

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you as ever for all of your support this half term, which has seen the biggest impact to date for the school with dealing with the pandemic. We have had both significant child and staff absence over the last six weeks and I hope that on our return on Tuesday 22nd February the impact of Covid-19 will be less significant. However, to ensure this is the case we would ask you all to continue with the bi-weekly LFD testing to keep everyone safe but in addition to continue wearing face masks when you are on site.

After half term we will return to running our class assemblies in person—but again will be asking all adult attendees to wear a mask when they join us. (These will also be streamed live via Google Classroom for those parents who cannot join us.) Parent conferences will again this half term be remote via Google Classroom but we hope this will be the last occasion when they will not be in person.

We will on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.30am, be running a Year 2 KSI SATS Information Workshop for parents. This will be online and a link will go out to all parents in the first week back. Please save this date so we can help you to support your child in their upcoming national assessments.

Finally, if you have time and are a member of our BAME community could you fill out a survey to help shape support services for the community—this survey is being run by the Early Intervention Foundation and there is an advert for this on page 3.

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.

### 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, Elyza

Y4 = Christian, Evelyn, Abdur-Raheem

Y5 = Maher, Oriol, Mahbeer

Y6 = Samir, Anthony, Rayhan



### 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 [info@ashmount.islington.sc.uk](mailto:info@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 [ashmoutevents@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoutevents@gmail.com)

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

# WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

What would make family  
support services for Black,  
Asian & minority ethnic  
families better?

COMPLETE THE SPEAKOUT  
SURVEY FOR THE CHANCE TO  
WIN A **£100 VOUCHER** TO A  
SHOP OF YOUR CHOICE

USE YOUR PHONE CAMERA



SCAN TO GO TO THE SURVEY

VISIT [SPEAKOUT.FAMILY](https://speakout.family)

#SPEAKOUTFAMILY

**SpeakOut**  
Your and your family's experiences of seeking support

### Would you make a great Families for Life Community Champion?

We're looking for **inspirational volunteers** to encourage families in Islington to get active and eat well. The Families for Life programme offers free healthy eating and active play activities for families with children aged 2 to 11.

Volunteers should be Islington residents, be committed to improving the health of their community and available to volunteer two to three hours a week.

Community Champions will learn about health and wellbeing. They will have access to free training and ongoing support. It's a great opportunity for them to meet new people, improve their communication skills and boost their confidence.

Online training for the Families for Life Community Champion begins Wednesday 23 February!

Families for Life Community Champions' Induction Training - FREE

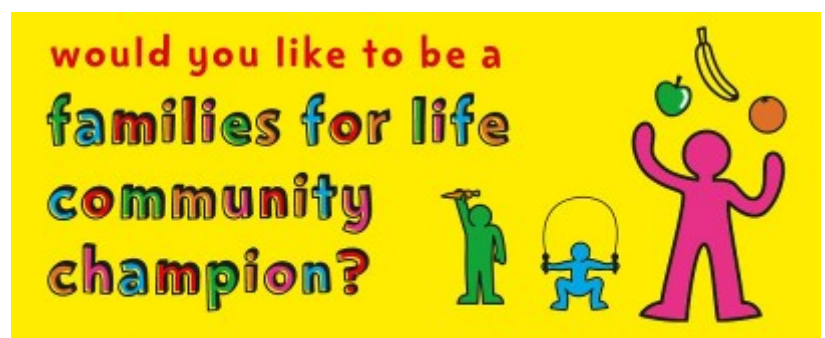
Dates: Wednesday 23 February - Wednesday 30 March 2022 (6 weeks)

Time: 9.30 - 12.30am

3 hours

If this sounds like someone you know please contact: Natasha Miller, Community Champion Co-ordinator on 07974604133 or via:

[natasha.miller@islington.gov.uk](mailto:natasha.miller@islington.gov.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)

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## What we are learning next:

### **Nursery:**

English: We will be learning to create story maps based on the story 'Snail Trail'

Maths: We will be learning about positional language and spatial awareness.

### **Reception**

English: We will be exploring our new text 'Are You a Boy or Are You a Girl?'

Maths: We will be learning about weight and comparing weight.

### **Year 1**

English: We will be continuing with our Read Write Inc Phonics and Get Writing programme.

Maths: We will be doing some mid year revision of units covered so far including addition and subtraction, measure and shape.

### **Year 2**

English: We will be reading the focus text 'King and King' and retelling the story in our own words.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on measurement, number facts and the four operations.

### **Year 3**

English: We will be exploring Dad David, Baba Chris and ME and writing a diary entry.

Maths: We will be learning how to add amounts of money by counting on.

### **Year 4**

English: We will be reading and exploring our new text 'Donovan's Big Day and analysing the character.

Maths: We will be solving word problems and consolidating our learning on time.

### **Year 5**

English: We will be reading 'Julian the Mermaid' as part of our LGBTQ+ history month celebrations.

Maths: We will be continuing our work adding and subtracting fractions.

### **Year 6**

English: We will be exploring the text 'The Boy in the Dress' as part of LGBTQ+ Week.

Maths: We will be forming and solving equations and finding values.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school dates are on our website.*

## Educational Visits and Workshops

*News to follow after half term.*

## Whole School Events

February: LGBT+ History Month

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day  
(dress up as a book character or author) and  
Book Sale

Mon 7th - Fri 11th March: Science Week

Tues 15th and Weds 16th March: Parents  
Evenings

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

## Term Dates:

**Children return to school on  
Tues 22nd February at  
8.45 a.m.**

Spring term ends on Fri 1st April at 2 p.m.

Easter holiday: Monday 4th - Friday 15th  
April

Monday 18th April: Bank Holiday (Easter  
Monday)

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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 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



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Weekly Attendance 07.02.22 — 11.02.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	93.2
Reception Blue	95.7
Reception Green	97.2
1 Blue	97.8
1 Green	96.7
2 Blue	98.2
2 Green	97.9
3 Blue	96.3
3 Green	97.2
4 Blue	98.4
4 Green	97.2
5 Blue	98.6
5 Green	97.8
6 Blue	98.2
6 Green	98.9

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





### Our learning in pictures: Year 2 - our visit to Islington Town Hall!





### Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Working on our  
Children's Mental  
Health Week  
activities!



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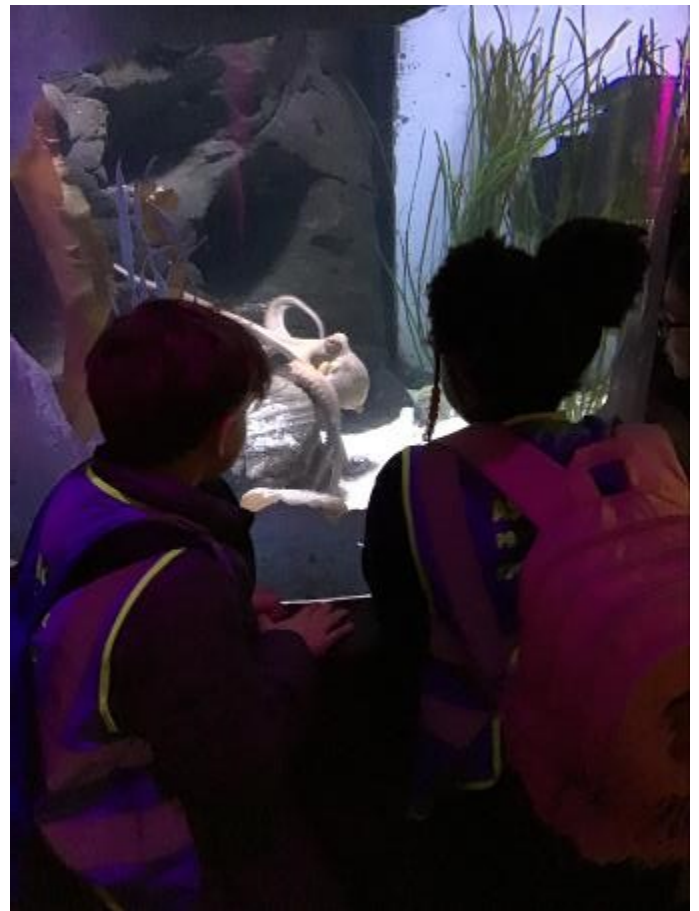
## Our learning in pictures: Year 3





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 4 - our trip to Sea Life!







### Our learning in pictures: Year 6

Safer Internet Day!

We discussed the big question: 'Online gaming: is it all fun and games?'



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### Our learning in pictures: Year 6

Researching renewable energy sources in Science and creating posters.



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