

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to remind all families that only parents with express permission from myself are allowed to drive onto site, The families given this permission have either children with EHCP's or who themselves have disabilities. No one else should be driving onto the site except when making deliveries to the school. I should not have to turn vehicles away at the Crouch Hill entrance to the site. Please ensure you keep the park safe by strictly adhering to these rules. This is an issue both at Ashmount and schools across the authority and I would ask all of you who drive to consider walking to school instead—this is both healthier and safer for all users of the site. A little kindness and thoughtfulness to all park users would help enormously!

On Friday Ashmount Together will run our end of half term Valentine's disco. To make it easier for all families this will be a non-uniform day so children can come dressed in whatever they would like to wear for the after school disco. There will be more information on the event later in the week.

I have included a poster for the Lego Club offer at St. Mary's on page 2 which can be booked via this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/crouchendlegoclub>

It's a great offer so please think about booking a slot!

I am also attaching the Half term play scheme offer information at Sunshine club—Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre . If you are interested then please contact them directly to book with them.

A huge thank you to those who have already voted in our Parent Governor elections. I am attaching the candidate statements with the newsletter and it would be great if you could make the time to consider your choice but also to take time to vote—it should only take a few minutes! Voting closes at midday 10.02.23.

Annabel continues to embed a manners focus throughout the school as part of our behaviour focus on being kind, responsible and trying our best. Annabel has included a piece about this and Inclusion generally in a new page, Annabel's Inclusion Corer, which you can find on page 3. This week 2B and 4B classes were winners and will receive additional playtime.

Best wishes,

Anthony


Friday 2nd February 2023



## CROUCH END LEGO CLUB!


A lego meet-up for children 4yrs+  
Come escape the cold and get creative!

(Please Note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult!)



Every other Monday during term time  
@ St Mary Hornsey Rise Church



Jan. 16th / Jan. 30th / Feb. 27th  
Mar. 13th / Mar. 27th  
3.45pm - 4.45pm



FREE but space is limited. Please RSVP @  
[tinyurl.com/crouchendlegoclub](https://tinyurl.com/crouchendlegoclub)

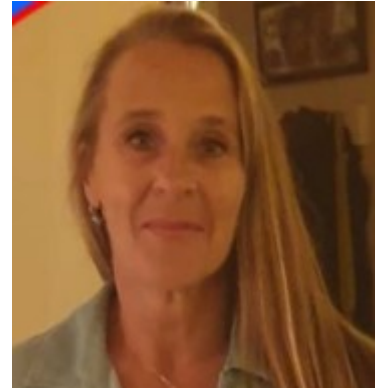
St Mary Hornsey Rise also hosts a weekly Food Bank!  
A box will be out on the day for any Food Bank donations.  
££s also welcome. All ££s will go to St Mary Hornsey Rise  
to cover room costs & support the weekly Food Bank.  
More Food Bank info at [smhr.org.uk](https://smhr.org.uk) & [thehivefoodbank.com](https://thehivefoodbank.com).

St Mary Hornsey Rise is located on Ashley Rd, N19 3AD  
(Please use entrance at rear past main church doors.)



Note: Please only attend if you do not have any Flu/Covid symptoms or a temperature. Thank you  
for your understanding :-). Questions or suggestions: [facebook.com/crouchendlegoclub](https://facebook.com/crouchendlegoclub)

### Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Next week's news and special events

#### Children's Mental Health Week

The week is run by children's mental health charity **Place2Be** to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **Let's Connect**.

**Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections, and for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. Please see the attached parent letter with some top tips.

We will be launching the week with separate assemblies for EYFS/KSI and KS2.

#### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will be launched on Wednesday 8th February with two separate assemblies at an age appropriate level for EYFS/KSI and KS2. This is the 20th year it has been celebrated globally. We are fortunate to have the borough's Computing Lead in for the day to support teachers and children which is very exciting!

With your help, Safer Internet Day 2023 can be a springboard for conversations that shape how we talk about and respond to online issues, not just for one day, but throughout the whole year. That's why this year the Safer Internet Day theme is: **'Want to Talk About it?'**

#### Manners Curriculum

We have re launched The Manners Curriculum which compliments and runs alongside our Pivotal Approach to behaviour. Each week there is a different focus based on manners and respective behaviours we would like to improve at Ashmount. Winners of the previous week are announced in Monday assemblies. For the week of the 23.1.23 focus was **'How to politely and silently form a line/queue.'** The winners for KSI were 2B and for KS2 it was 4B. Well done to both classes!

Last week it was: **'How to ask people to be quiet politely.'** Winners will be in next week's newsletter. This week's focus is: **'Using the correct body language when talking to someone'** (adults and peers).

#### Speech and Language Therapy support (SaLT)

As some of you may be aware the offer from the Speech and Language Therapy services has been significantly reduced. This has had a massive impact on those children who do not have an EHCP but require support with their speech and language skills.

Alana Malpas, who is our link SaLT, says that the following websites have lots of wonderful resources:

[RADLD | Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder & Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust - Speech and Language Therapy Toolkit](#)

If children are known to the Social Communication Team (SCT) without EHCPs, parents can access virtual training and attend a 'step up' meeting. They may also be eligible for direct intervention sessions once they've watched the virtual training and tried the strategies: [Advice and Strategies \(whittington.nhs.uk\)](#) & also offer the Occupational Therapy drop-in clinic for parents [Mainstream Schools Occupational Therapy Resources \(whittington.nhs.uk\)](#).

We have discussed setting up a 'parent surgery' where parents can attend a training session with her on colourful semantics or pre-teaching vocabulary, one afternoon at school.

[Advice and Strategies \(whittington.nhs.uk\)](#)



### 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)

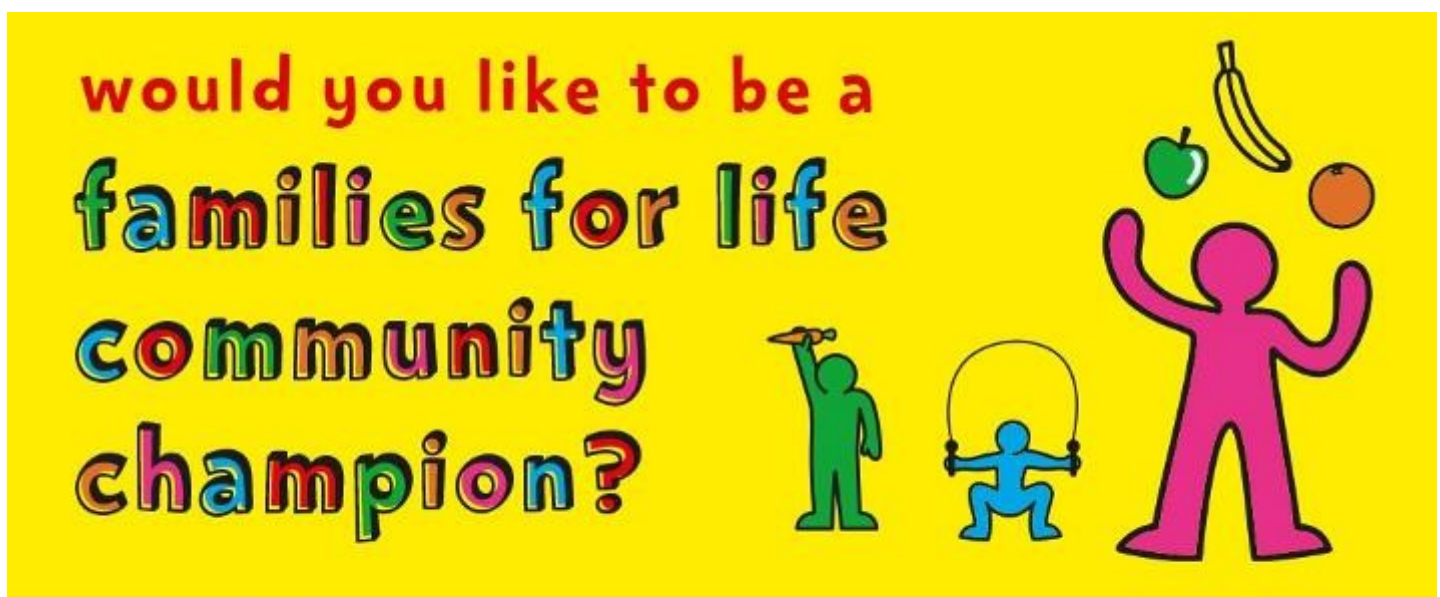
Time: 9.30 - 12.30am

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

Friday 2nd February 2023

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 talk about who is special to us.

Maths: We will be learning to recognise 1 more and 1 fewer

### Reception

English: We will be learning various songs and rhymes themed around 'People Who Help Us'.

Maths: We will be partitioning numbers between 5 and 10 into 5 and 'some more'.

### Year 1

English: We will learning to write a letter.

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

### Year 2

English: We will be continuing to explore our key text 'A mouse called Julian' by Joe Todd Stanton.

Maths: We will be comparing the mass of 3 objects and solving word problems involving mass.

### Year 3

English: We will be writing a first person narrative based on our reading of The Proudest Blue.

Maths: We will be applying our learning of volume and capacity to help us solve word problems.

### Year 4:

English: We will be virtually interviewing author Beverley Naidoo and writing a letter in our final week of exploring the book Journey to Jo'burg.

Maths: We will be focusing on formal methods of addition and subtraction.

### Year 5

English: We will be writing a balanced argument based on our reading of The Last Wild.

Maths: We will be revising multiplication and division.

### Year 6

English: We will be creating biographies about Marcus Rashford.

Maths: We will be finding rules for sequences and forming expressions.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

## Educational Visits and Workshops

Wed 8th February - Year 2 at Islington Town Hall

Fri 10th February—Year 5 at The British Museum

Others TBC

## Class Assemblies

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

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

10th Feb - Y5 (Valentine Disco cake sale)

## School Calendar

End of first half term:

Friday 10th February

Weekly Attendance 30.01.23 — 03.02.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	92.3
Reception Blue	86.6
Reception Green	95.4
1 Blue	96.7
1 Green	92.9
2 Blue	96.0
2 Green	97.0
3 Blue	92.1
3 Green	96.5
4 Blue	100.0
4 Green	95.5
5 Blue	91.2
5 Green	93.8
6 Blue	94.2
6 Green	91.4

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: Mahamed, Grace, Cagla

Y4: Grace, Kaius, Nusaibah

Y5: Nazim, Annabel, Samir

Y6: Ed, Sade, Maysa





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## Our learning in pictures: Nursery



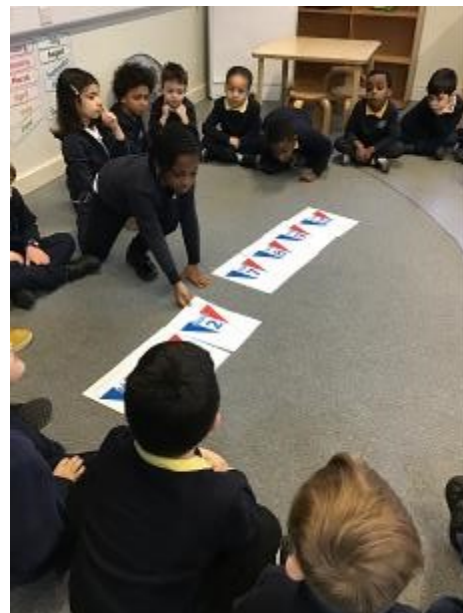


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## Our learning in pictures: Reception



### Our learning in pictures: Year 1



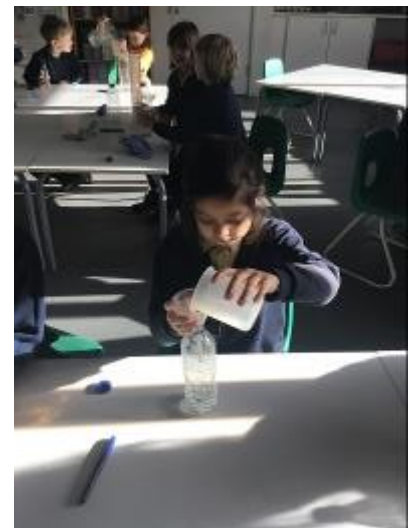


### Our learning in pictures: Year 2





### Our learning in pictures: Year 3





Friday 3rd February 2023

## Our learning in pictures Year 4



### Our learning in pictures Year 5





### Our learning in pictures Year 6



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