

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am attaching an update on Covid-19 cases and although there were no new child cases notified on Friday it is still too early to say whether this marks a significant downward trend in cases. So I would ask all families to continue with the testing guidance listed below. Additionally, I would ask you all to continue wearing masks whilst you are on site.

A reminder that due to staff absences we have had to cancel Reception Green's assembly. We will reschedule this in due course and let you know the new date accordingly.

Our final week of this half term marks Children's mental Health Week and to celebrate we have another Dress down day (non-uniform) on Friday where children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite colour or choose a range of colours that express how they're feeling. We are also asking for a £2 donation to support Place2Be, the therapeutic charity we work with to provide mental health support for children, parents and staff across the school. More details about this can be found on page 3. We are also offering a parent course from Place2Be which is advertised on page 2. If you have any questions about this speak to Ellie.

I am also attaching our proposed term dates for 2022-2023 term dates.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Anthony

## Covid-19 Guidance

Routines you can follow to help us with the management of the current Covid-19 outbreak at school:

- 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>

- Finally, if your child does contract Covid-19 then they will be able to end their self-isolation period at the start of day 6 if they 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. In the hope your child will show a negative outcome, please take these tests at 8 a.m. on day 5 and 6 so they could come to school on the same day as the second negative outcome. If either test is positive, wait 24 hours before testing again.
- For your child to return to school prior to the end of their mandatory 10 day self isolation we must see these test outcomes evidenced either through date stamped photos of the LFDs or the NHS website response from registering the test outcomes. The outcomes need to be shared with Katie and Shajia before your child returns.

Friday 4th February 2022

## 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, Seamus, Aysegul

Y4 = Lucas M, Christian, Evelyn

Y5 = Oriol, Tommy Lee, Maher

Y6 = Samir, Anthony, Robert



## Place2Be Online Parenting Course

This **free online parenting course** has been developed by Place2Be, in partnership with SLAM (South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust), and is based on tried and tested techniques and experiences from supporting children, young people and their families.

The course is designed to support parents and carers of primary-age children in their parenting journey. You can do the course at a time that is convenient to you.

Register by **February 14th** at <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/parenting-smart-online-course/>

If you need help registering, please just email Ellie (Deputy Headteacher) at [in-fo@ashmount.islington.sc.uk](mailto:in-fo@ashmount.islington.sc.uk)

## **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 [ashmounevents@gmail.com](mailto:ashmounevents@gmail.com)

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

# GROWING TOGETHER

Children's Mental Health Week  
7 - 13 February 2022



Ashmount are once again celebrating Children's Mental Health Week as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

By getting involved, we hope to not only raise important awareness, but also vital funds to help more children and young people get the emotional support they need. As our lives continue to adjust following the impact of coronavirus, we know that children and young people need our emotional support now more than ever. In fact, research shows that up to 1.5 million children and young people across the UK need mental health support as a direct consequence of the pandemic. When schools closed, Place2Be worked hard to ensure they could continue supporting as many children, young people and families as possible. This work has continued. With your help, we can make this year's Children's Mental Health Week the biggest yet, spreading more awareness and getting closer to a future where every child has easy access to mental health support.

This year's theme is 'Growing Together' and we're encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can 'Express Ourselves', and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas. **Children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite colour or choose a range of colours that express how they're feeling on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.** Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions. During the week children will engage in activities related to the theme of growing and mental health. As part of the week, we are raising funds for Place2Be to help them to continue the important work they do both in our school and nationally around children's mental health.

We have set up an Ashmount JustGiving Page where our community can donate online. The recommended amount is £2 and you can donate online here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashmountforplace2be>

Thank you on behalf of Place2Be. If you would like to find out more information about this, including activities that you can do at home, please visit: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk> or if you would like to find out more about Place2Be at Ashmount, please email our Place2Be Project Manager, Fiona Brisbane: [fiona.brisbourne@ashmount.islington.sch.uk](mailto:fiona.brisbourne@ashmount.islington.sch.uk)

### 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. Booking via [maggie.rolph@islington.gov.uk](mailto: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](https://twitter.com/ISBrightFutures).

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

[annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk](mailto:annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk)

### What we will be learning next week:

#### Nursery:

English: We will be learning to talk about people who are special to us.

Maths: We will be learning about one more and one less than a number.

#### Reception

English: We will be reading lots of stories that focus on feelings and will use this to explore our own emotions.

Maths: We will be using the language of more than and fewer than to compare two groups of objects.

#### Year 1

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

Maths: We will be exploring how to measure length and height using things such as unifix cubes or paperclips (as units).

#### Year 2

English: We will be writing our own versions of the story 'A Mouse Called Julian'

Maths: We will be continuing to develop our skills in interpreting data from tally charts and pictograms.

#### Year 3

English: We will be writing a first person narrative based on 'The Proudest Blue'.

Maths: We will be solving word problems with volume and capacity.

#### Year 4

English: We will be editing, improving and publishing our story narratives inspired by 'The Heavenly Elephant'.

Maths: We will be converting time in hours to minutes, changing years to months and weeks to days and solving time problems.

#### Year 5

English: We will be writing a balanced argument centred around our class text 'The Last Wild'.

Maths: We will be continuing to learn about fractions. We will be comparing, adding and subtracting fractions.

#### Year 6

English: We will continue to write a biography of Marcus Rashford.

Maths: We will explore algebra, including finding and using rules for function machines and writing simple algebraic expressions.

### School Diary Dates

*Full school dates are on our website.*

### Educational Visits and Workshops

Tue 8th Feb Year 4 Sea Life Aquarium

Wed 9th Feb: Year 2 Islington Town Hall

Thurs 10th Feb: Year 3 Science Museum

Thurs 10th Feb: Year 4 Virtual Workshop  
with author Beverley Naidoo

Fri 11th Feb: Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop

### Whole School Events

February: LGBT+ History Month

Mon 7th - Fri 11th Feb: Children's Mental  
Health Week

Tues 8th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Fri 11th Feb: Children's Mental Health Week:  
Dress to Express Day (non-uniform)

Tues 15th and Weds 16th March: Parents  
Evenings

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day (wear red)

### End of This Half term:

Friday 11th February 3:15 p.m.

### Second spring half term:

Starts: Tuesday 22nd February 8.45 a.m.

Ends: Friday 1st April 2 p.m.

### 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 1st Mar: 2 Green

Tues 8th Mar: 5 Green

Tues 15th Mar: Reception Blue

Tues 22nd Mar: 6 Blue

Tues 29th Mar: 4 Green

#### 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

SEPT 2022 – JULY 2023

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM

First Half: Monday, 5th September 2022 – Friday, 21st October 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 24th October 2022 – Friday, 28th October 2022

Second Half: Monday, 31st October 2022 – Friday, 16th December 2022

SPRING TERM

First Half: Wednesday, 4th January 2023 – Friday, 10th February 2023

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 13th February 2023 – Friday, 17th February 2023

Second Half: Tuesday, 21st February 2023 – Friday, 31st March 2023

Easter Break: Monday, 3rd April 2023 – Friday, 14th April 2023

Good Friday: 7th April 2023

Easter Monday: 10th April 2023

SUMMER TERM

First Half: Monday, 17th April 2023 – Friday, 26th May 2023

May Day: Monday, 1st May 2023

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 29th May 2023 – Friday, 2nd June 2023

Second Half: Monday, 5th June 2023 – Friday, 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Tuesday, 1st September 2022

Wednesday, 2nd September 2022

Monday, 20th February 2022

Friday, 14th July 2022

### 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

# ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th February 2022

Weekly Attendance 31.01.22 — 04.02.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	82.4
Reception Blue	95.0
Reception Green	97.1
1 Blue	98.6
1 Green	96.1
2 Blue	99.1
2 Green	98.4
3 Blue	98.3
3 Green	96.1
4 Blue	98.7
4 Green	95.4
5 Blue	94.4
5 Green	91.9
6 Blue	95.5
6 Green	96.9

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 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.

## Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception



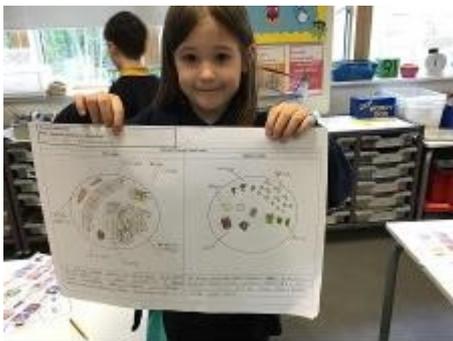
## Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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### Our learning in pictures: Year 2



### Our learning in pictures: Year 3 - measuring in Maths!



### Our learning in pictures: Year 4



### Our learning in pictures: Year 4



### Our learning in pictures: Year 5

A HUGE well done to our Year 5 Debate Mate teams who competed in the first round of the Debate Mate competition on Monday.



In English, we also created play scripts as a group, based on our class text 'The Last Wild'.

### Our learning in pictures: Year 6

This week in Science, we designed and built circuits to meet a design brief. It was so much fun!

