

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week of learning across the school and a reminder of some key dates for learning events across the school.

- On Tuesday 17th we have our first Class Assembly of the term and parents from 3 Green can join us at the start of the day in the main hall to share their children's learning journey.
- We have booked our next Bring An Adult to School Day for Friday 24th February just after half term so we would ask you to book mark this date so that as many of you can join us as possible.
- Parent conferences for all children will be on Tuesday and Wednesday 14th and 15th March—we will issue our electronic booking system to access time slots just after our return after half term.

A couple of reminders for ensuring that learning across the day is kept as calm as possible:

- We provide all equipment for children to access learning during the day and at break and lunch time—so please can pencil cases, footballs or table tennis bats—stay at home.
- Similarly, as well as attaching the menu from Caterlink today a reminder for the small number of children who bring a packed lunch to school that these need to be healthy packed lunches—so no sweets, chocolates or crisps please!

Finally, we opened up our election process for two new Parent Governors on Friday, the dates for the process are as follows:

Nominations for the role close:

12 p.m. Wednesday, 25th January 2023.

Meeting with The Chair of Governors and I for interested candidates:

9 a.m. on Friday 20th January (Music room)

Ballot papers and Candidate statements go home to parents and carers:

Friday, 27th January 2023.

Closing date for the return of ballot papers:

12pm Friday, 10th February 2023

Best wishes,

Anthony



### Share and Explore Books Together



The road to literacy starts long before your child begins to read and write on their own. As a parent, you play a key role in building the early literacy skills that prepare your child for success in school. These skills include spoken language, vocabulary, story understanding, letter knowledge, and sound awareness. When you spend time sharing and exploring books with your child, you're helping them to build these important skills. It's good to share favourite books again and again. The repetition will help your child to understand and remember the language they hear.

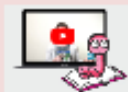
#### Top Tips

- ✓ Let your child choose the book. They might enjoy exploring books with different textures, books with flaps or simple story books.
- ✓ Allow your child to turn the pages and skip pages if they want to. Don't feel like you need to read all of the words!
- ✓ Pause and wait to give your child time to point or show you what they are interested in.
- ✓ Talk about what your child is interested in using simple language.
- ✓ Once your child is familiar with the story, have fun repeating the story or acting it out. Use your voice, facial expressions, and actions to make the story sound fun and exciting!
- ✓ Bring books out and about with you (e.g., on the bus or at the doctor's surgery) – this can help keep your child occupied and help them learn at the same time.

#### Helpful Links & Resources

##### The Hanen Book Nook -

Subscribe to the Hanen Book Nook on YouTube – Hanen share a new video every month, showing you how to use popular children's books to support your child's early literacy skills.



**CBBC Bedtime Stories** – Use the CBBC Bedtime Stories website to get ideas on how to make stories fun and exciting for your child using character voices, facial expressions and by adding actions. You could also watch a story together and talk about it afterwards.



**Start for Life** – Babies and young children love it when you chat, play and read with them. This website has lots of ideas to help with your child's talking which includes sharing books with them. [Learning to talk 1.6 to 12 months](#) | [Start for life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



#### What else can I do?

Daily book reading helps your child learn. The way you share the book also makes a difference! The Hanen Centre have developed a [book reading checklist](#) to help you look at how you've been sharing books with your child and identify strategies you might want to add to boost your child's learning. Have a look at the checklist using this link: [book-reading-checklist-parent.aspx \(hanen.org\)](#)

Use the link below to find information about your local library, access free books and learn about any groups or events that are taking place: [Islington Council: Your local libraries | Islington Council](#)

If you would like any information or advice about your child's talking, please contact Bright Start Speech and Language Therapy on 0203 316 1897





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Islington Spring Menu 2023					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b> w/c 2/1/23, 23/1/23, 6/3/23, 27/3/23	Option 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza	BBQ Chicken & 50/50 Rice	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Chicken Chow Mein with Noodles	Salmon Fish Fingers and Chips
	Option 2 Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with 50/50 Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Party with Washed Potato	Glasgow Bean, Sausages and Chips
	Vegetables and Salad	Cauliflower Green Beans Rainbow Slaw	Carrots Cabbage Green Bean Salad	Green Beans Peppers Mixed Leaf Salad	Steamed Peas Baked Beans Potato Salad
	Dessert Pear Crumble with Custard	Mandarin Cheesecake	Apple, Cheese and Catty Biscuit	Banana Loaf	Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit Station
	Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				
<b>Week Two</b> w/c 9/1/23, 30/1/23, 20/2/23, 13/3/23,	Option 1 Chicken & Vegetable Hot Pot with Washed Potatoes	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken, skin on Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Sausages, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	Fish, battered and Chips
	Option 2 Broccoli Pasta Bake	Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Vegetarian Wellington with Skin on Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognese	Quorn Pasta Bake
	Vegetables and Salad	Roasted Tomatoes Broccoli Coleslaw	Cauliflower Carrots Couscous Salad	Red Cabbage Green Beans Roasted Veg Power	Steamed Peas Baked Beans Tomato Peasie Salad
	Dessert Eyes Pudding with Custard	Pear & Ginger Slice	Melon, Breadsticks and Cheese	Five A Day Cake	Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit Station
	Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				
<b>Week Three</b> w/c 16/1/23, 6/2/23, 27/2/23, 20/3/23,	Option 1 Sweet & Sour Butterbeans with 50/50 Rice	Chicken Tagine with Couscous	Roast Turkey & Stuffing with Skin on Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Chili & Beans with Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
	Option 2 Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with 50/50 Rice	Spicy Bean Burger with Jacket Wedges	Jollof Rice, Quorn & Beans	Roasted Vegetable Pizza & Jacket Wedges	Vegetable Enchiladas and Chips
	Vegetables and Salad	Peppers Sliced Beans Green Bean Power	Leeks Roasted Carrots Beefroot and Orange	Broccoli Cauliflower Grated Carrot Salad	Steamed Peas Baked Beans Tabbouleh
	Dessert Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries Compote	Apple and Raisin Strudel with Custard	Pineapple, Cream Cheese and Crackers	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit Station
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Added Plant Power

Vegan

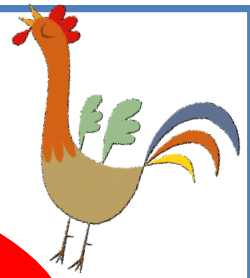
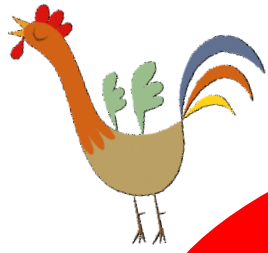
Wholmeal

**Available Daily:**

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:**

If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we know the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchen it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.



## **‘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

## Friday 13th January 2023

### What we are learning next week:

#### Nursery

English: We will be reading the story 'Cleversticks' by Bernard Ashley and talking about what makes us special.

Maths: We will be learning to represent the number 4 and 5 in different ways.

#### Reception

English: We will be reading the Zodiac story as part of our learning about Lunar New Year.

Maths: We will be representing amounts on die frames.

#### Year 1

English: We will be watching the animation 'The Snowman' and will be acting out the story using puppets.

Maths: We will be learning to recognise shapes and make patterns with them.

#### Year 2

English: We will be writing a persuasive letter inspired by a short film.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning about length and learning to measure to mass.

#### Year 3

English: We will be writing a persuasive letter inspired by a short film.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning about length and start learning how to measure mass.

#### Year 4:

English: We will be writing a persuasive letter inspired by a short film.

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting fractions and solving worded problems.

#### Year 5

English: We will be writing a letter of apology inspired by a short film.

Maths: We will be learning to multiply fractions by whole and mixed numbers.

#### Year 6

English: We will be writing a letter of apology inspired by a short film.

Maths: We will be learning how to multiply and divide with decimals.

### School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

### Educational Visits and Workshops

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

Tue 31st Jan—Year 4 Sea Life Centre

Wed 8th February - Year 2 at Islington Town Hall

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

Valentine's Disco—Fri 10th Feb

Bring An Adult To School Day—Fri 24th Feb

Parent Conferences —Tues 14th March 1:30—5 p.m. and Wed 15th March 3:30-7:20 p.m.

### Cake Sales

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 09.01.23 — 13.01.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	87.8
Reception Blue	92.9
Reception Green	94.7
1 Blue	94.3
1 Green	95.2
2 Blue	96.4
2 Green	95.2
3 Blue	91.8
3 Green	91.2
4 Blue	98.8
4 Green	94.0
5 Blue	92.9
5 Green	90.4
6 Blue	97.3
6 Green	90.0

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 6 Blue

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: Noor, Mahamed, Amira

Y4: Rayyan, Rosa, Katelena

Y5: Christian, Destiny, Abdur-Raheem

Y6: Idriss, Georgie, Jacob



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## Our learning in pictures: Nursery





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## Our learning in pictures: Reception





### 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 picture Year 4





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## Our learning in pictures Year 5





### Our learning in pictures Year 6

