

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, an update on a significant period of child and adult illness at school over the last week and a half, predominantly relating to a winter vomiting bug. We have understandably been concerned about this and are each day completing a deep clean of the building but this situation has not been helped by similar issues at an array of local schools. We have this week had several cases of Strep A and I am including a letter from Public Health around how we can all keep ourselves safe in the run up to the end of term. We will of course continue to monitor the situation daily. But the attendance figures in school were increasing towards the end of the week so I hope we are over the worst of it but we will obviously continue to monitor the situation daily.

Secondly, a huge thank you to Shajia and Katie for facilitating Thursday's parent and child Christmas lunch—we hope you all had a great time and there are photos later in the newsletter which mark the day.

Similarly, a huge thank you to all of our Year 1 families for joining us for the nativity—it was a fabulous performance and we hope you enjoyed it!

As we approach the end of term a few reminders:

On Monday after school we will have our annual Christmas Carols concert. This will start at 3:45 p.m. and take place in the main school hall, please feel free to join us.

For parents in Year 4 we will have our Year 4 performance of Aladdin at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. and Year 4 parents may attend either of these sessions.

We will have our child Christmas parties in class on the following dates:

- Wednesday afternoon: Year 6
- Thursday afternoon: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Please speak to your child's class teacher about what they would like you to bring as a contribution to the party.

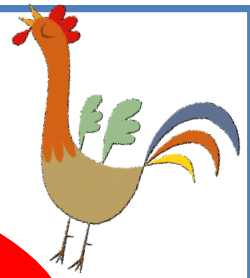
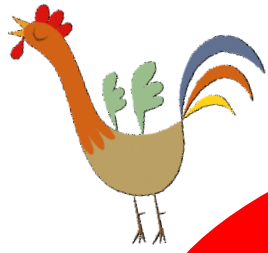
A reminder that we are advertising for Play Workers to support our planned after school club that will start after the spring half term in February. I am attaching the job descriptions with the newsletter and if you are interested then please contact Shajia and Katie in the office for an application form.

We will on Monday issue a separate newsletter which will advertise the opening of Parent Governor Elections for two posts. We would welcome candidates from across our diverse community and if you are interested in standing please talk to Jon Harwood (Chair of Governors) or myself.

Finally, we will finish at 2 p.m. on Friday so please ensure you have put arrangements in place to ensure your child is picked up on time.

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 exploring the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore

Maths: We will be learning about the weight of objects.

### Reception

English: We will be exploring 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs.

Maths: We will be returning to subitising skills.

### Year 1

English: We will be writing descriptions about characters.

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting numbers to 20.

### Year 2

English: We will be revising our phonics sounds, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths: We will be revising place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Year 3:

English: We will be writing a letter to a character from a short film.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning of multiplication and division.

### Year 4:

English: We will be using a Christmas advert to inspire our writing.

Maths: We will be revisiting rounding and multiplying.

### Year 5

English: We will be learning different poetic techniques around water as our theme.

Maths: We will be finding equivalent fractions and learning how to compare improper fractions and mixed numbers

### Year 6

English: We will be writing and publishing inspired by a Christmas advert.

Maths: We will be finding fractions of amounts and exploring coordinates.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

## Educational Visits and Workshops

To be confirmed 016. 12..22

## 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

### Christmas Carols

Monday 12th December - rehearsal in the afternoon for choir and orchestra in large hall followed by carols at 3.45pm-4.45pm

### Year 4 show (Aladdin)

Tuesday 13th December - Year 4 show 1.45pm ( 4 Blue and Green families)

Wednesday 14th December - Year 4 show 9.30am ( 4 Blue and Green families).

## Cake Sales

To be confirmed 16.12.22

## School Calendar

End of autumn term:

Friday 16th Dec 2 p.m.

Spring term starts: Wednesday 4th January

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Weekly Attendance 05.12.22 — 09.12.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	80.0
Reception Blue	77.0
Reception Green	53.0
1 Blue	74.8
1 Green	66.9
2 Blue	85.0
2 Green	90.8
3 Blue	86.8
3 Green	84.0
4 Blue	90.0
4 Green	91.2
5 Blue	82.5
5 Green	91.1
6 Blue	76.3
6 Green	81.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 2 Green, 4 Green 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.

## 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, Jeremy, Muaz

Y4: Ryan, Eddie, Meriem

Y5: Samir, Stanley, Christian

Y6: Mihailo, Malachi, Georgie





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## Our learning in pictures: Nursery



### Our learning in pictures: Reception





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 1





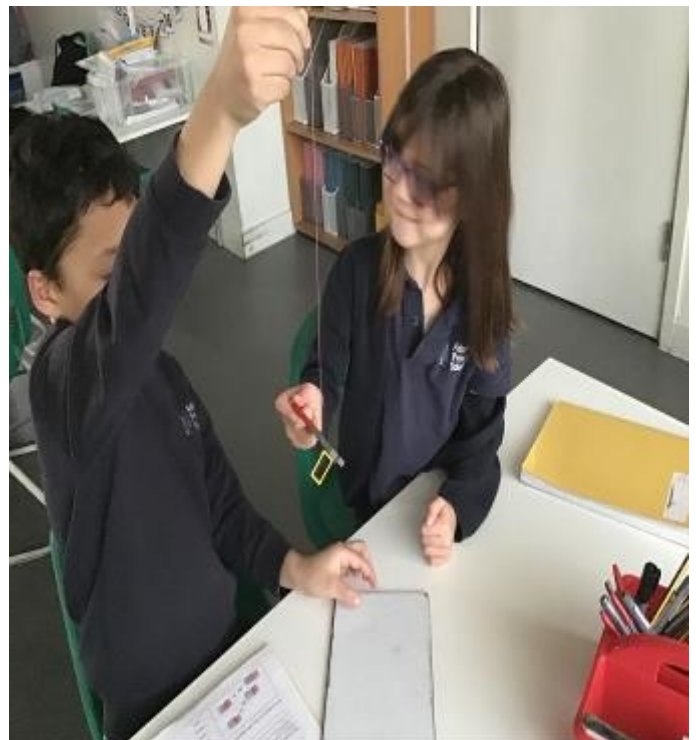
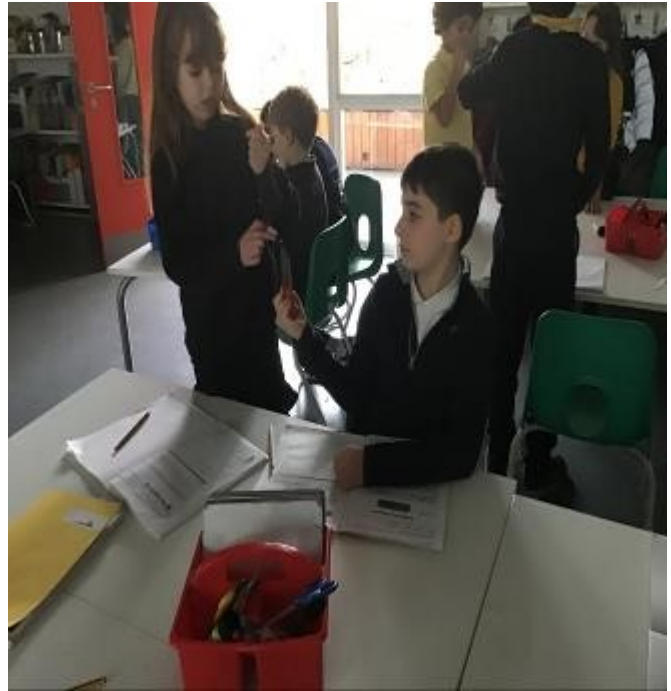
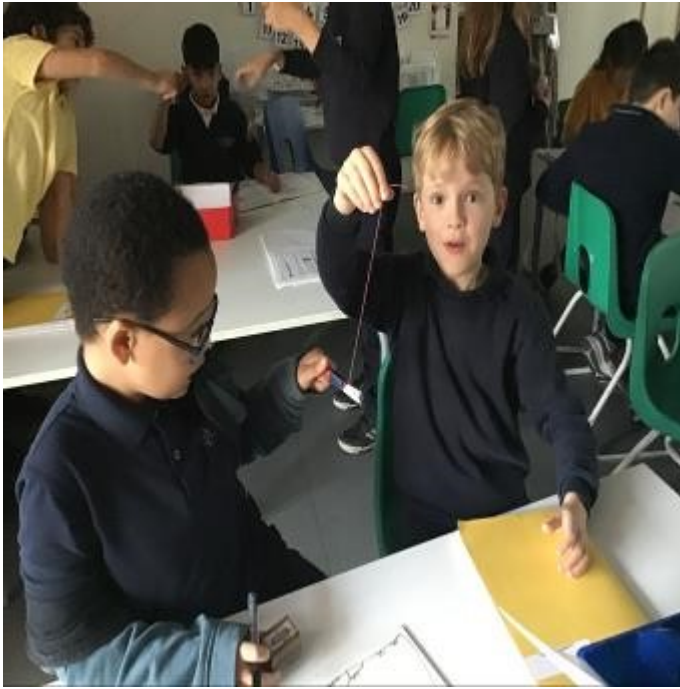
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## Our learning in pictures: Year 2





### Our learning in pictures: Year 3



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## Our learning in picture Year 4





### Our learning in picture Year 5 & 6



#### Islington Swimming Gala

Ashmount's team of Year 5/6 swimmers took on the very best in Islington at Ironmonger Row in the Primary Finals.

An outstanding performance from Gabriel saw him retain his Breaststroke title that he won last year, picking up Gold, and along with Ed, Harley and Otis was part of the 4x1 medley team which won Gold, beating overall winners Canonbury with a great team effort.

George narrowly missed out on Silver in the closest race of the evening but can be immensely proud of his Bronze medal in the Year 5 Backstroke.

### Our learning in pictures Year 6

