

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few reminders—we are accumulating a large number of lost property clothing items and I would be grateful if you could take a look at the growing array of items on the patio by the large hall. But more importantly it would really help if you could all initial your children's items—it really makes their return super simple.

I have now confirmed the times for the Year 1 Nativity performances which will both be at 9:30 a.m. You can attend either and both if you would like!

A reminder that this coming Friday is our Dress down for Tombola—to provide prizes for our Tombola at our winter Fair on Friday 8th December. Ashmount Together are looking for the following items:

- Tombola Toys (for kids aged 5+ cars, dolls, character toys)
- Games (for kids 5+ board games, cards. All pieces present)
- Toiletries (Bath sets, individual bottles- all unopened)
- Alcohol (unopened)
- Sweet treats (NO NUTS, cakes, chocolate, sweets)

Also bring in any unwanted cuddly toys so we can find them a new home!

We have now closed our offer to join us for Christmas dinner with your child, but we will carefully rethink how we run this event next year. We are aware that not all families who wanted to attend the lunch with their children had booked in time, but we are limited by both the numbers who can join us and also the time limit to arrange this event. It is highly likely next year that we will still have the offer, though booking will simply give a ballot space so we can equitably offer families a place regardless of when you book.

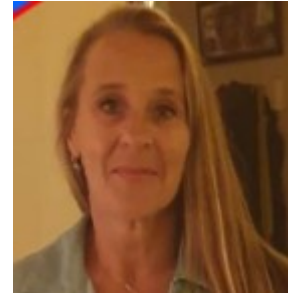
Finally, can I ask all families to stop children bringing in toys to school— football cards, lego figures, small soft toys. They are both incredibly distracting for the children but often cause squabbles that are time consuming!

Best wishes,
Anthony

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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Keeping Children and Adults Safe in Online groups. I

I have dedicated this page to Online Safety as we are growing more and more concerned by children's activity in online groups which is affecting their mental health and also causing issues with their social interaction in school. We have also noticed a rise in negative interaction in parent online groups. The following information was provided by Islington's Safeguarding Lead.

Children's WhatsApp groups

WhatsApp says the minimum age is 16. The main risk of children being in a group is **bullying** followed closely by **sending inappropriate images or showing violence or hatred**. There is also a risk that by showing their location, they are making themselves vulnerable to being **harmed or exploited** by others. They can also be **victims of cyberbullying**, receiving spam or hoax messages, putting cyber security at risk, particularly in relation to phishing.

Forwarding messages, photos and videos is easy on the platform. Any messages or photos can be screenshotted and videos saved and then forwarded to others. Asking the question, 'Would I want others to see what I am about to send?' is one we should be reminding children and other adults to ask themselves.

Parents' WhatsApp groups

One aspect of modern parenting is being part of one of the many parent WhatsApp groups that have been created, to keep in touch with other parents regarding their children. Research has found that parents can become over-involved in the school, leading to message overload and misunderstandings. In short, there is **'...no substitute for face-to-face communication which creates trust and professional working relationships between parents and educators'**.

Something as simple as seeking consent before adding someone to a group, is sometimes forgotten, while organisers assume that everyone wants to be part of the group. Other negatives include:

- Spreading misinformation and rumours including false allegations against staff
- Garnering support from others in the group aimed at criticising teaching staff
- Assuming everyone in the group is of the same opinion so that when vocal or angry parents send a message, others hide behind the hostility expressed
- Being careless about what is posted or shared online or in groups, as well as on school staff's social media pages, which could lead to malicious behaviour, harassment or defamation of character
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Top Tips for Best Safeguarding Practice

- Remind children who use WhatsApp to keep their personal information and location private
- Advise children to be careful about what they share, even if they set it to automatically disappear or delete after sharing it, and that anything they share may be seen and shared by other people and strangers
- Remind children that they can exit and leave a group chat at any time

If a child is upset or feels uncomfortable by a message received, advise them that they can report or block at any time, and that WhatsApp will not tell the sender they have been blocked/reported or by whom.

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Weekly Attendance 20.11.23 — 24.11.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	91.8
Reception Blue	92.6
Reception Green	88.7
1 Blue	84.8
1 Green	91.4
2 Blue	91.2
2 Green	97.3
3 Blue	94.6
3 Green	91.8
4 Blue	86.1
4 Green	96.3
5 Blue	92.0
5 Green	98.3
6 Blue	85.8
6 Green	97.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Blue, 2 Green, 4 Green and 6 Green

Well done children and adults. These classes will on receive an additional 5 minutes playtime one day next week. 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:

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Year 3: Misra, Matvii, Magnus

Year 4: Martha, Ecrin, Remel

Year 5: Meriem, Ryan, Aysegul

Year 6: Christian, Angelina, Isaiah



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be continuing to explore 'Colour Monster'

Maths: We will be exploring patterns.

Reception

English: We will be exploring our new text 'When Titus Took the Train'.

Maths: We will be exploring 2D shapes.

Year 1

English: We will be writing our own innovated stories inspired by our key text 'I Love You, Blue Kangaroo!' by Emma Chichester Clark.

Maths: We will be continuing to count, order and compare numbers up to 20 and will begin to add numbers up to 20.

Year 2

Maths: We will be starting to learn about division and practice using sharing to create equal groups.

English: We will be exploring our new text Patti's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar.

Year 3

English: We will be learning how to write non-chronological reports.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

Year 4:

English: We will be continuing exploring the story of The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan. We will create our own lost things.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore multiplication and division. We will then be moving onto graphs.

Year 5

English: We will be learning to write a letter in the role of a character.

Maths: We will be learning to read, interpret and draw line graphs.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring a new poem as part of the Futurezone poetry project. We will be writing letters to ourselves.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore decimals by expressing them as fractions and multiplying decimals.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Weds 29th November—Year 6 visit to the Natural History Museum.

Thursday 30th November – Year 1 at St Mary's Hornsey rise church

Wed 6th (5G) & Thur 7th (5B) Dec—Year 5 Creekside River Exploration

Class Assemblies

Tues 28th Nov 5 Green

Tues 5th Dec 4 Blue

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

Friday 8th December Winter Fair

Year 1 Nativity—Wed 13th Dec 9:30 a.m. & Thur 14th Dec 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Carols—Monday 18th Dec 3:45 p.m.—Main hall

Year 4 show Tue 19th 1:45 p.m. & Wed 20th Dec 9:30 a.m.

Tuck shop dates

And Friday 15th December - Christmas theme - Y 3—Y 4 led

Term Dates:

Friday 17th November 2023

Ashmount Primary School
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**Ashmount's
Christmas Jumper day
2023**

14th December

**Wear a jumper and donate an item to the
foodbank**



Ashmount Primary Schools Annual Family Christmas Lunch

You are invited to join your child/children
for Christmas lunch here at school on
Thursday 14th December.

Menu:

Roast turkey

Vegetable loaf

Roast potatoes

Peas, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts

Veg or meat chipolata

Christmas pudding or ice-cream

(some items may be subject to change)

Please note:

One adult per family

Lunch will be with youngest child class —siblings will
join

Cost is £5.50 per adult (booking is under older child's
name)

Spaces are limited

Please book by email: info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

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Our learning in pictures: Nursery— Learning about and exploring Circles



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Our learning in pictures: Reception

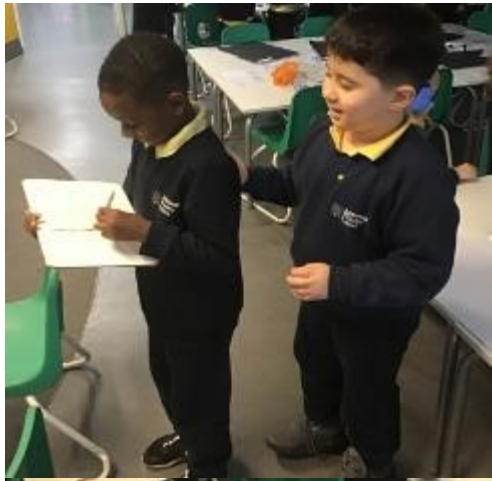


Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3

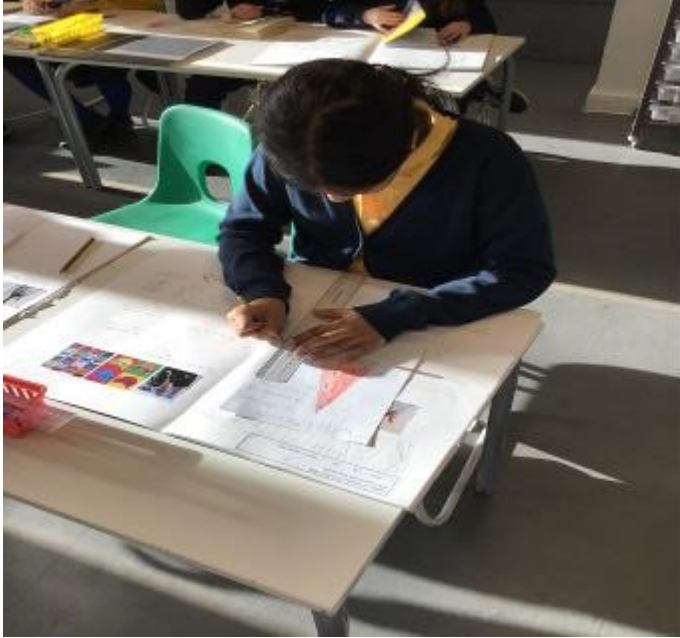


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Our learning in pictures Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5



Our learning in pictures Year 6

