

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another great week of learning across the school and we have saved many of the images of what has been happening in classes across the school in the year group pages towards the end of the newsletter. We will, though numbers of children affected by the pandemic continue to grow, continue our commitment to our rich and vibrant curriculum and for those children self-isolating we will be offering a remote access learning offer on Google Classroom.

A reminder that our Tuesday class assemblies are now all virtual, at least until the end of this half term, after this point we will review where we are with the pandemic data. This means the first virtual assembly will be 2 Blue on Tuesday 25th January. We will send out links to this in due course and the rest of the year's dates can be seen on page 7 of the newsletter.

Can I firstly thank all families for their continued Food Bank donations over the past few weeks but also remind everyone that we continue to collect for this worthy cause and any donations can be left in the reception atrium.

I would also like to announce Islington's annual Inter Faith Calendar competition this week with details on page 3. The theme this year is "Unity in Diversity: We Are One." We have previously had children's work chosen for the calendar and it would be great if this success could be further enhanced this year!

Thank you to all families for letting us know when their children have become infected with Covid-19 over the past week but we continue to strongly encourage that with the Covid-19 pandemic deepening that all families with children 5 and over to consider testing their children on a twice weekly basis to protect our local school community by taking two LFD tests at home. These should be taken 3-5 days apart which is the same as all school staff who do these on a Sunday and Wednesday. This measure has been shown to be highly effective at reducing the spread of the virus in secondary schools and by taking this important action this term we can help to keep the number of cases low at Ashmount. This is also an approach encouraged by Public Health Islington to do bi-weekly routine lateral flow testing as an important and effective way to help reduce the spread of the infection across our community.

All tests are free and can be accessed in the following ways:

Pick up free rapid test kits from a local pharmacy. Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests here:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Order free rapid test kits to be delivered to your home within 24 hours here: (Please note on local public health advice these kits can be ordered for testing on under 11s)

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

The latest guidance change that comes into effect on Monday will mean that both children and adults who have Covid-19 will be able to end their self-isolation period at the start of day 6 if you get 2 negative rapid lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6 and do not have a temperature. Tests must be at least 24 hours apart. If either test is positive, wait 24 hours before testing again.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Anthony

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, Elyza, Meriem

Y4 = Lucas M, Violet, Lucas C

Y5 = Marcus, Eden, Maysa

Y6 = Rayhan, Anthony, Olivia M



CONGRATULATIONS!

Inter Faith Forum Art Competition

Islington Faiths Forum are holding a competition to create artwork for their inter faith calendar and it would be wonderful to have children from Ashmount getting involved. Please see below the guidance on what to include and how to enter.

The theme for all works of art will be **"Unity in Diversity: We Are One."**

The deadline for pupils to submit their entry is **18 February 2022**, before half-term begins.

- The picture size can be no greater than A3 – as they need to be scanned.
- We invite pupils to create **brightly coloured, bold pictures** for our calendar in **landscape layout** with clear, clean outlines.
- Please use paints, coloured pens, markers etc. but **not** chalk or pencil.
- Please write the pupil(s) first names and the school on the back of each artwork – not on the front.

To enter:

send pictures/artwork as **PDF files** by email to Roz Miller or by post to: IFF Calendar Competition, c/o Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU

All entries will go to a panel of judges who will shortlist 12 entries to go into the calendar.

Bright Futures Education Outreach Offer

Islington are currently looking to recruit a replacement practitioner for Danielle Daley, Islington's current practitioner, but in the interim the current community outreach schedule is as follows:

- Employment drop-in surgery – Mondays at 10am-1pm at Popham and Cummings Community Centre, N1 8QU
- North general drop-in surgery – Thursdays at 9:30am-12pm at Hargrave Hall, N19 5SP (currently virtual via telephone or video call so booking required with maggie.rolph@islington.gov.uk)
- Central general drop-in surgery – alternate Thursdays starting Thursday 13th Jan at 10am-1pm at Walter Sickert Community Centre, N1 2FB

Parents can also access support on their helpline to speak directly to a practitioner for information, advice, guidance or to self-refer. Parents can also access important information and updates on local events on their social media pages via Twitter and Facebook [@ISBrightFutures](#).

You can also contact Annabel if you need any support or advice:

annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

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What we will be learning next week:

Nursery:

English: We will be learning to retell a traditional story using story props and pictures.

Maths: We will be learning to compare numbers to 5.

Reception

English: We will be exploring our new text, 'The Jolly Postman'.

Maths: We will be understanding the 'one more' relationship between consecutive numbers.

Year 1

English: We will be learning our sounds in phonics and continuing with our Get Writing!

Maths: We will be exploring different methods of subtraction within 20.

Year 2

English: We will be using 'if all the world were...' to plan and write our own stories inspired by the seasons and objects special to us.

Maths: We will be learning how to find the mass of an object by reading scales.

Year 3

English: We will be starting to explore the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We will use drama and discussion to understand the characters.

Maths: We will be learning how to find the mass of an object by reading scales.

Year 4

English: We will be writing a letter in role of Naledi to her grandmother about their Journey to Jo'burg.

Maths: We will be finding equivalent fractions and simplifying mixed and improper fractions.

Year 5

English: We will be responding to our class text 'The Last Wild' through hot seating and writing from a character's perspective.

Maths: We will be learning different methods of division.

Year 6

English: We will be using the text 'Suffragette: The Battle for Equality' to inspire us to write a newspaper article.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing decimals by integers and understanding decimals as fractions.

School Diary Dates

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

Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 6 Natural History Museum—Tuesday 18th September

Year 5 Blue Creekside Visit—Monday 24th January

Year 5 Green Creekside visit—Wednesday 26th January

Year 1 St. Mary's Church—Thursday 3rd February

Parent Workshops

Bright Futures Outreach Coffee Mornings: TBC

Ashmount Together Events

TBC

End of School Half term:

11th February 3:15 p.m.

Second half term:

Starts:

Tuesday 22nd February 9 a.m.

End of term:

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.

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Ashmount Cookbook Send us your recipes!

We want to create a **cookbook** that showcases the **diverse** and **wonderful community** that is Ashmount. Have you got a family favourite, a special meal, a baked treat or delicious drink that you'd love to share?

If so, please send us:

- Your child's name and class
- The name of the recipe (get creative!)
- Tell us why you chose this recipe
- The ingredients, including weights (preferably in grams)
- The method
- A photo of your dish (with or without you in it - you choose!).

Please set your phone to high resolution, so we get nice clear pictures.

Send your recipes to :

ashmoutevents@gmail.com

Please don't send an entirely copied recipe from your favourite chef as they'll want to take royalties....

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Our Class Assemblies

You can join these remotely at 9.05am. A Google Meet link will be sent out to parents on the day before.

Spring Term

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 22nd Mar: 6 Blue

Tues 29th Mar: 4 Green

Easter Holiday

Summer Term

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 14th June: 3 Green

Tues 21st June: Reception Blue

Tues 28th June: Nursery

Food Bank Collection



This year we are collecting donations for **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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Weekly Attendance 10.01.22 — 14.01.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	86.0
Reception Blue	81.9
Reception Green	88.5
1 Blue	98.0
1 Green	90.0
2 Blue	95.4
2 Green	96.6
3 Blue	94.6
3 Green	91.6
4 Blue	99.6
4 Green	96.5
5 Blue	91.7
5 Green	98.7
6 Blue	96.7
6 Green	99.1

Our best attending classes this term were:

Reception Green, 1 Blue, 4 Blue and 6 Green

Well done children and adults. The best attending classes at the end of half term will 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 Peter our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Shajia at the school office.

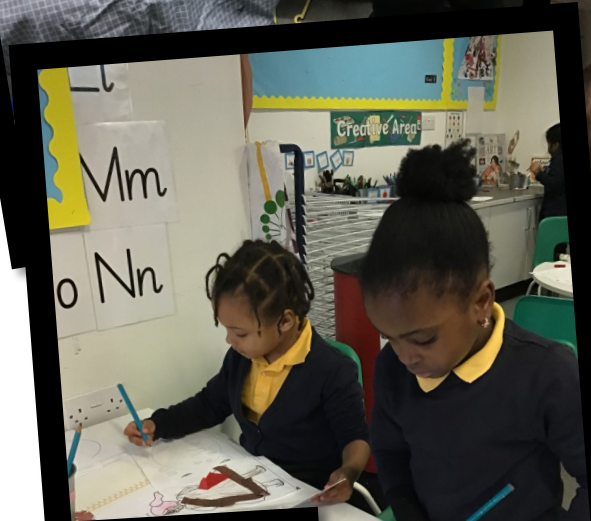
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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



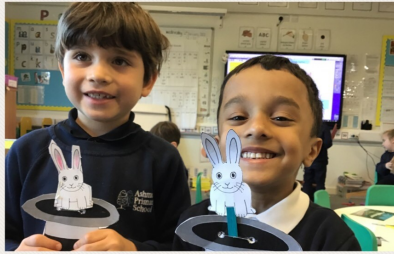
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Our learning in pictures: Reception



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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



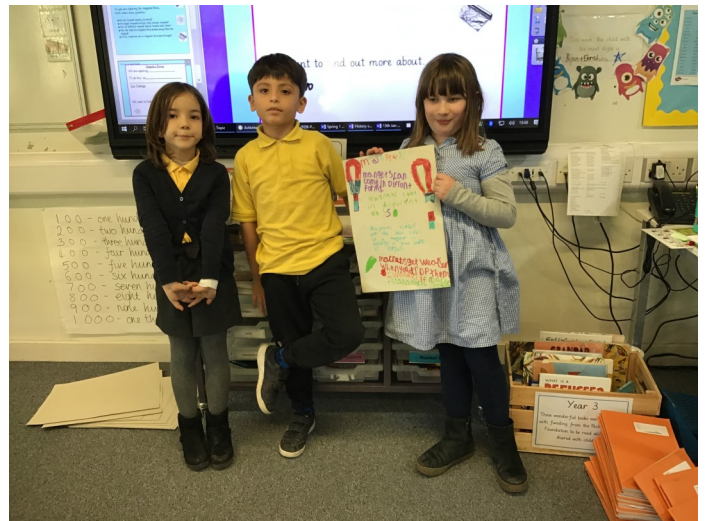
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Our learning in pictures: Year 2



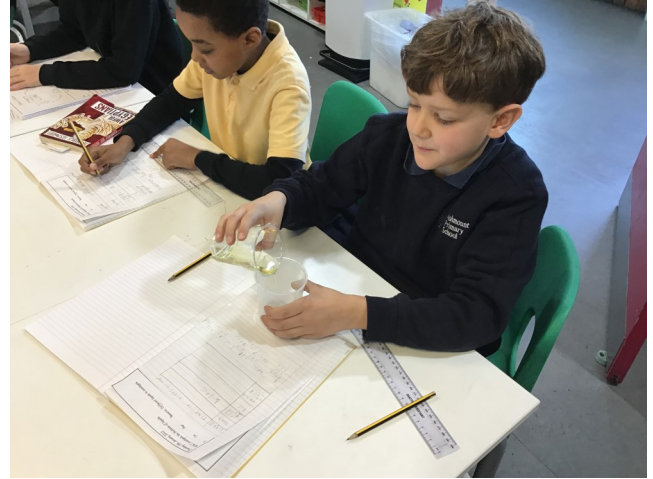
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Our learning in pictures: Year 3



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Our learning in pictures: Year 4

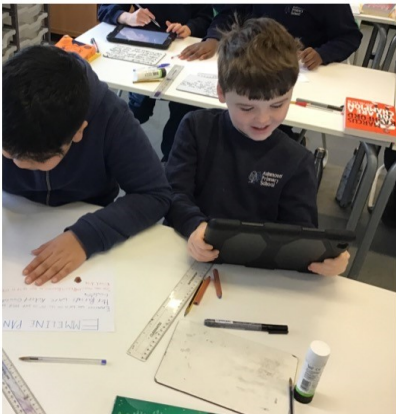


Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

Researching the life of Emmeline Pankhurst



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Our learning in pictures: Year 6

Planning and delivering a speech as Emmeline Pankhurst.

