

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great week of learning this week and some excellent workshops focussing on online safety from 3. The children engaged brilliantly in the sessions and used different Ipad apps to create posters advising on how to keep themselves safe. Alarming, in older year groups it was worrying to here that an array of children were accessing games with an 18 rating. It is essential to safeguard all of our children and that at home you are ensuring this does not happen. We will be speaking to all families concerned and will later this autumn be offering workshops to parents to ensure you can help us keep your child safe.

A reminder that the only cars that are allowed on the school site in the morning, or at the end of the school day, are those families who have been given permission to do so. This means families where a child has a disability, or parents or carers have a disability. Any new applicants for this can talk to Katie and Shajia in the main office. I will when I am at the Crouch Hill gate turn away families who don't meet this threshold. Please help us to keep all park users on site safe by walking, scooting or cycling to school.

On Monday we start our year group Parent Presentations which are a really great opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher but also know how you can support learning away from home to ensure your child makes even better progress. We will send out the slides from these presentations on the same day but also send a video link so you can attend virtually if you are unable to attend in person. We have had to swap the Year 4 and 5 workshop dates—check the diary dates section on page 4 for this information.

Finally, please note Annabel's section where we she mentions our fundraising support for the NSPCC Kindness Challenge that we are running across the school. She also mentions that at the start of term we are re-issuing of our updated Online Safety policy and linked acceptable uses policies for all children and parents. These will be issued as attachments with the newsletter and we will talk about them at year group Parent Presentations over the next fortnight.

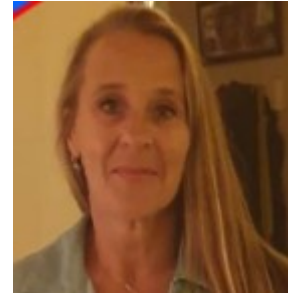
Best wishes,

Anthony

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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



A big welcome back and hello to all our new families!

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

On Monday 11th September, I held a whole school assembly which focussed on one of our school rules 'Be Kind'. It was the perfect opportunity for me to launch the NSPCC Kindness Challenge across the school.

You will have received a letter electronically giving you information about it and also ways in which you can donate money (also attached). Your child will be given a sponsorship form which can be used to raise even more money through friends and family. I have made it clear that this needs to be with your permission and they must be with a trusted adult if they are asking neighbours to sponsor them.

The Kindness Challenge will start next week and last all week, this includes the Year 6 children on their residential trip! I will let you know the amount raised in the next newsletter.

Please donate as much as you can because all the funds go to support other children while also teaching your children how they can contribute positively to those less fortunate.

Online Safety Policy

Ashmound has an updated Online Safety Policy (attached) using the template provided by LGfL. This year, they have made changes to reflect trends they have seen over the past year and especially in the light of changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023.

Parents and staff need to be aware of the risks associated with online activity and how easy it is for a child's safety to be compromised. Alongside this is evidence showing the long term effect inappropriate use of technology can have on a child's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

All parents will be asked to sign an AUP (Acceptable User Policy) to support the school in keeping your child/ren safe. Children in KS1 and KS2 will also be required to sign an AUP. [There is a modified version for some of our SEND children which uses visuals and symbols to support their understanding]. Staff and governors have all signed their AUPs in order to be compliant with government legislation. (All of the documents mentioned are as attachments).

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Weekly Attendance 11.09.23 — 15.09.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	98.5
Reception Blue	91.2
Reception Green	91.7
1 Blue	94.8
1 Green	92.1
2 Blue	97.6
2 Green	93.0
3 Blue	94.2
3 Green	97.5
4 Blue	95.2
4 Green	97.9
5 Blue	99.2
5 Green	98.4
6 Blue	93.8
6 Green	98.5

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 2 Blue, 4 Green and 5 Blue

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 - Mumin, Abdur-Rahman L, Magnus

Year 4 - Oliver, Remel, Ayla

Year 5 - Meriem, Seamas, Ryan

Year 6 - Stanley, Angelina, Liv



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be talking about our families and who lives with us.

Maths: We will be matching and talking about objects that are the same.

Reception

English: We will be continuing to explore Owl Babies.

Maths: We will be subitising and counting numbers to 3.

Year 1

English: We will be writing short poems inspired by cold places.

Maths: We will be making number bonds in different ways and writing number stories about them.

Year 2

English: We will be writing our own non fiction texts based on everything we will be learning about Mary Seacole.

Maths: We will be exploring number patterns and consolidating our learning on place value.

Year 3

English: We will be continuing our learning on Roman Myths and we will be writing a character description.

Maths: We will be learning how to add 3-digit numbers using the column method of addition.

Year 4:

English: We will be writing and publishing a narrative from the Egyptian god, Seth's, perspective.

Maths: We will be adding two numbers with and without renaming.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a narrative based on our exploration on 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

Maths: We will be learning to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000.

Year 6:

English: We will be on school journey.

Maths: We will be on school journey.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 6 Residential at Outward Bounds Aberdovey

18th Sept – 22nd Sept

20th Sept = Y5 Migration Museum

Class Assemblies

Tues 26th Sept 5 Blue

Tues 3rd Oct Blue and 6 Green

Tues 10th Oct 2 Blue

Tues 17th Oct 3 Green

Parent Presentations

Year 1 9 a.m. Mon 18th Sept

Year 2 9 a.m. Tue 19th Sept

Year 3 9 a.m. Wed 20th Sept

Year 5 9 a.m. Thu 21st Sept

Year 4 9 a.m. Fri 22nd Sept

Year 6 9 a.m. Mon 25th Sept

Reception 9 a.m. Tue 26th Sept

Nursery 9 a.m. Wed 27th Sept

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

Bring an Adult To School Day Fri 6th Oct

Black History Month Celebration Fri 20th Oct

Parent Conferences

Tuesday 31st October 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Wednesday 1st November 3:45 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



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Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1

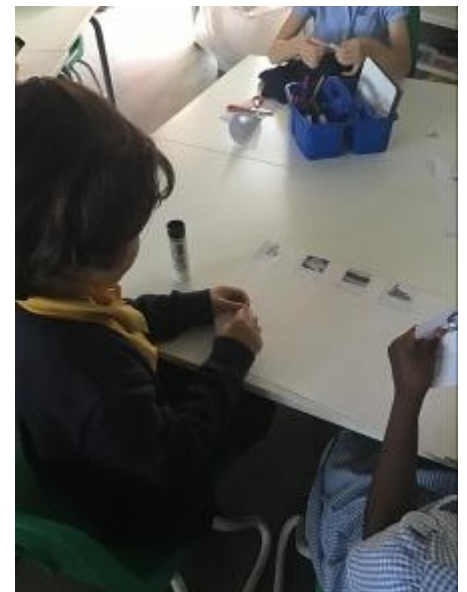


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Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures Year 4



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Our learning in pictures Year 5

3 Discover Online safety Workshop



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Our learning in pictures Year 6

