

## Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all parents for supporting your child being at school this week—for the first time in Ashmount's history we had 8 classes with 100% attendance. That's obviously great news but also helps ensure that all children have a seamless learning experience which can only help embed their knowledge and skills. Thank you!

A reminder that today I will send out the Parent Presentation materials to all year groups, except Nursery and Reception—whose sessions will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. The Nursery Parent Presentation will take place in the music room and Receptions will take place in one of the Reception classrooms.

I am also sending out today the Year 6 Secondary admissions information and a video link from Alison Smith who manages the process for Islington. If any Year 6 parent needs support with the application process then please let Katie or Shajia know in the office and we will help in any way we can. Similarly, we strongly encourage families to attend Secondary school open mornings to get a sense of what the school's are really like. Any child who attends these on a school day is automatically marked in so please take the opportunity to visit the different schools to see what the right fit is for your child.

Please book the next Bring An Adult To School Day in your diary. This will take place on Friday 7th October and we would really love to see as many parents, uncles, aunts or grandparents join us for the morning. It's always a really exciting morning of learning and really builds our community engagement but also encourages your child to see the link between school and home which further reinforces their learning habits.

As you may know, October is Black History Month in the UK. This year, our theme at Ashmount is, 'Time for Change: Action not Words'. We have planned a rich variety of discussions and activities to happen in our classrooms during this month and are looking forward to our Black History Month community event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, where some of this learning will be on display. We are also keen to invite parents and carers into the school in October to share aspects of their own Black Heritage, with a class or year group. It could be reading a story, or making some music or art with a class or year group. Please see the attached letter for further information and how to get in touch if you would like to do this.

Thank you to all the families supporting our Friday cake sales. The money raised from last week's sale was used to purchase a gazebo to support the delivery of our year group wellbeing sessions and they are a tangible way that a small scale parent activity can have a powerful impact on the school offer. I will be meeting Michelle, who chairs Ashmount Together, next Friday to discuss our funding initiatives for this year and in a time of ever tightening public purse strings your support is as important as ever!

Finally, please remember to label your child's school uniform it simply needs their initials and class. It makes it so much easier for us to return items but as importantly means we don't have to recycle countless unclaimed items which is better for everyone and the environment!

Best wishes,

Anthony

Ashmount Primary School

Community - Responsibility - Growth



Bring an Adult to  
School Morning

Join us in the Large Hall on  
Friday 7th October at 9.05am  
for a Black History Month  
creative art activity with your child/ren.  
Babies and toddlers welcome.



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## 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:

This weeks most improved are:

Y3: Dexter, Joss, Oliver

Y4: Ryan, Cooper, Mohamed

Y5: Adil, Abdur-Raheem, Angelina

Y6: Georgie, Idriss, Frank



**FREE TENNIS FUN DAY**

Drop in family tennis for all ages and abilities - Coaching and Fun Games

 **FINSBURY PARK TENNIS COURTS**

 **THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER,**  
**3:30-5:00PM**

**ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED  
JUST DROP IN AND PLAY!**

For more information contact [info@accesstosports.org.uk](mailto:info@accesstosports.org.uk)  
or follow/dm us on Instagram @a2s\_tennisforall

### **FREE Tennis Fun Day – Thursday 29 September**

Thursday 29 September between 3.30pm – 5pm at the courts in Finsbury Park, the Tennis For All project are running a FREE tennis fun day.

Providing opportunity for children and families to come by at any time and play some tennis completely free

Everything is provided, just pick up and play on the day, so perfect for anyone who has always wished to just give it a go!

For more information contact [info@accesstosports.org.uk](mailto:info@accesstosports.org.uk)

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### What we are learning next:

#### **Nursery:**

English: We will be learning to retell the story 'So Much' by Trish Cooke using story props.

Maths: We will be learning to sort objects by colour, size and shape.

#### **Reception**

English: We will be reading our new text 'What Makes Me a Me?'

Maths: We will be subitising (recognising amounts without counting).

#### **Year 1**

English: We will be writing sentences using our phonics skills.

Maths: We will be learning to compare numbers using the terms 'I more than' and 'I less than.'

#### **Year 2**

English: We will be writing a diary entry in the role of Mary Seacole.

Maths: We will be continuing to develop our addition and subtraction skills.

#### **Year 3:**

English: We will be writing our own Roman Myth.

Maths: We will be focusing on number patterns and counting in 4's and 8's.

#### **Year 4**

English: We will be planning and writing our own ending to an Egyptian myth.

Maths: We will be continuing to add and subtract numbers within 10,000.

#### **Year 5**

English: We will be writing a descriptive recount based on Ahmet's journey across the sea.

Maths: We will be exploring different methods on how to add and subtract within 1,000,000

#### **Year 6**

English: We will be continuing to explore 'Pig Heart Boy' to write a diary entry.

Maths: We will be focusing on column addition and subtraction and applying these skills to worded problems.

### School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

### Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 2—Mary Seacole Workshop —27th Sept

Year 4 — British Museum 11th October

Year 6—12th Night performance—27th Sept

### Parent presentations: (All in class from 9 a.m.)

Rec—Tue 27th Sept

Nur—Wed 28th Sept

### Whole School Events

Bring an Adult To School Day Fri 7th Oct

BHM Extravaganza 3:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m. Fri 21st Oct

Bonfire night Disco and Fireworks 3:30 p.m.— 6:45 p.m.  
Fri 4th Nov

### Cake Sales

30th Sept - Y4

7th Oct - Y3

14th Oct - Y6

21st Oct - Y1

Location: KSI playground

### School Calendar

End of half term: 21st Oct

2nd Half term starts:

Monday 31st Oct

End of autumn term:

Friday 16th Dec 2 p.m.

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Weekly Attendance 19.09.22 — 23.09.22

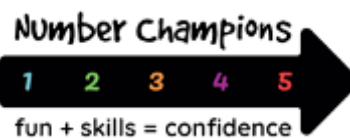
Class	Percentage
Nursery	94.7
Reception Blue	93.1
Reception Green	93.3
1 Blue	93.1
1 Green	100
2 Blue	100
2 Green	100
3 Blue	100
3 Green	100
4 Blue	100
4 Green	96.2
5 Blue	100
5 Green	100
6 Blue	96.6
6 Green	96.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 1 Green, 2 Blue, 2 Green, 3 Blue, 3 Green,  
4 Blue, 5 Blue and 5 Green

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.



## Volunteer in Ashmount with Number Champions

Be part of Number Champions, the charity helping children to learn and enjoy maths – including in Ashmount Primary School from November 2020.

Our trained volunteers provide one-to-one support to children who have fallen behind in maths.

Through games and other activities they help children to develop skills, confidence, and enjoyment in maths.

Young children who find maths difficult often develop a "can't do, won't do" attitude, and never properly re-engage with the subject. This can impact their whole education. Early intervention can help them learn skills and gain the confidence to participate fully in class.

If you'd enjoy volunteering regularly for one and a half hours each week during the school day, and would find it rewarding to help 6 to 8 year-olds, you could be one of our in-school volunteers.

As well as bringing enthusiasm, you will need to be competent with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – and also be confident in explaining them.

We provide training on how to interact with children in a school setting, on the early years maths syllabus, and on creative and fun ways to engage young children with maths.

To find out more please visit [www.numberchampions.org.uk](http://www.numberchampions.org.uk) and contact [volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk)



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## Our learning in pictures: Year 6 Girls at the

In line with this year being the 30th year since the birth of the Premier League, a Premier League Primary Stars U11 Girls tournament was held in Acton to celebrate this, where 11 London clubs were invited along to play a host of matches. Arsenal FC being our local and partner club, kindly asked if Ashmount would like to attend, so a group of girls from year 6 went along for a day filled with football, freebies and famous footballers!

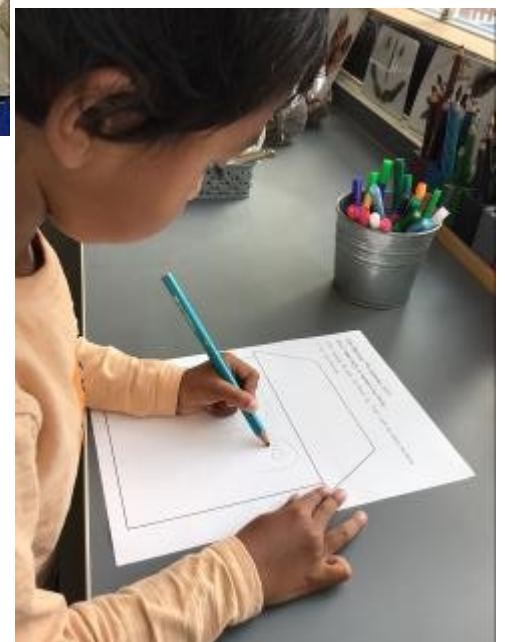
They played a series of matches against schools from other London clubs such as Chelsea FC, Fulham FC, QPR FC and host for the day Brentford FC. In between the games the children had the opportunity to meet England Lioness, record breaking goal scorer for her country and also a part of the European Championship side, Ellen White. Alongside this the Premier League and Euro 2022 trophies were also on show.

The children had fantastic day all round and one I'm sure they will never forget.



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## Our learning in pictures: Nursery





### Our learning in pictures: Reception





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 1





### Our learning in pictures: Year 2





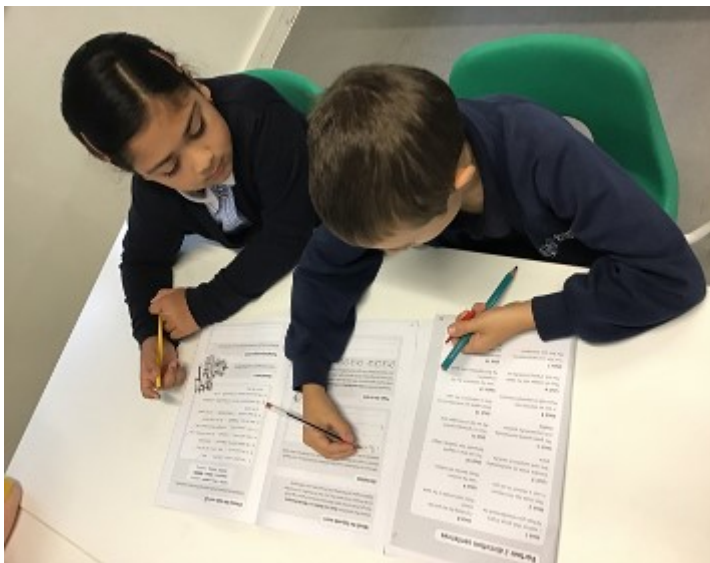
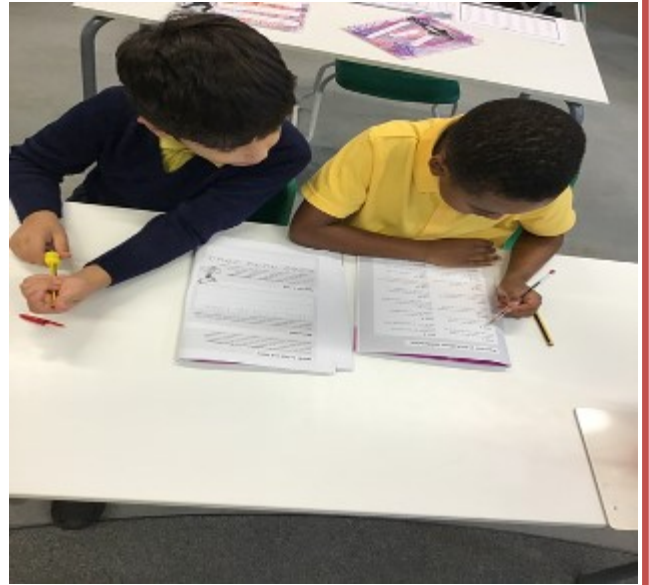
### Our learning in pictures: Year 3



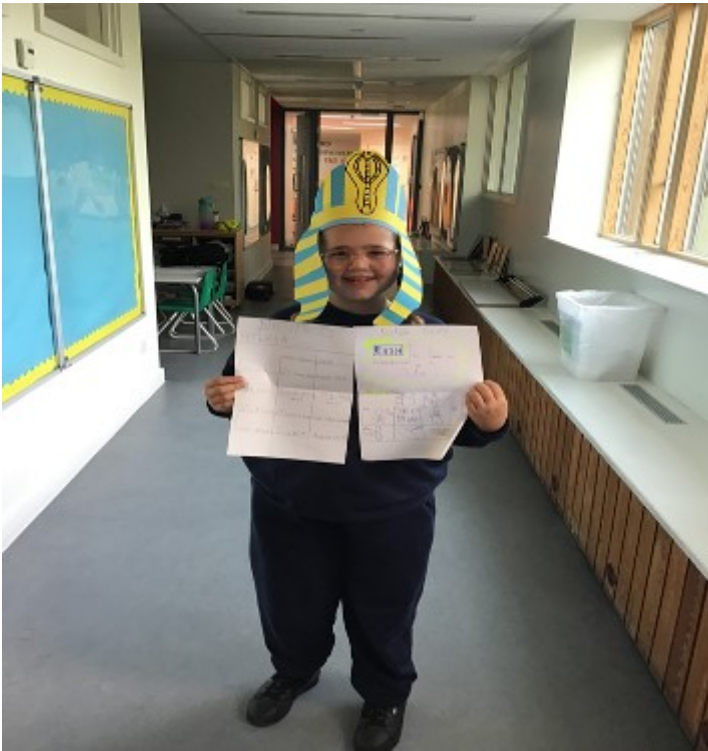


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## Our learning in pictures: Year 4



Well done to the children in Year 4 who have complete their power project based on their topic Ancient Egypt.





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 5





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 6

