

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back this term and really great to see them engaged so quickly in powerful learning sequences, but as importantly to show such exemplary behaviour and learning attitudes.

A few reminders for the rest of the term:

- Public Health Islington and Camden have issued new guidance about the current background of rising cases of both Covid-19 and Strep A. We are mindful that we want to keep everyone in the school community safe so we urge you to ensure that your child is well when you send them into school but also that if your child is unwell that you phone the school office each morning to let Katie and Shajia know so we don't have to chase you. This new advice means we are issuing figures to Public Health of any Strep A cases and Covid-19 cases on a weekly basis. We will update you if there is any significant health concern raised by Public Health, but it is likely that these issues will bubble away in the back ground this half term. But, as ever, I am sure if we work together as a community we will be fine. We will continue to have a tight regime around hand hygiene but also ensure all key touch surfaces in school are kept clean.
- A reminder that our uniform is clearly defined—see the link to our school website and please stick to this. Can you also help us by labelling your child's uniform with their initials and class.  
<https://ashmountprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/parent-information/school-uniform/>
- Jewellery—a reminder that linked to uniform children cannot wear items of jewellery in school, except for ear studs. If children do bring items in they will be placed in an envelope and returned to the child at the end of the day.

I am also issuing all our half termly Home Learning documents this afternoon which will come in a second email.

Finally, we have a Parent band who do fundraising gigs for the school and I am attaching a message from Martin, whose son is in 3 Green as he's looking to reinvigorate this wonderful group which puts in mind of one of my favourite films the Blue's Brothers and Jake Elwood's thoughts on the matter:

"We'll put the band back together, do a few gigs, we get some bread. Bang! Five thousand bucks." So with that in mind a message from Martin:

Dear Ashmount Parents,

After a pandemic induced hiatus, Ashmount Together are keen to resurrect the parents band. It's a brilliant opportunity for parents to get together and raise funds for the PTA, have a great time and make new connections and friendships across the school. Over a couple of years from 2019 the band played a series of small gigs in the school but also at other local venues. Over 30 parents have been involved playing a host of instruments and singing favourite hits to much acclaim! In total over £10,000 was raised on ticket entry and F & B profits. It's an all-comers welcome policy with core value being "Fundraising, fun and friendship".

Many of the players from the last gigs have grown too old...or rather their kids have!!...so no longer at Ashmount but we have a core of 6 or 7 parents keen to build this band up again and perform a gig in the summer term, BUT we need more members!

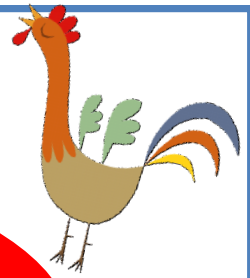
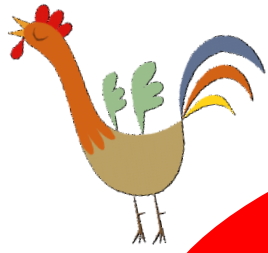
Tony has kindly agreed to allow us use of the school to meet up and start jamming and plan who and what we might all play. So the following dates we have in the diary for people to drop in to rehearsal sessions at school and find out more: 08.02.22,, 22.02.22. and 08.03.22

Admin on this fundraiser will be handled by Martin Gray [martin.jgray75@gmail.com](mailto:martin.jgray75@gmail.com) for now to get us going. So any questions drop Martin a line. No doubt a WhatsApp group pending!

Best wishes,

Anthony





## **‘EARLY BIRDS’ BREAKFAST CLUB**



**Time: 8am - 8.45am**



Come to Breakfast and enjoy cereal, toast, seasonal fruits, unsweetened fruit juice, milk etc. and join in the many activities that are available:

Arts and crafts, music, board games, outside play and much more!

After half term *all pupils* are welcome to pick up a bagel outside the main hall when they arrive at school in the morning.

Should you arrive after the start of the school day, pick up a bagel at the school office from 9am — 9.15am

# ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## What we are learning next:

### Nursery

English: We will be continuing to retell the story of the Three Little Pigs using a variety of methods.

Maths: We will be representing numbers 4 & 5.

### Reception

English: We will be continuing to explore our text 'Supertato'.

Maths: We will be learning about number bonds up to 5.

### Year 1

English: We will be learning about the story 'Beegu', describing characters and settings of the story.

Maths: We will be learning how to subtract from 10.

### Year 2

English: We will be writing poetry in role inspired our key text 'If all the world were' by Joseph Coelho.

Maths: We will be comparing length and solving word problems involving lengths.

### Year 3:

English: We will be writing an instructional text based on our reading of 'The True Story of The 3 Little Pigs.'

Maths: We will be solving problems relating to length.

### Year 4:

English: We will be writing a diary entry based on our class text 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore fractions.

### Year 5

English: We will be planning and writing a poem based on a character from 'The Last Wild'.

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting fractions.

### Year 6

English: We will be writing a persuasive speech inspired by the Suffragettes.

Maths: We will be reading and writing decimals up to three decimal places and multiplying/dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

## Educational Visits and Workshops

Wed 8th February - Year 2 at Islington Town Hall

Tue 17th Jan Year 2 and 5 Bletchley Park Enigma Visit

Others TBC

## Class Assemblies

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 3 Green

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2 Blue

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 6 Green

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Reception Green

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2 Green

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 5 Green

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Mar Reception Blue

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 6 Blue

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 4 Green

## Whole School Events

Bring An Adult To School Day

Valentine's Disco Friday 10th February

## Cake Sales

6th Jan - NO SALE

13th Jan - Y3

20th Jan - Y6

27th Jan - Y1

3rd Feb - Reception

10th Feb - Y5 (Valentine Disco cake sale)

## School Calendar

End of first half term:

Friday 10th February

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Weekly Attendance 04.01.23 — 06.01.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	87.1
Reception Blue	91.7
Reception Green	90.0
1 Blue	86.7
1 Green	95.4
2 Blue	95.2
2 Green	89.3
3 Blue	93.7
3 Green	85.3
4 Blue	98.6
4 Green	87.2
5 Blue	88.1
5 Green	87.5
6 Blue	93.3
6 Green	97.7

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.

## 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:

Here are the most improved for each year group:

Y3: Ayaz, Muaz, Jeremy

Y4: Rosa, Amelia, Cooper

Y5: Angelina, Liv, Christian

Y6: Jacob, Sadaf, Cairo



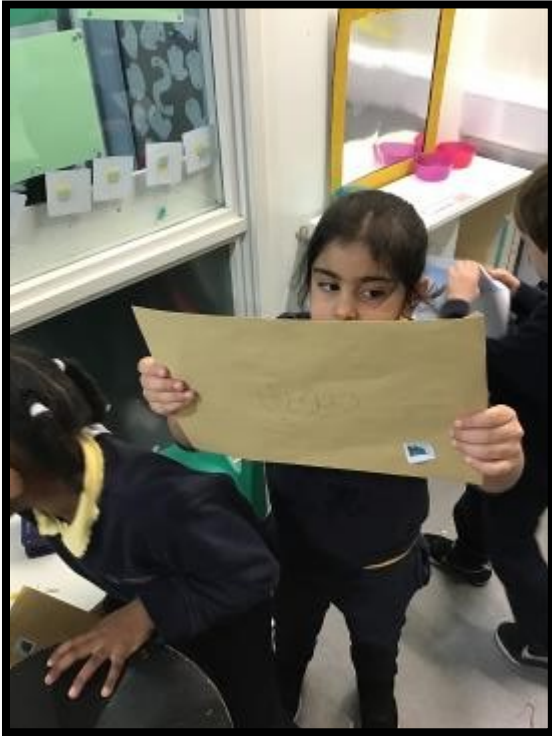


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## Our learning in pictures: Nursery



### 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:

Today, we continued reading our new text, 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs.' We then came up with questions to ask the 'Wolf', who was in the hot seat.

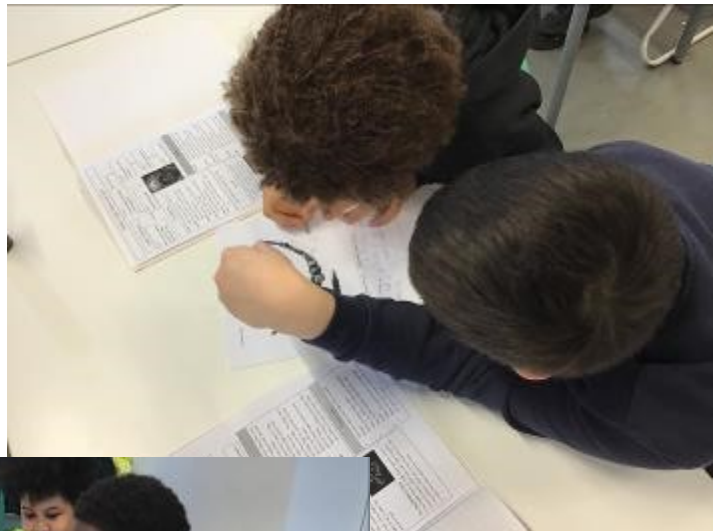


### Our learning in picture Year 4





### Our learning in pictures Year 5



### Our learning in pictures Year 6





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