter Tull as part of Black History Month. We will be exploring sources and writing setting descriptions.

Maths: We will be consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction and then moving on to interpreting data.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring poetry as part of 'Black History Month'.

Maths: We will be learning about division.

School Diary Dates

Half Term Holiday: Mon 25th to Fri 29th Oct 2021. Full term dates and INSET days are on the school website: https://ashmountprimaryschool.co.uk/news/term-dates/

Educational Visits and Workshops

Tues 12th Oct: Yr 3 History Explorer Workshop

Weds 15th Oct: Yr 6 Black History Month Walking Tour

Thurs 14th Oct: Yr 5 Black History Month Walking Tour

Parent Workshops

Fri 15th Oct 9.30am: Internet Safety with Katy Potts

Flu Vaccination for Reception to Year 6

Weds 13th October

Vision and hearing for Year 1

Mon 11th Oct: 1 Blue

Tues 12th Oct: 1 Green

Fluoride Varnish Nursery to Yr 2

Monday 18th October

Ashmount Together Events

Fri 22nd Oct: **Black History Month Celebration**

Fri 12th Nov: Ashmount PTA **Fireworks Night** at Crouch End Cricket Club

Cake Sales - Fridays

Friday 8th Oct: Nursery (KS1) + Y5 (KS2)

Friday 15th Oct: Y1 (KS1) + Y3 (KS2)

Friday 22nd Oct: Yr2 and Yr 6

Food Bank Collection

This year we are collecting donations for the **The Hive Foodbank**.

The Hive is a local foodbank, operating out of St Mary's Church on Ashley Road, serving those experiencing food poverty in our community.

The Hive support a huge range of different households, for a variety of reasons, providing emergency food parcels, to ensure our community don't go hungry.

We will have a collection box at our front office where you can leave any donations. A member of Ashmount Together will deliver the donation on our behalf each week.

You can also give online to The Hive Foodbank if you find that easier https://thehivefoodbank.com/get-involved/donate/

Thank you for all of your support.

If you are able to donate they are in need of the following items:

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Soup
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Tea Bags/instant coffee
- Tinned meat/fish
- Biscuits/snack bars
- Tinned fruit
- Lentils
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Sugar (500g)
- Pasta sauces
- Curry sauces
- Cereals
- Instant mash potato
- Jam/peanut butter
- Tinned beans
- Tinned vegetables
- Toiletries (e.g. soap, toothpaste etc.)
- Rice/pasta/noodles

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Class Assembly Dates

You can join these in person or remotely at the new time of 9.05am. Please wear a mask and maintain distance if you join us in school. A Google Meet link will be sent out to parents on the day before

Tues 12th Oct: 4 Blue

Tues 19th Oct: 3 Green

Half Term Holiday

Tues 9th Nov: 2 Blue

Tues 16th Nov: 5 Green

Tues 23rd Nov: 3 Blue

Tues 30th Nov: 2 Green

Tues 7th Dec: 5 Blue

Christmas Holiday

Tues 18th Jan: 3 Green

Tues 25th Jan: 2 Blue

Tues 1st Feb: 6 Green

Tues 8th Feb: Reception Green

Half Term Holiday

Tues 1st Mar: 2 Green

Tues 8th Mar: 5 Green

Tues 15th Mar: Reception Blue

Tues 22th Mar: 6 Blue

Tues 29th Mar: 4 Green

Easter Holiday

Wed 4th May (due to Bank Holiday): 3 Blue

Tues 10th May: Reception Green

Tues 17th May: 1 Blue

Tues 24th May: 5 Blue

Half Term Holiday

Tues 21st June: Reception Blue

Tues 28th June: Nursery

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Weekly Attendance 04.10.21 — 08.10.21

Class	Percentage
Nursery	96.3
Reception Blue	80.0
Reception Green	84.0
1 Blue	87.4
1 Green	82.7
2 Blue	96.7
2 Green	93.7
3 Blue	96.2
3 Green	94.4
4 Blue	80.8
4 Green	99.3
5 Blue	97.6
5 Green	86.5
6 Blue	93.7
6 Green	95.6

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 2Blue, 4 Green and 5 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 or Shajia at the school office.

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Community - Responsibility - Growth

Year 2 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop

Where:

Google Meet - https://meet.google.com/efc-viyo-kts

When: Thursday 11th November 2021

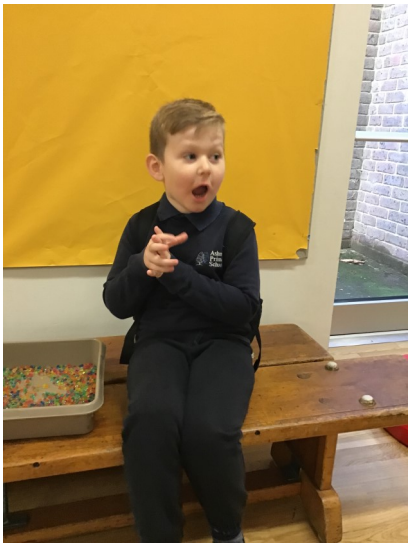
Time: 9.30am - 10.00am

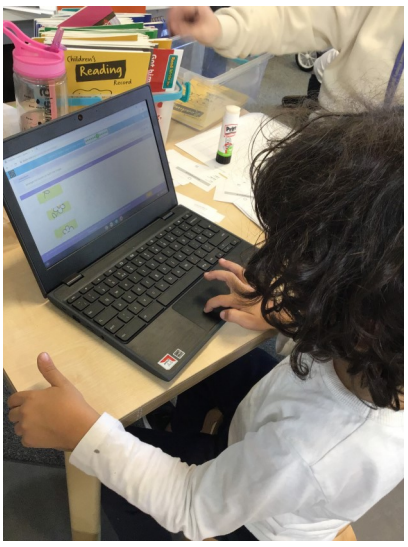
Join Louise & Mairead to find out more about how you can support your child in preparing for the phonics screening test later this Autumn. All Year 2 children must sit the screening test unless they are exempt from sitting it. You will receive individual communication from the school if an exemption applies to your child.

Our learning in pictures: Nursery

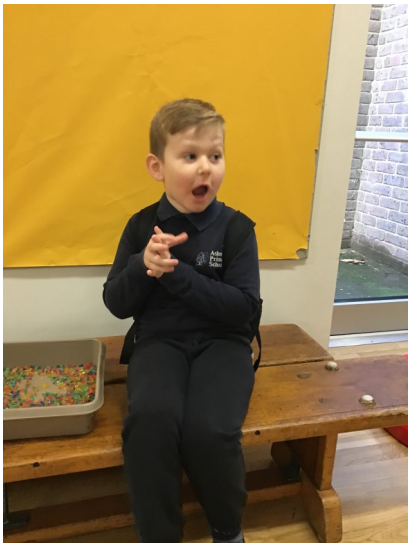
Our learning in pictures: Reception

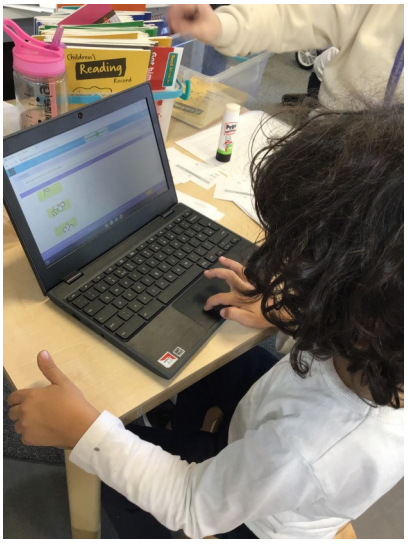
Our learning in pictures: Year 1





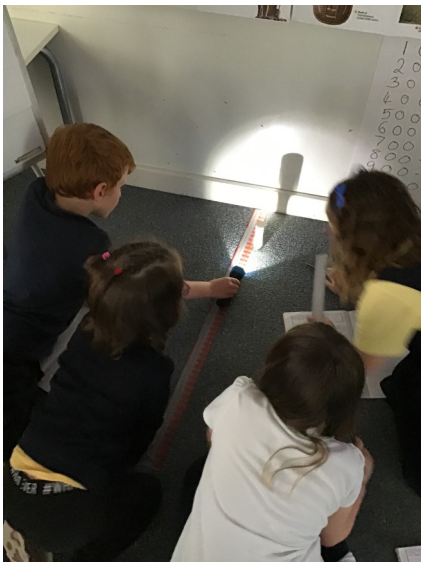
Our learning in pictures: Year 1

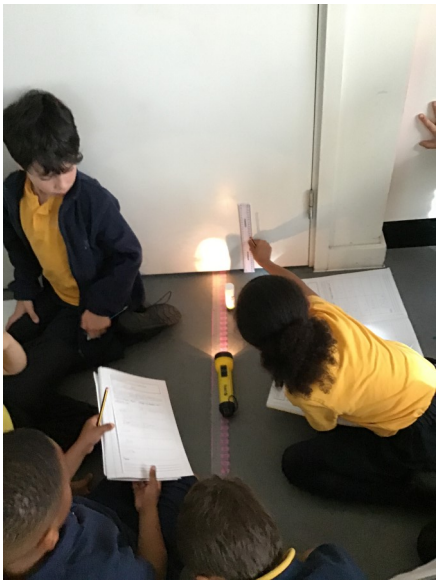




Our learning in pictures: Year 2

Our learning in pictures: Year 3





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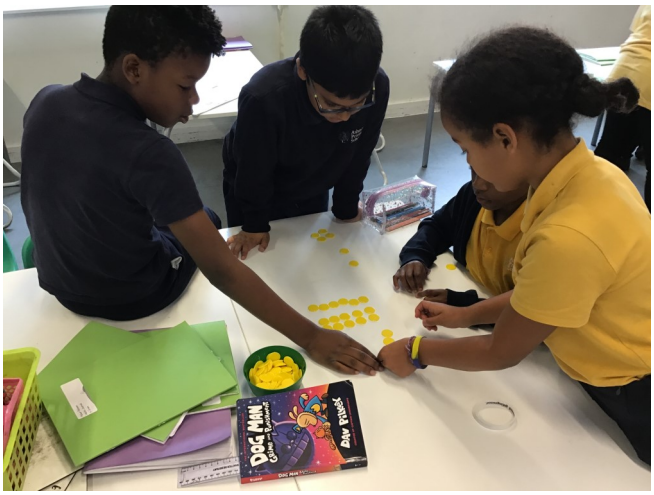

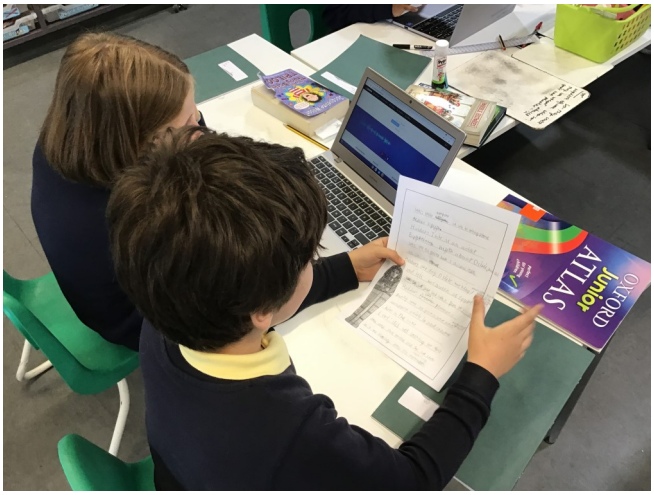

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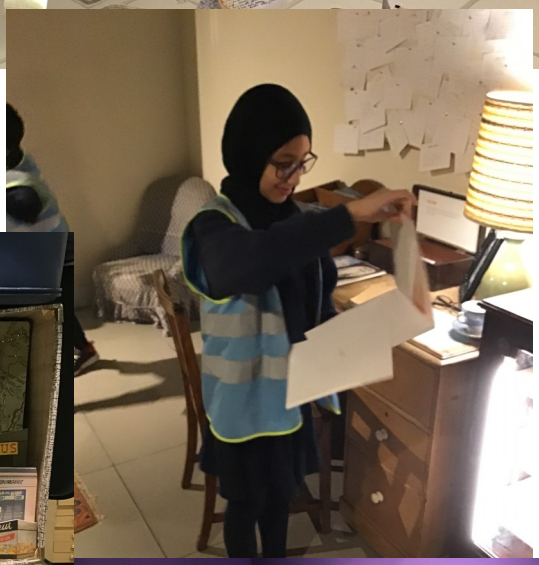
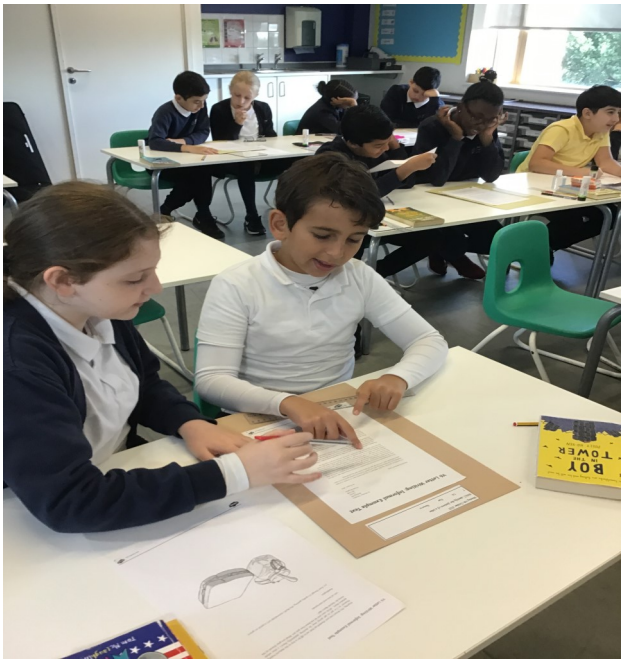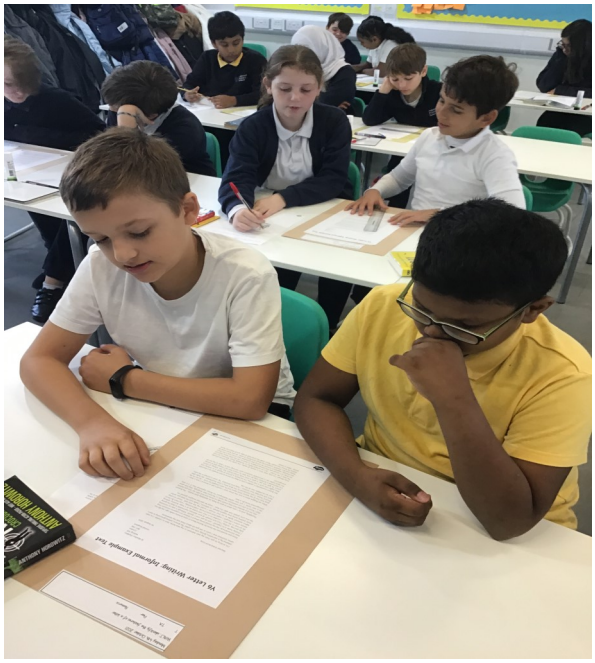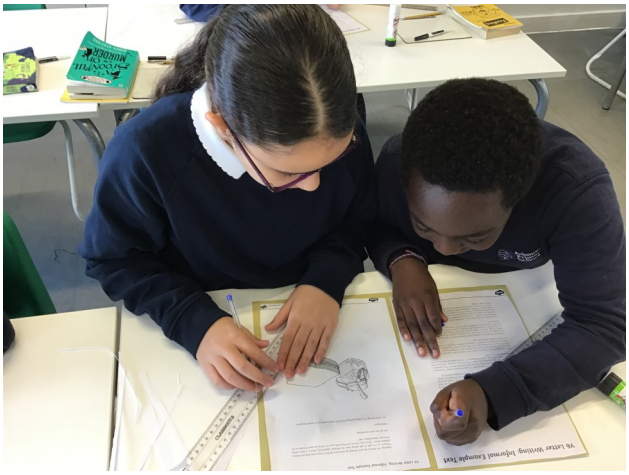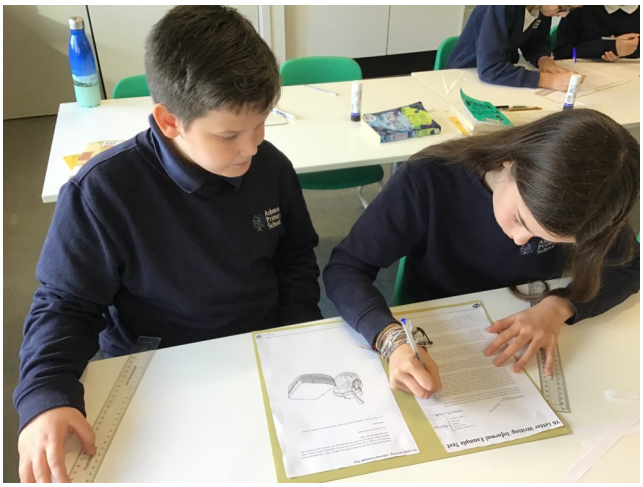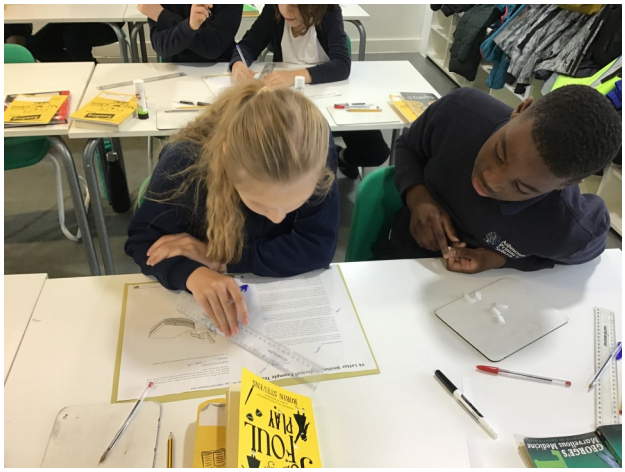
Our learning in pictures: Year 6