

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to those of you who joined Jon, the Chair of Governors, and I on Friday for our information session on the forthcoming Parent Governor elections. A reminder that :

- Nominations close on: **12pm Wednesday, 25th January 2023**. These can be sent to in-fo@ashmmount.islington.sch.uk or handed in to the office directly. You do not need a seconder and you can nominate yourself. Every nomination, however, must be signed by the candidate stating that s/he is willing to stand. Candidates are also asked to complete pro-forma candidacy statements which will be made available to the parent body who will use them to decide which candidates to vote for. Candidates are unable to withdraw from the election once ballot papers have been circulated.
- Ballot papers and election statements will then be sent home on **Friday, 27th January 2023**.
- The closing date for the return of ballot papers will be **12pm Friday, 10th February 2023**.

Secondly, you will be aware that the NEU, the largest of the national teaching unions is proposing strike action in response to an on-going national dispute over pay with the Government. The proposed strike days are 1st Feb, 2nd March, 15th and 16th March and I will write formally to the school on Monday once I am clear about what the response of our teaching body will be, but also to ensure you have notice to make alternative plans should the school close.

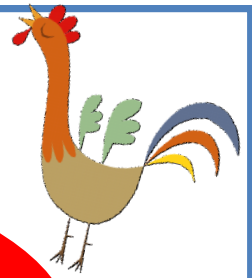
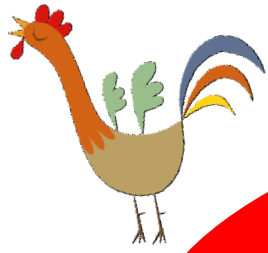
I announced last week the dates for our Parents Conferences in the second half of the Spring term but given the proposed NEU strike dates I am now amending these dates as follows:

- **Parent conferences** for all children will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday 7th and 8th March**—we will issue our electronic booking system to access time slots just after our return after half term.

Finally, Families for life are looking for volunteers to become Community Champions—encouraging other members of the community to become fit and active through championing healthy eating and locally based activity sessions. If you are interested please see page 3 for more details.

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

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## Would you make a good Families for Life Community Champion?

We're looking for volunteers to encourage families in Islington to get active and eat well. The Families for Life programme offers free healthy eating and active play activities for families with children aged 2 to 11.

You should be Islington residents, be committed to improving the health of your community and available to volunteer two to three hours a week.

Community Champions will learn about health and wellbeing. They will have access to free training and ongoing support. It's a great opportunity for you to meet new people, improve your communication skills and boost your confidence.

Training for the Families for Life Community Champion programme begins Thursday 23 February 2023 at Islington Town Hall.

### Families for Life Community Champions' Induction Training - FREE

Dates: Thursday 23 February - Thursday 30 March 2022 (6 weeks)

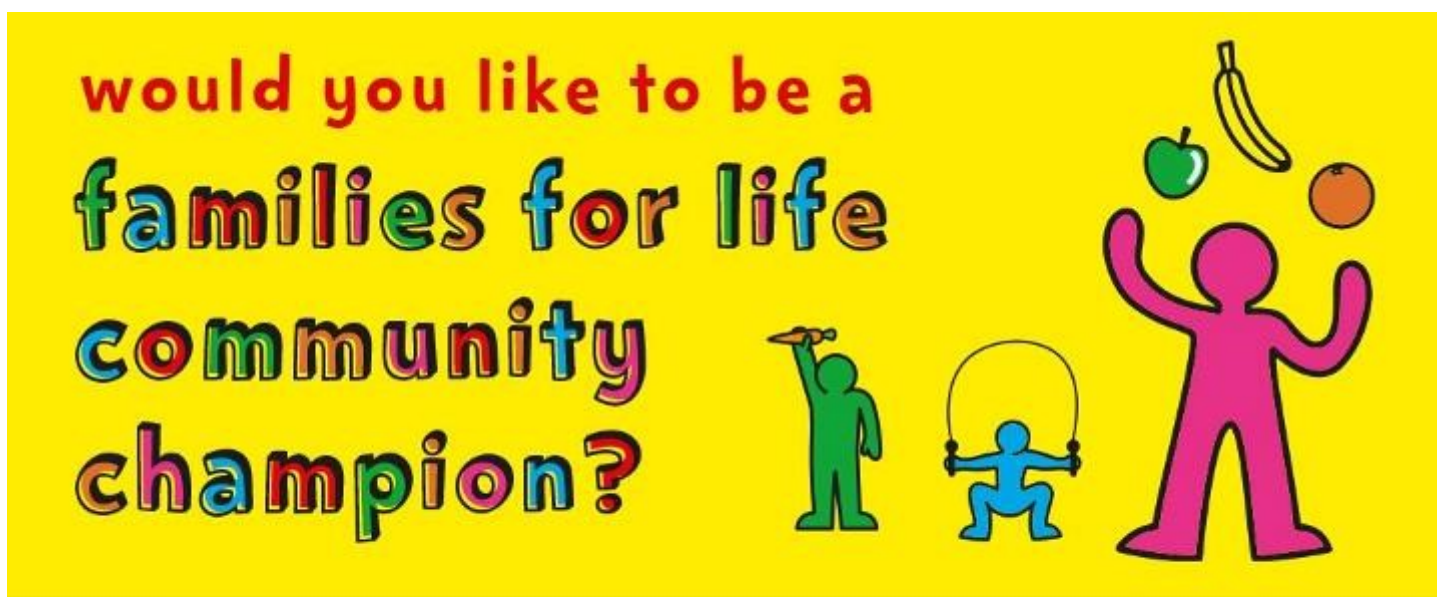
Time: 9.30 - 12.30am

3 hours

If you would like to apply please complete the application form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fUIm5QUCyS>

If you have any questions please contact Natasha Miller, Community Champion Co-ordinator on 07974604133 or via [natasha.miller@islington.gov.uk](mailto:natasha.miller@islington.gov.uk)



# ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## What we are learning next week:

### Nursery

English: We will be retelling the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' using props and pictures.

Maths: We will be comparing amounts up to 5.

### Reception

English: We will be reading and exploring 'The Jolly Postman'.

Maths: We will be looking at the composition of number and comparing amounts.

### Year 1

English: We will be exploring the story The Ginger Bread Man.

Maths: We will be learning about height and length.

### Year 2

English: We will be revising our speed sounds and developing our reading comprehension skills.

Maths: We will be revising our key skills learnt in Year 2 so far.

### Year 3

English: We will be exploring the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and writing letters to one of the crayons.

Maths: We will be learning to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve word problems involving mass.

### Year 4:

English: We will be continuing to explore our text 'Journey to Jo'burg' and will be exploring characters and the narrative so far.

Maths: We will be telling the time on a 24 hour clock and converting different units of time.

### Year 5

English: We will continue exploring the novel 'The Last Wild' and writing recounts from a character's perspective.

Maths: We will be revising our learning on Fractions.

### Year 6

English: We will be writing a newspaper report inspired by our text 'Suffragettes: The Battle for Equality'.

Maths: We will be learning about equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

## Educational Visits and Workshops

Tue 31st Jan—Year 4 Sea Life Centre

Wed 8th February - Year 2 at Islington Town Hall

Fri 10th February—Year 5 at The British Museum

Others TBC

## Class Assemblies

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 7th March 1:30—5 p.m. and Wed 8th March 3:30–7:20 p.m.

## Cake Sales

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 16.01.23 — 20.01.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	97.0
Reception Blue	98.2
Reception Green	96.0
1 Blue	93.7
1 Green	94.2
2 Blue	97.1
2 Green	100
3 Blue	94.6
3 Green	96.0
4 Blue	96.7
4 Green	95.6
5 Blue	96.7
5 Green	92.9
6 Blue	95.3
6 Green	96.5

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Blue, 2 Green, 4 Blue and 5 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: Garvey, Muaz, Samuel

Y4: Rayyan, Sophia, Sabina

Y5: Christian, Mia, Kezia

Y6: Sumayo, Sophia, Sadaf



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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



### Our learning in picture Year 4



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## Our learning in pictures Year 5



### Our learning in pictures Year 6

Using drama to explore our learning in Science about circuits and fuses.



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