

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that on Wednesday we will see the first day of the national NEU strike action by the teaching staff. Given that all class based teachers will take action that day the school will be closed. Katie and Shajia have contacted families who would like to collect a packed lunch in lieu of a school meal that day. The offer is still open and if you would like to access it please let the office know.

I know that many of you regularly donate to the Food Bank collection at school, as well as other organisations external to the school that are supporting those in need during the ongoing cost of living crisis. But I just wanted to remind those families who can support the school in this worthy initiative that if each family who were able to donated one item each week to the collection box we could do a weekly drop to the two Food Banks we currently support.

A reminder and update on our challenge to limit vehicle access to Crouch Hill Park. Firstly, there are only 10 families that have permission to access the park by car—they are those who have children on the SEND register or adults who have a disability themselves. Secondly, we are in close liaison with the local authority to look at possibilities of making the site safer—the options being reviewed currently are re-installing an electronic barrier and also looking at an installing ANPR system to charge those illegally entering the site. I will update you over the coming weeks with where we are with these initiatives but in the meantime please do not drive onto the site without my permission to do so. This keeps everyone safe, children, families, staff and the wider community.

Finally, thank you to the parents who have decided to stand in our Parent Governor elections—we are running the voting process electronically for these appointments and to ensure we have all details correct we will start the election process on Monday morning when the candidate statements will be issued and the electronic voting access. The updated schedule is as follows:

- Ballot papers and election statements will then be sent home on **Monday, 30th January 2023**.
- The closing date for the return of ballot papers will be **12pm Friday, 10th February 2023**.

Best wishes,

Anthony

Children's Occupational Therapy Drop in

As parents of children receiving occupational therapy may be aware, the local authority are prioritising Reception and Year 1 children who have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). They have sent schools information on their drop in clinics should you require advice from an occupational therapist. Parents do not need to have a referral to access this.

What is the offer?

A 20 minute virtual appointment (telephone or video) every Wednesday. Please call 0203-316-1892 to book.

This is a one-off appointment for advice. There is no limit to how often you would like to attend.

An opportunity to speak to an occupational therapist (OT) for advice regarding the child's/young person's development, sensory needs, and self-help skills.

Support to help you work with the child/young person to achieve their functional goals (e.g., dressing skills, scissor skills, handwriting, cutlery skills etc.).

SENDIASS information sessions for parents and carers

Markfield Haringey have sent information on sessions held by SENDIASS to support parents and carers of SEN and those who have an EHCP. (See attached leaflet for more information.)

The **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services** (SENDIASS) offer information, advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). SENDIASS is a **free, confidential and impartial service** for parents and carers, children and young people (up to 25 years).

Online Safety

In light of growing concerns about children's safety and the internet, Islington are offering parents a family Digital Online Safety workshop (see attached poster).

It is really important that parents are aware of all the dangers and where to get help if needed should they have any concerns or issues.

The school will be holding online safety lessons across the school from EYFS to Year 6 on Wednesday 8th February which is also Safer Internet Day. We are fortunate enough to have the support and guidance from an Islington Computing Lead who will be supporting the delivery of these lessons.

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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)

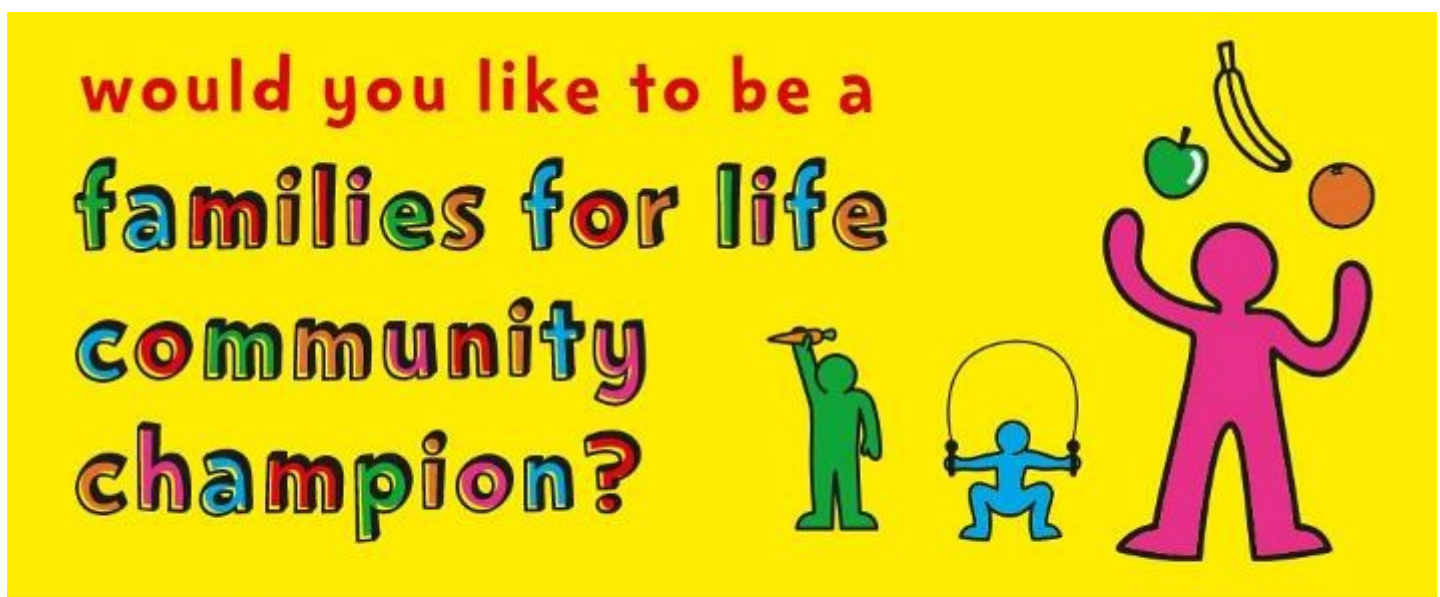
Time: 9.30 - 12.30am

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



ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Islington Faiths Forum (IFF) would like to warmly invite all pupils and students (primary & secondary) in Islington to create artwork for our 2023-2024 inter faith calendar (it goes from April 2023 to end March 2024).

The theme for all works of art will be "Unity in Diversity: We Are One." It would be great to see pupils presenting their interpretations of this.

The deadline to submit something for the inter faith calendar is 13th February 2023, as half-term begins.

The picture size can be no greater than A3 - as they need to be scanned. We invite pupils to create brightly coloured, bold pictures for our calendar in LANDSCAPE layout with clear, clean outlines so that we can scan them well. Please use paints, coloured pens, markers etc. (please NO chalk or pencil!).

All entries will go to a panel of judges who will shortlist 12 entries to go into the calendar. Please write your first names and the school on the back of each artwork – not on the front please. Send any entries to the office by Friday 10th February!

Home-Start Camden and Islington is a registered charity that provides free, confidential support and practical help to families that have at least one child under 5 years old. We aim to help all the families that need our services in our boroughs, and we would like to ask for your collaboration in order to achieve that.

At the moment we are looking for volunteers to support our families and we also accept referrals for new families.

For more information about our charity please visit our website here:

<https://homestartcamdenandislington.org.uk/> or contact:

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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be learning to listen to, follow and make up instructions using spoken words and pictures.

Maths: We will be learning about 4-sided shapes.

Reception

English: We will continue exploring our text 'The Jolly Postman'.

Maths: We will be learning about weight.

Year 1

English: We will be continuing to read The Gingerbread Man and retelling the story.

Maths: We will be revising our maths learning from this half term.

Year 2

English: We will be exploring A Mouse Called Julian by Joe Todd-Stanton and we will be writing a recount in role.

Maths: We will be learning how to read scales and compare the mass of objects.

Year 3

English: We will be writing a newspaper report based on our reading of The Day The Crayons Quit.

Maths: We will be measuring volume and capacity in litres and millilitres.

Year 4:

English: We will be exploring the ending of the book 'Journey to Jo'Burg'.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore time.

Year 5

English: We will be continuing reading The Last Wild and planning and writing our own play scripts.

Maths: We will be learning to revise formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

Year 6

English: We will be learning to edit, improve and publish our work.

Maths: We will be learning to calculate percentages of amounts.

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 31st Jan 6 Green

Tues 7th Feb Reception Green

Tues 28th Feb 2 Green

Tues 7th Mar 5 Green

Tues 14th Mar Reception Blue

Tues 21st Mar 6 Blue

Tues 28th Mar 4 Green

Whole School Events

Wednesday 1st February—School Closed NEU strike

Valentine's Disco—Fri 10th Feb

Bring An Adult To School Day—Fri 24th Feb

World Book Day—Fri 3rd March

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

Cake Sales

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 23.01.23 — 27.01.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.2
Reception Blue	94.3
Reception Green	98.0
1 Blue	94.7
1 Green	92.0
2 Blue	98.9
2 Green	96.0
3 Blue	94.6
3 Green	92.8
4 Blue	98.4
4 Green	94.8
5 Blue	90.4
5 Green	90.0
6 Blue	89.3
6 Green	94.8

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 6 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: Grace, Juno, Ayla

Y4: Samson, Mohamed, Rosa

Y5: Ceryse, Sammy, Isaiah

Y6: Hana, Ariana, Bismah



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Our learning in pictures: Nursery

Celebrating our Mark-Making



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Our learning in pictures: Reception

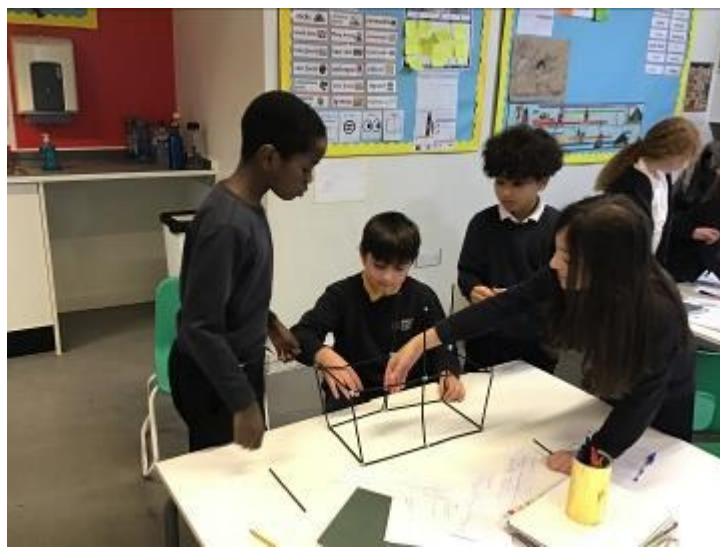


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Our learning in pictures: Year 2



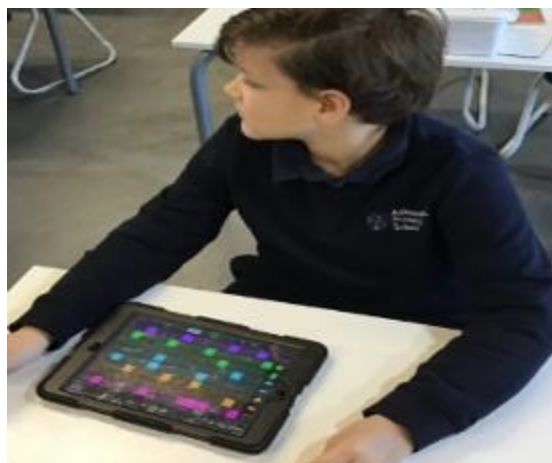
Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in picture Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5



Our learning in pictures Year 6

