

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the Year 6 staff team and Annabel who spent last week on our Year 6 residential in Aberdovey engaging the children in a week long adventure based learning curriculum to develop the year group's independence, resilience and team building skills. The week was a resounding success and thank you to all those parents who have supported your children on this exceptional week's experience,

I am attaching several documents with this week's newsletter:

- Autumn term menu—this will run until the second half spring term
- Parkland Walk Access and Path Proposals—this is document from the Friends of the Parkland Walk who are encouraging community members to give their views on the new proposals to improve access to the Parkland walk.
- Bring An Adult to School Day—we will issue a poster next week advertising Friday 6th morning—please keep the date free in your diary!
- Parent Presentations—these continue this week with Year 6, Reception and Nursery next week
- Tuesday Class assemblies— we start on Tuesday with 5 Blue's assembly.
- Tuck shop will resume this Friday the 29th of September.
The PTA has decided to trial running monthly tuck shops on the last Friday of the month alongside monthly uniform sales and sometimes an additional themed stall. (I.e. for October we will include a trick or treat game stall and December we will sell hot chocolate hopefully!)
They will alternate with being Nursery to Year 2 led one month and then Year 3 to Year 6 led the next, in order to boost donations. The first sale next week will be Nursery—Year 2 led and October will be Year 3—Year 6 led in terms of cake donations and volunteers running the stall
- BHM History open day— Islington Fire Station see page 6 for details
- Ashmount Together ABCD Band Night Fundraiser—Sat 14th Oct—this has always been a hugely popular event to please look out for tickets details which will be circulated by Ashmount Together

Finally, a further reminder that the only cars allowed on site are those families with express permission—those with children with SEND and then parents with disabilities.

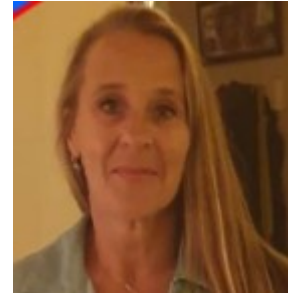
Best wishes,

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 18.09.23 — 22.09.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	89.9
Reception Blue	89.7
Reception Green	88.7
1 Blue	97.4
1 Green	93.1
2 Blue	95.7
2 Green	99.6
3 Blue	97.4
3 Green	96.9
4 Blue	90.0
4 Green	95.4
5 Blue	92.1
5 Green	98.2
6 Blue	95.8
6 Green	97.6

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 2 Green, 3 Blue and 5 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 man-tra 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:

Here are the most improved for each year group:

Year 3 - Lily, Misra, Lynn

Year 4 - Maggie, Rory, Cagla

Year 5 - Meriem, Amelia, Kaius



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be retelling the story 'So Much' and continuing to talk about our families.

Maths: We will be sorting objects by colour, shape and size.

Reception

English: We will be reading 'What Makes Me a Me?'

Maths: We will be exploring composition of numbers.

Year 1

English: We will be reading and exploring our key text Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke.

Maths: We will be learning how to add two different numbers within 10 and add by counting on.

Year 2

English: We will be writing diary entries from the perspective of Mary Seacole.

Maths: We will be consolidating our understanding of place value before moving on to exploring addition.

Year 3

English: We will be writing a setting description based on the Mousehole Cat.

Maths: We will be learning how to use the column method and how to add two 3-digit numbers with renaming the ones and the tens.

Year 4:

English: We will be exploring the story 'The Quarrel between Horus and Seth' and writing an ending.

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting numbers within 10,000.

Year 5

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

Maths: We will be adding numbers up to 1,000,000 using column method and other strategies.

Year 6:

English: We will be writing a diary entry inspired by Pig Heart Boy.

Maths: We will be multiplying 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers by up to 2-digit numbers.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Mon 2nd Oct Year 2 Mary Seacole Workshop

Mon 30th Oct—Fri 10th Oct Year 5 Swimming

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 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

Ashmount Together ABCD Band Night Fundraiser—Sat 14th Oct

Black History Month Celebration Fri 20th Oct

Tuck shop dates

Friday 29th September - Back to school theme. - N - Y2 led

Tuesday 31st October - Halloween theme - Y 3—Y 6 led

Friday 24th November - Winter theme - N—Y 2 led

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

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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FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

AN EXCITING NEW MUMS AND DADS MUSICAL COLLECTIVE

ABZCO

LIVE ON STAGE AT THE ASHMOUNT SCHOOL HALL

**Saturday
14th
October
7 - 11pm**

COCKTAILS, DRINKS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE!

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MEETING NEW
PEOPLE AND LISTENING TO GREAT MUSIC**

**WE'LL BE FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW SENSORY AND WELLBEING
SPACE CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED FOR THE SCHOOL**

TICKETS ARE £5 (THOUGH FEEL FREE TO DONATE MORE!)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPEN DAY

Islington Fire Station

278 Upper Street N1 2TZ

Sunday, 1 October 2023 12pm – 6pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get safety advice.
- Caribbean and African food, music, crafts and activities for children.
- African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust (ACLT) Stem Cell registration drive
 - A simple cheek swab could save a life.

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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception



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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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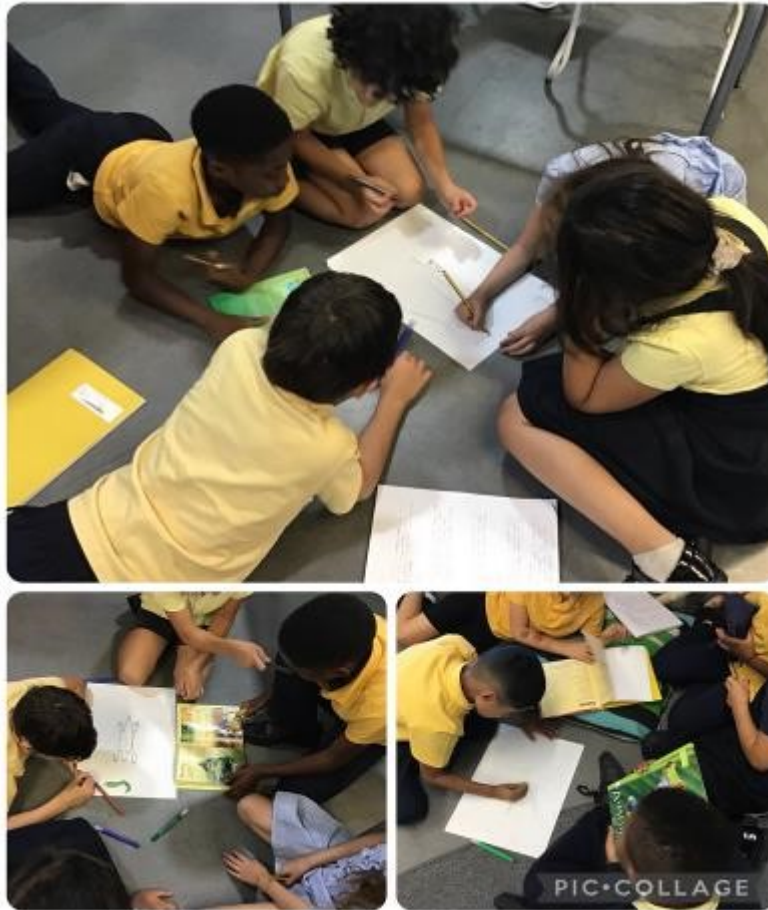
Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5



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Our learning in pictures Year 6

