

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed Josh to join the staff team in Year 4 and 5, he replaces Tessa and will be a strong addition to the staff team and I am sure you will all give him a warm Ashmount welcome!

Annie will be away until January as she got married on Friday and is away on her honeymoon. We welcome Emilia back who will be covering in her absence.

A huge thank you to all families and children for supporting Children in Need today—the children had a great day but we also raised over £300!

On Monday we start our Annual arts week and this year the theme will be textiles and through this theme we will be explicitly teaching design and technology. Each year group will have their own projects to explore this:

EYFS- Weaving Year 1 - Puppets Year 2 - Pouches Year 3 - Cushions Year 4 - Book sleeves
Year 5 - Soft Toys Year 6 - Waistcoats.

I wanted to thank all Louise and all families for their support with the work on our Parent Partnership Award. This will be assessed on Thursday and we will feed back outcomes in next Friday's newsletter.

I am also sharing the link to an open letter to parents of children with SEND from Children and Families Minister Will Quince <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/11/10/an-open-letter-to-parents-and-carers-of-children-and-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-from-children-and-families-minister-will-quince/>.

This marks the start of a delayed consultation process to reform provision and it is essential we feed back as a community so the Government take our views seriously but also plan resource to support this key area appropriately. There will be more information we will forward in this regard over the coming months.

Please note we have advertised winter events that we are planning this December, the dates are in the School diary section of the newsletter. All of these plans will be dependent on latest guidance from Public Health on the current status of the pandemic.

I am including here an update on the annual school raffle—the full advert is on page 6. It is an ever popular event in the school calendar, but also a key fundraiser:

Raffle: Bank transfer: Account name: Ashmount Parent Teacher Association. Sort code: 20-58-51. Account number: 73246337. Include reference: RAFF/your name so we can match up your payment with the stubs.

Check your name appears the same on the payment ref as on the stub and return completed ticket stubs to the office in the envelope provided if you pay by transfer.

Cash (exact amount) or cheque to Ashmount Parent Teacher Association – in envelope provided along with completed ticket stub. Hand in at the office.



Finally, as part of Place2Be's aim to support the families at Ashmount, Natasha (Family Practitioner) would like your help in understanding how to support the wellbeing of you and your family. Please click on the link to complete a 2 minute questionnaire.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6V57X3F>

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, Malik, Amelia

Y4 = Evelyn, Lucas M, Mia

Y5 = Dylan, Mihailo, Maher

Y6 = Anthony, Rayhan, Samir



Pritt's Craft for Children campaign has now launched, in support of Place2Be!

The Craft for Children campaign aims to get children, young people and their families crafting together and expressing themselves through art in support of Place2Be. A variety of different figurines to craft have now launched and are available to download.

For every craft shared on social media with the hashtag #CraftWithPritt, Pritt will kindly donate £5 to Place2Be. Please do spread the word with your schools and contacts who may like to get involved, and please do share any photos of your crafts with me too if you do take part!

Here's the link

https://www.prittworld.co.uk/en/sustainability/social-initiatives/we-craft-for-children.html?utm_source=Place2Be+staff&utm_campaign=e34eb60fb9-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_11_18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5609e0f393-e34eb60fb9-220047667](https://www.prittworld.co.uk/en/sustainability/social-initiatives/we-craft-for-children.html?utm_source=Place2Be+staff&utm_campaign=e34eb60fb9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_11_18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5609e0f393-e34eb60fb9-220047667)

Find us on [Place2Be.org.uk](https://www.place2be.org.uk) | Facebook | Twitter | LinkedIn | Instagram



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.

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....

What we will be learning next week:

Nursery:

English: We will be learning about the textile artist Diedrick Brackens and creating our very own weaving patterns inspired by his work.

Maths: We will be learning to recognise circles and triangles in the environment. We will also be learning to make pictures using circles and triangles inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky.

Reception

English: We will be reading and exploring our new text 'Mae Amongst the Stars'.

Maths: We will be learning about parts and wholes.

Year 1

English: We will be creating our own sentences in our Get Write programme.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning of addition and subtraction within 10.

Year 2

English: We will be writing a fact file about the Indian fashion designer Ritu Kumar.

Maths: We will be continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication in order to solve problems involving the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3

English: We will be exploring the text 'Race to the Frozen North'. We will be doing role-play activities and writing in character.

Maths: We will be learning how to divide by 4 and solve word problems related to this.

Year 4

English: We will be reading and exploring our new text 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. We will make predictions and write descriptions.

Maths: We will be learning how to multiply by 2-digit numbers.

Year 5

English: We will be taking part in a West End in Schools workshop linked to our text Kensuke's Kingdom and investigating the language of the text.

Maths: We will be learning to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring a short animation called 'The Piano' and using it to inspire us to write a re-telling in third person.

Maths: We will be learning to compare and order fractions and add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers.

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

Mon 22nd Nov: Yr 5 Kensuke Kingdom Workshop

Fri 26th Nov: Yr1 visit to The Toy Project

Weds 1st Dec: Reception Science Museum

Friday 3rd Dec: Nursery visit to Kings Place Concert Hall

Tues 7th Dec: 4 Blue Hampstead Heath

Thurs 9th Dec: 4 Green Hampstead Heath

Parent Workshops

Bright Futures Outreach Coffee Mornings:

Fri 3rd Dec 2:45 p.m.

Fri 17th Dec 9:05 p.m.

Whole School Events

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Nov: Arts Week

Thus 9th Dec: Full Governing Body meeting

Thus 9th Dec: Family Christmas Dinner

Mon 13th Dec

9.45am: Year 1 Nativity for 1 Green classes and families

3.45pm: Carol Concert in Large Hall

Tues 14th Dec

9.30am: Year 4 Musical for Green classes and families

Weds 15th Dec

9.45am: Year 1 Nativity for Blue classes and families

1.45pm: Year 4 Musical for Blue classes and families

Ashmount Together Events

Winter Raffle: Amazing prizes! Draw on 10th December. See page 7 for details.

Cake sales on Friday

19th Nov: Y5 (KS2)

26th Nov: Nursery (KS1)

3rd Dec: Y3 (KS2)

Ashmount Winter Fair: Friday 10th December



Ashmount Together Winter Raffle



Amazing prizes, including....

- Arsenal tickets....
- Theatre tickets for A Christmas Carol (Alexandra Palace)
- Tickets to see Anne-Marie at the SSE Arena, Wembley
- 3 month memberships at The Factory Fitness & Dance centre
- Vouchers for Tootoomoo, Pizzeria Pappagone, Dunn's, Wenzel's, Sourdough Sophia, Roast and Greens, Rewild Flowers, Pickled Pepper Books...
- Tickets to go bowling at Rowans, trampolining at Sobell...
- Butler's deli, hamper, wine from Oak wine bar, Chocolates from Haelan centre
- Free classes at Liv Pilates
- A family photo shoot & print with Emma Hook Photography **and more!**

Can you help us get even more prizes? If you know a business which would be willing to donate a prize, please get in touch with your year/class rep or email Ashmountschoolpta@gmail.com (subject: Prizes)

With kind support from.....

Wenzel's



PIZZERIA PAPPAGONE
Pasta a la casa! Wood burning oven



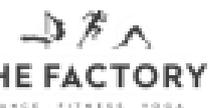
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DANCE FITNESS YOGA

Watch this space for **even more**.....

How to enter

- Tickets in book bags. You can get more at the office. Just £1 each
- Complete each ticket stub with your name and contact details
- Hand in the (short) stub section with your name & number - we'll call if you win
- Keep the (big) ticket section until after the draw on 10th December
- Please return unsold tickets to the office as soon as possible

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Prize for most
tickets
sold!

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.

Half Term Holiday

Tues 23rd Nov: 3 Blue

Tues 1st Mar: 2 Green

Tues 30th Nov: 2 Green

Tues 8th Mar: 5 Green

Tues 7th Dec: 5 Blue

Tues 15th Mar: Reception Blue

Tues 22nd Mar: 6 Blue

Christmas Holiday

Tues 29th Mar: 4 Green

Tues 18th Jan: 3 Green

Easter Holiday

Tues 25th Jan: 2 Blue

Tues 1st Feb: 6 Green

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

Tues 8th Feb: Reception Green

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

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 15.11.21 — 19.11.21

Class	Percentage
Nursery	96.4
Reception Blue	90.6
Reception Green	85.8
1 Blue	100.0
1 Green	90.0
2 Blue	95.6
2 Green	96.4
3 Blue	98.8
3 Green	97.0
4 Blue	90.8
4 Green	95.8
5 Blue	99.4
5 Green	91.7
6 Blue	94.7
6 Green	95.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 1 Blue, 3 Blue 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 Chloe, Katie or Shajia at the school office.

Our learning in pictures: Children in Need



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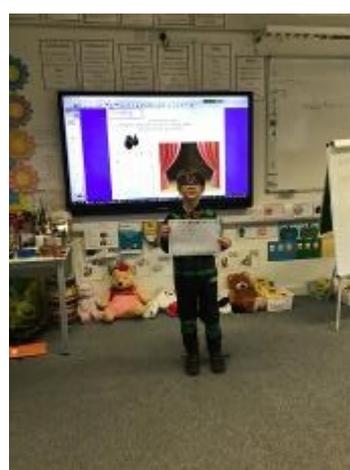
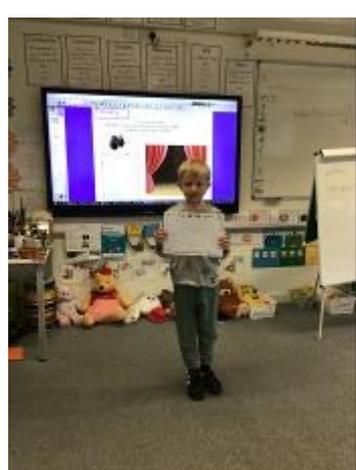
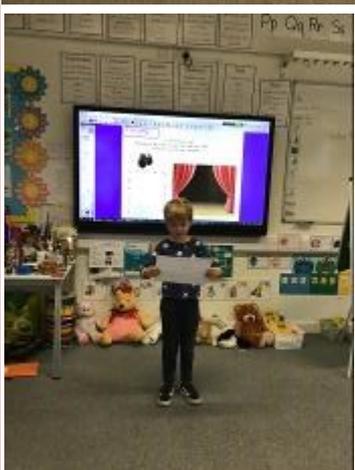
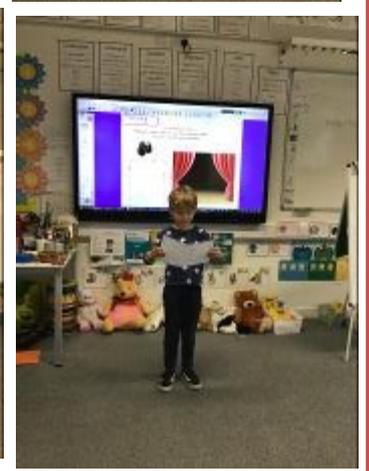
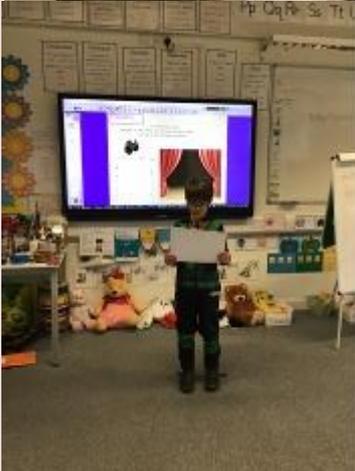
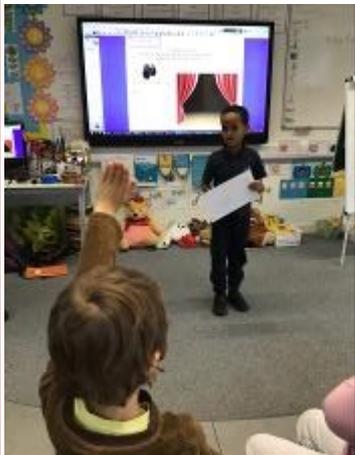
Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



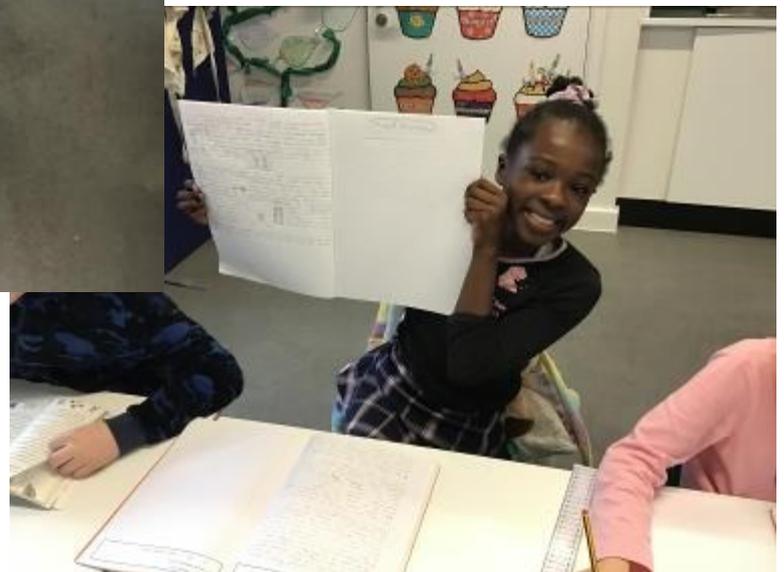
Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



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Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

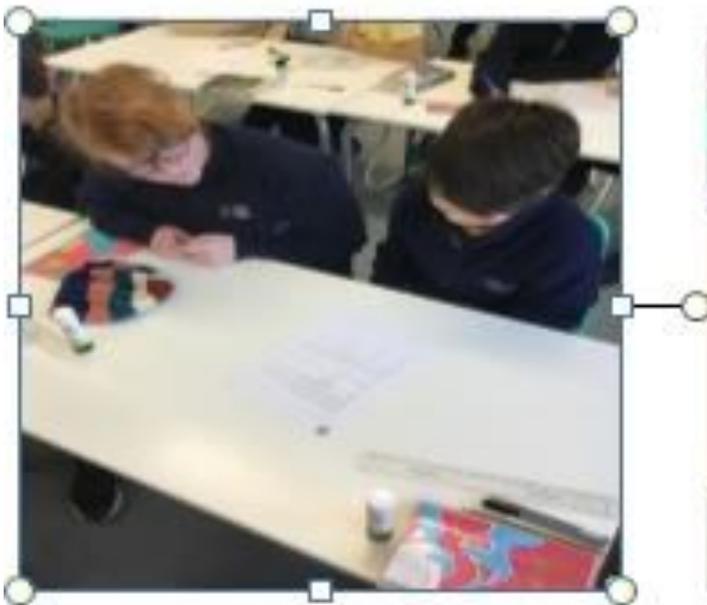
Preparing and performing our persuasive speeches in the role of a character from 'Floodland'.



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Our learning in pictures: Year 6

This week in Computing, we learned about why search engines are necessary to help us find things on the World Wide Web.



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

6 Green Children In Need Pyjama Day



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