

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a thank you to all parents for your ongoing support to the school and our wider community this half term when we still continue to face complicated post pandemic health issues and an unprecedented cost of living crisis that affects many within our community and beyond.

I would like to welcome Dominique Wicks and Olumide Popoola who were elected on a four year term of office to Ashmount's Governing board. Though Parent Governors their role now is to hold office impartially regardless of the constituency they were elected from. May I also thank the other candidates who stood and in this instance and were not elected. It is a brave act to put oneself up to public scrutiny and I am grateful that we had a contested election with 6 candidates—this is highly unusual for most schools and suggest how strongly our community want to support us in all that we do.

I continue to receive emails from parents who are concerned about the numbers of cars accessing the site. There are only 10 vehicles that have permission to do so. Parents of children with a profound special educational need or those parents with a disability. Therefore, I am baffled why it takes me being on the gate to deter others from coming onto site—please show due consideration for all park users and leave your car at home. I am working with the local authority to put a more robust system in place, hopefully to fine those who transgress the rules. It is sad to have to put this in place but I am unsure of what else I can do?

I would like to update you on our plans to operate wrap around care with an after school club. We successfully appointed staff just before half term and will look to start running our provision after Easter. We will provide more information in due course.

Beyza and Louise will run a Year 1 Phonics workshop on Thursday 23rd February in the Music room straight after drop off in the morning. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible to see how you can support your child with phonics learning at home.

We will also have our first Bring an Adult to School Day on the first Friday back (Friday 24th February). We hope as many parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents or older brothers and sisters will join us for an exciting morning of activity in the classroom related to the NSPCC's number day. We will then have tea, coffee and biscuits on the roof terrace opposite the Year 6 classrooms so please block the date in your diary and come and join us for a morning of creative endeavour with your children!

Rosie is advertising the RA Young Artists Show on page 5 so please support your child/ren making an entry. If you need any help talk to Rosie who teaches in Reception and she will be more than happy to help!

Finally, as many of you know, we fund a huge piece of work with Place2Be a national charity who provide 4 days of therapy in school for children, families and staff. Their offer is exceptional and as part of that I am sharing four attachments which promote Parenting Smart, a Parenting Smart Digital toolkit and a more bespoke Personalised Individual Parenting Training (PIPT) package. Annabel writes about these in her 'inclusion corner page'. I cannot advocate both Place2Be and the offers more strongly so please take them up!

I am today also attaching next years Term Dates and a reminder the only other leave that will be authorised is for special family occasions or emergencies. It is an expectation that all children will be in school each and every day, as without this how can they be expected to make exceptional progress?

Finally, a reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 21st February at 9 a.m. Enjoy your half term break!

Best wishes,

Anthony


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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

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 & 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

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Bring an Adult To
School Morning

Join us in the Large Hall on

Friday 24th February at 9.05am to celebrate Number Day with your child/ren.

Babies and toddlers welcome.

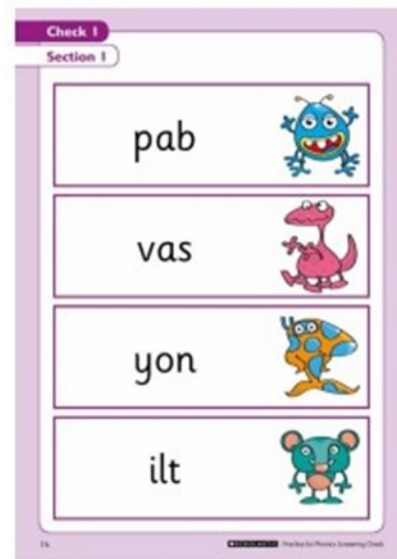
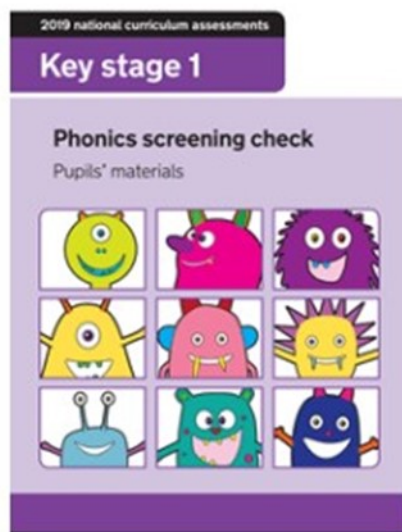


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Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop



Where: The Music Room

When: Thursday 23rd February 2023

Time: 9:10 – 9:30 a.m.

Join Beyza and Louise to find out more about how you can support your child in preparation for the phonics screening check in the summer term.

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Ashmount is registered for the Young Artists' Summer Show. Enter your artwork online before the 29th March for a chance for your work to be shown in the Royal Academy of Arts or online. Your work can be any medium you choose and on any theme you like.

For any support with your submission, see Rosie in Reception Blue.

A poster for the Young Artists' Summer Show 2023. The background is a vibrant orange-red with a large green triangle on the right side. Diagonal purple brushstrokes cross the entire poster. In the top left, the letters 'RA' are in large, bold, black font. The main title 'Young Artists' Summer Show' is in large, white, sans-serif font, with '2023' in a purple script font below it. In the bottom left, the 'Royal Academy of Arts' logo is in black. In the top right, there is a 'Call for entries' section with details about the opportunity, submission dates, and where to find more information.

RA

Call for entries
An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts

Open for submissions
9 January – 29 March 2023

Find out more and enter
roy.ac/youngartists
[#rayoungartists](https://twitter.com/rayoungartists)

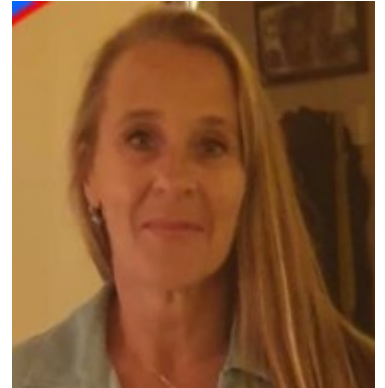
Young Artists' Summer Show

2023

Royal Academy of Arts

Made possible by Robin Hambro

Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Children's Mental Health Week & Safer Internet Day

The response from children regarding Children's Mental Health Week was very positive and showed that they have a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe, who they can talk to and about having a healthy digital diet.

Our visitor, Elena, who is a computing lead teacher from the borough and has visited Ashmount before, sent me a lovely email after her workshops with some of the KS2 classes. Here is an extract:

"I really enjoyed spending time at Ashmount yesterday. I thought the pupils in every class were welcoming, well behaved and engaged. It was a pleasure to work with them. They are a credit to you and your staff. Pupils took on the opportunity to have class discussions about the things they enjoy doing online and were thoughtful when considering some of the trickier aspects of using the internet."

Place2Be and their Personalised Individual Parenting Training (PIPT)

In person parenting intervention, working alongside a Family Practitioner to enhance the relationship between children and parents/carers. They will develop the skills and confidence to navigate challenges with parenting. This course runs over 8-10 weeks and the child will join for a part of the weekly session.

Parenting smart flyer:

Parenting Smart – Resourceful online platform supporting families with different parenting topics

Parenting Smart Online Course – Flexible online course offering parenting skills to enhance the relationships with their children and providing parenting skills. This is moderated by a Family Practitioner and gives parents the opportunity to share their experiences with other families. *(highly recommended course)*

Parenting Smart toolkit:

Document with useful tips to support the promotion of Parenting Smart within the school community

Parenting Smart launch – social media toolkit:

Document to support the promotion of the Parenting Smart offer on social media

Finally, all the interventions and resources above can be found on the [Place2Be Family Offer](#) page.

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.

When we return after half term the manners focus will be 'How to walk silently around the school especially on the stairs'. This has been identified as still not being where it should be especially with the older year groups. We insist on this for obvious safety reasons and also because it makes for a calmer and more pleasant environment!

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)

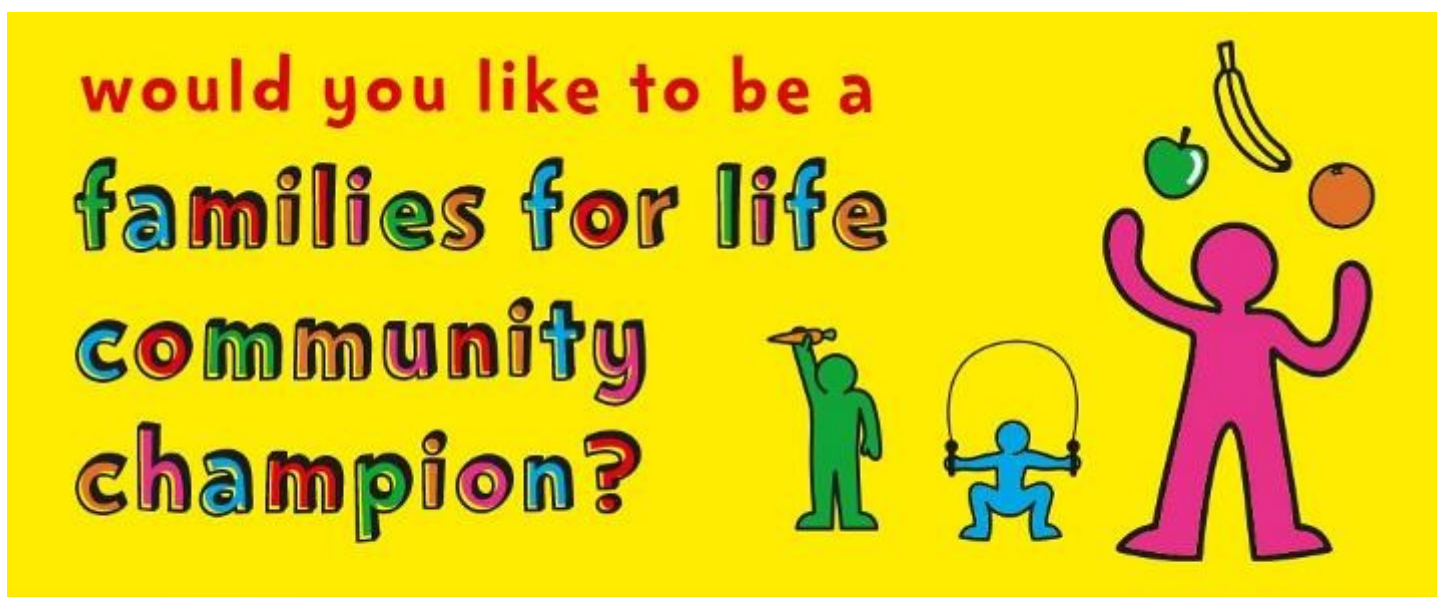
Time: 9.30 - 12.30am

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



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Weekly Attendance 06.02.23 —10.02.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	92.7
Reception Blue	95.7
Reception Green	87.7
1 Blue	96.3
1 Green	92.3
2 Blue	90.2
2 Green	92.0
3 Blue	97.7
3 Green	98.0
4 Blue	97.2
4 Green	94.4
5 Blue	93.0
5 Green	98.8
6 Blue	98.7
6 Green	89.3

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Blue, 1 Blue, 3 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: Ecrin, Martha, Samuel

Y4: Ryan, Grace, Nico

Y5: Christian, Angelina, Samir

Y6: Foster, Naveed, Harley



CONGRATULATIONS!

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd February 2023

What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be learning to retell the story 'Snail Trail' using a story map.

Maths: We will be learning to understand positional language.

Reception

English: We will be reading our new text 'Are You a Boy or Are You a Girl?'

Maths: We will be continuing to explore numbers up to 10 as '5 and some more'.

Year 1

English: We will be exploring the story 'Introducing Teddy'.

Maths: We will be learning to count to 40.

Year 2

English: We will be exploring our key text King and King as part of LGBTQ+ month.

Maths: We will be learning how to measure temperature and how to read and interpret picture graphs.

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 reading and exploring the story 'Donovan's Big Day' by Lesléa Newman as part of LGBTQ+ fortnight.

Maths: We will be ordering and comparing improper fractions and mixed number fractions.

Year 5

English: We will be reading and exploring the story 'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love as part of LGBTQ+ fortnight.

Maths: We will be starting our learning on decimals. The children will be learning to read, write and compare decimals.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring 'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams to write in role as a character.

Maths: We will be forming and solving simple equations.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Weds 1st March—Year 3 at London Zoo

Mon 20th March—Year 4 at Kew

Wed 22nd Mar—Year 5 London Mosque

Fri 31st March—Year 6 Viking Workshop

Class Assemblies

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

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! TBC

School Calendar

Start of second half of the Spring term:

Tuesday 21st February 2023 9 a.m.

End of spring term:

Friday 31st March 2p.m.

Our learning in pictures: Nursery

Creating and Writing Valentine's Cards for people who are special to us.



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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



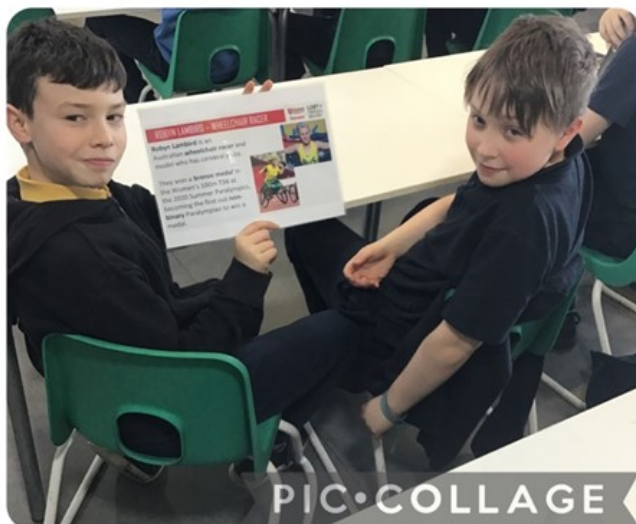
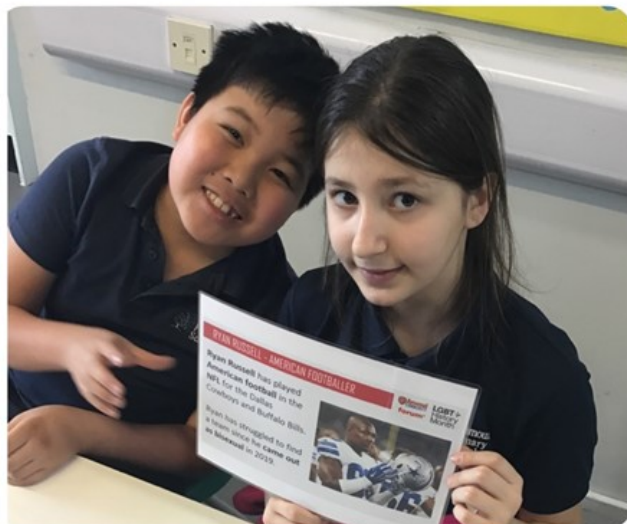
Our learning in pictures Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5

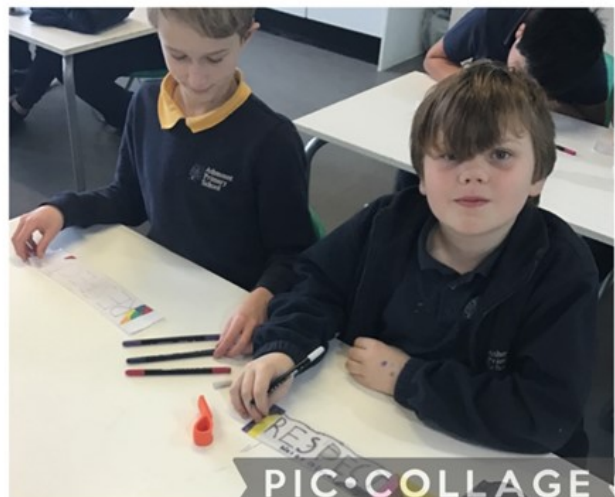
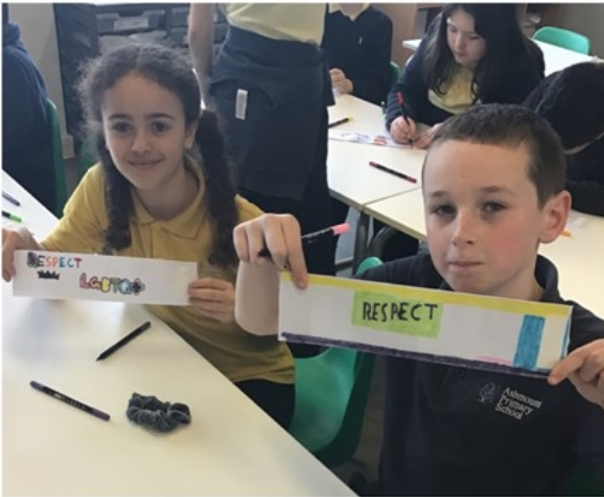


Our learning in pictures Year 6



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