

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have the school community return after the Easter break and we have had a really exciting week of learning across the school but also really exceptional learning behaviours. So a huge thank you to all of our children!

I have below and on page 2 explained how we intend to further open up the school offer as we move to a new period within the Covid-19 pandemic. We will of course do all we can to expand our offer whilst being mindful of the latest guidance and doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

Later in the newsletter we have published our new diary dates and will further update this next week with announcements about our International Evening, Sports Day and Summer Fair. I would particularly like to emphasise our Bring an Adult to School morning on Thursday 19th May. There will be more details on this next week.

We would also like to give a huge Ashmount Welcome to Susanna (Yr4) and Ellie (Yr6) who join us for their final placements this term as they train to be teachers. We also say hello to Fahmida who joins us as an Academic Mentor working in years 2, 3 and 4 until mid June.

A reminder that next week there are two Parent workshops:

- Thursday Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Friday Year 4 Multiplication Check — both will be virtual and a Google Meet link will be sent out via text message.

A reminder that the school is working incredibly hard to support children with learning opportunities that were lost during lockdown. To do this we run a variety of before and after school tutoring groups — please help your children to be on time for these and to attend every session. This is just one way we are spending the National Tutoring programme funding to support children to make up for learning missed during lockdown. We are working hard in school to help children to deal with the wellbeing and learning impact of the time away from school and their peers during lockdown but we really need your support to make this happen. If you need any help getting them into school on time for the tutoring or attending the after school session or have any questions about this, please contact Ellie, Deputy Headteacher — Teaching and Learning.

Finally, there will be two further attachments advertising workshops for parents. They are really great offers so take a look if you feel they will help.

- The Bright Start Speech and Language Therapy team invite parents/ carers of children aged 12 months and under to join them for a workshop on Early Communication.
- Education Health & Care Plans (EHCP) Facts & Fiction workshop

Best wishes and stay safe, Anthony

Covid-19 Guidance

I have detailed the latest Covid-19 guidance overleaf which means these are the changes to school routines this term. This will, as ever, be carefully reviewed following regular updates from Public Health and the London Borough of Islington Council to ensure everyone's safety.

- It is no longer obligatory to wear face masks on site, though we completely respect the choice of individuals to do so if they feel more comfortable.
- As of the start of this term all child assemblies in school will be in person — this includes our whole school assembly on Monday, our Class assemblies on Tuesday's and our Music assemblies and Friday celebration assemblies. We will for all of these continue to ventilate the hall spaces to minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission.
- All our Tuesday class assemblies will be live for parent attendees, though we will continue to share the assembly virtually through Google Meets.
- We will look to return to our wider community focus and would ask you all to put Thursday 19th May when we will have our first Bring an Adult to School Morning — we are very excited about this and would like as many parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents etc. to join us to share learning with your children in school
- We will next week advertise the dates for our summer Ashmount Together events when we will have both our International Evening and our Summer Fair

We will continue to review best practise to keep everyone safe and ensure all school spaces are kept well ventilated both now and going forward.

Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19

Adults

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

It is particularly important to avoid close contact with anyone who you know is at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness, despite vaccination.

Children and young people

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Guidance for people who have a positive COVID-19 test result

Adults

Adults who have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. At the end of this period, if you have a high temperature or feel unwell, try to follow this advice until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and you no longer have a high temperature if you had one.

Although many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, some people may be infectious to other people for up to 10 days from the start of their infection. You should avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, despite vaccination, for 10 days after the day you took your test.

Children and young people

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should not attend nursery or school and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Friday 22nd April 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:

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Y3 = Ryan, Aren, Seamus

Y4 = Adil, Evelyn, Lucas M

Y5 = Kavell, Tommy Lee, Imaan

Y6 = Anthony, Adam, Robert



Our Class Assemblies

You can join remotely or in person at 9.05am. A Google Meet link will be sent out to families.

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

Friday 22nd April 2022

What we are learning next:

Nursery:

English: We will be learning to engage in conversations about our class story called 'Journey'.

Maths: We will be learning to match numerals and quantities correctly.

Reception

English: We will continue to explore 'The Bog Baby'.

Maths: We will continue our learning in securing counting skills.

Year 1

English: We will be continuing our learning in Read, Write, Inc Phonics

Maths: We will begin to think about how to divide.

Year 2

English: We will be developing our persuasive and descriptive language using our key text 'The Great Fire of London' to write a diary entry, speech and describe a setting.

Maths: We will continue to develop our recognition and understanding of different fractions.

Year 3

English: We will be continuing to explore the story 'Journey' and using this to write character descriptions and plan a fantasy story.

Maths: We will be interpreting bar graphs and learning to recognise unit and non-unit fractions.

Year 4

English: We will continue writing through Art, focusing on a new piece of artwork from the Kenwood Collection.

Maths: We will be learning to solve problems involving money.

Year 5

English: We will continue to research modern day Mexico using a variety of non-fiction texts.

Maths: We will be finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages and adding and subtracting decimals.

Year 6

English: We will continue to explore the text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman

Maths: We will be exploring pie charts to answer questions and calculating angles.

School Diary Dates

Full school dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Friday 29th April: Year 6 Vikings Workshop

Fri 13th May: Year 6 - Hampstead Heath

Tues 24th May Reception - Postal Museum

Whole School Events

Thurs 19th May: Bring an Adult morning and Outdoor Class

Fri 20th May: Class Photos

Ashmount Parent Workshops

These will be online at 9.30am until further notice.

A Google Meeting link will be sent out on text.

Thurs 28th April: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Fri 29th April: Year 4 Multiplication Check

Fri 6th May: Safeguarding: online safety

Fri 20th May: Year 6 Transition to Secondary

Term Dates:

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday

Summer Half Term break: Monday 30th May -

Friday 3rd June

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Weekly Attendance 19.04.22 — 22.03.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	94.2
Reception Blue	84.9
Reception Green	100
1 Blue	100
1 Green	91.0
2 Blue	95.0
2 Green	95.0
3 Blue	95.9
3 Green	96.5
4 Blue	97.7
4 Green	96.8
5 Blue	88.4
5 Green	91.3
6 Blue	93.8
6 Green	91.5

Our best attending classes this week were:

Well done children and adults. The best attending classes at the end of half term will get a Friday film afternoon with hot chocolate and biscuits. At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupils is a huge focus with the mantra being: "Every minute matters , Every second counts"

If you need support with attendance contact Peter, our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Shajia at the school office.

Ashmount Together Cake Sales

Our cake sales help us to raise money for the school. They take place on Fridays in the playground. Please bring any contributions to the school office on the day.

Date	Year Group
Fri 29th April	Year 4
Fri 6th May	Nursery
Fri 13th May	Reception
Fri 20th May	Year 5
Fri 27th May	Year 6



Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception

Using pastels to create artwork inspired by Monet.



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



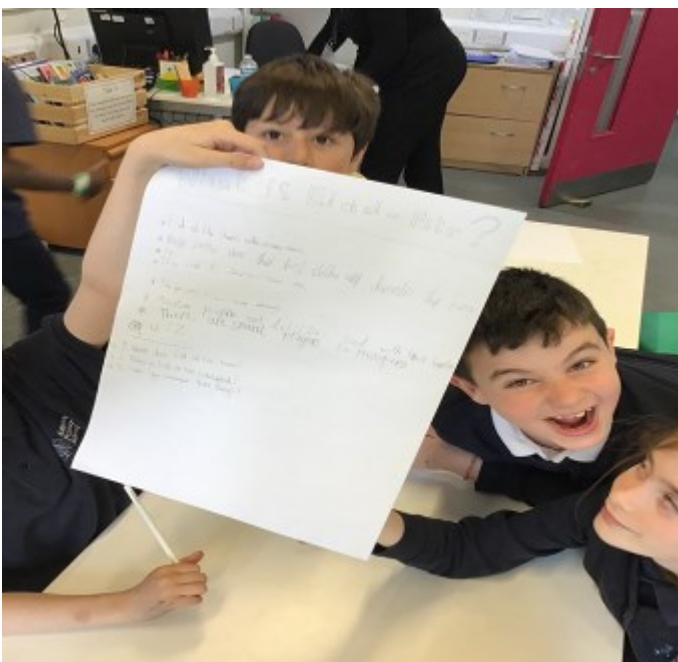
Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



Our learning in pictures: Year 5



