

Dear Parents and Carers,

I start today's newsletter with the sad news that Rosemary Fraquharson, Year 5 Blue's class teacher has stood down from her role as class teacher due to personal reasons. I would like to pass on my thanks to Rosemary for her commitment and dedication whilst with us and wish her well in her future endeavours. I have already written to 5 Blue's parents to explain our next steps in appointing a successor.

A couple of competition reminders that you might like to access over the half term break:

- We are delighted to share a very exciting competition to celebrate Coram's charity partnership with ITV's 'The Masked Singer'! See page 3 for details
- Ashmount is registered for the Young Artists' Summer Show. Enter your artwork online before the 27th 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 - See the PDF attached for more details

On Friday we break up for half term and Annabel has included details on her page of Islington's playscheme offers. The Cape will also be open with their free offer of independent play, but this of course does not include lunch provision.

Ashmount Together will also run our annual end of half term Valentine's disco and tickets to the event can be booked via the PTA. See page 4 for more details and the poster attached with the newsletter.

Shajia and Katie have begun the process of moving all of our online parent communication systems to Arbor—this will include break-fast club, after school club, all school trip payments, attendance and daily and weekly communications. You should have received details about how to log on to this platform and we will be pushing for 100% coverage of all families. So any issues signing up then please let Shajia and Katie know.

A final reminder that our Parent Conferences are:

- Tues 12th March 2:30—5:18 p.m.
- Wed 13th March 3:30—7:18 p.m.

So please keep these dates free!

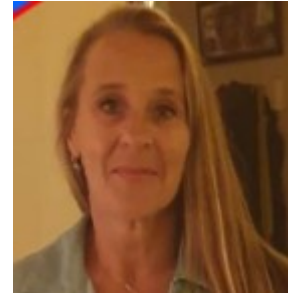
Best wishes,

Anthony

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Friday 2nd February 2024

Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for schools to really focus on online safety in a fun, educational way. It is celebrated in approximately 170 countries worldwide with thousands of organisations celebrating, learning and getting involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children.

This year Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 6th February 2024. The theme is 'Inspiring change'. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity to discuss how we can be responsible and safe digital citizens both at school and at home. **Online Safety is an Integral Part of Safeguarding.**

This is a brilliant time to remind yourselves and children about the **Acceptable Use Policy** that was signed and agreed to at the beginning of the school year. Please remember that if this agreement is broken, children will not be able to use devices at school.

On Tuesday, all the children will be taking part in an interactive assembly with their class teachers and will be completing a fun and engaging lesson about internet safety in the afternoon.

(Becca (6G teacher, AHT Computing Lead)

Holiday playschemes in Islington

https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/advice.page?id=_Jh9F-43XRk

Holiday childcare playschemes operate each holiday, **apart from Christmas.**

If you need information and advice about support with childcare costs, including tax-free childcare or childcare through Universal Credit, **contact Islington's Family Information Service, 020 7527 5959; fis@islington.gov.uk or visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk**

There are a limited number of free places available for vulnerable families. Practitioners supporting families and children, should contact the providers direct to enquire about free places.

Best Lining Up Award

A massive congratulations to IB & 5G for being this week's winners!



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We are delighted to share a very exciting competition to celebrate Coram's charity partnership with ITV's 'The Masked Singer'!

Davina McCall and Mo Gilligan, panellists on the Saturday night show will be judging the competition and the winners will receive a personalised illustration from #DrawWithRob's Rob Biddulph!



To enter the 'Reveal your character' competition, all children need to do is write a description of what their own character would look like if they were on the show. An adult needs to fill in their entry form with their description, based on three to five of their own chosen characteristics.

This is their chance to have a voice and tell them what makes them shine!

Entries close on 7 February 2024

and the entry form can be found here: →



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ASHMOUNT TOGETHER PRESENTS

Valentine's Disco 2024

**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
3:30 - 5:00PM**

**£4 PER CHILD
INCLUDES ENTRY TO
DISCO AND SNACK PACK!**

**TO BOOK:
EMAIL YOUR CHILDRENS NAMES AND
CLASSES TO:
ASHMOUNTSSCHOOLPTA@GMAIL.C
OM
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA BACS
OR CASH TO THE OFFICE**

Friday 2nd February 2024

Weekly Attendance 29.01.24 — 02.02.24

Class	Percentage
Nursery	92.3
Reception Blue	87.2
Reception Green	89.3
1 Blue	93.7
1 Green	91.6
2 Blue	98.0
2 Green	99.0
3 Blue	93.7
3 Green	93.2
4 Blue	92.6
4 Green	95.2
5 Blue	97.6
5 Green	97.6
6 Blue	89.2
6 Green	91.2

Our best attending classes this term were:

Nursery, 2 Green, 4 Green, 5 Blue and 5 Green

Well done children and adults. These classes will on receive an additional 5 minutes play to recognise their great attendance. 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:

Here are the most improved for each year group:

Year 3: Mahamed, Noor, Ecrin

Year 5: Ryan, Acacia, Nusaibah

Year 6: Stanley, Layla, Lucas M



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be exploring the story 'Cleversticks' and talking about what makes us special.

Maths: We will be learning to recognise 4-sided shapes.

Reception

English: We will be exploring the Zodiac Story for Lunar New Year,

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering (comparing amounts, 1 more and 1 fewer, subitising)

Year 1

English: We be completing our reading of the story Bear and Rabbit-Rabbit's Bad Habit creating writing inspired by the story.

Maths: We will be continuing to learn about numbers up to 40 and developing efficient strategies for counting.

Year 2

English: We will be writing our own stories inspired by the story 'A mouse called Julian' by Joe Todd-Stanton.

Maths: We will be learning to interpret data in pictograms to answer questions and we will learn how to read and record temperatures.

Year 3

English: We will be writing and publishing a newspaper report based on our reading of The Day The Crayons Quit.

Maths: We will be learning to solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of volume.

Year 4:

English: We will be re-writing a narrative from a different character's perspective.

Maths: We will be consolidating our knowledge on multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

Year 5

English: We are learning to write a balanced argument.

Maths: We are learning to round decimals and apply decimal knowledge to solve word problems.

Year 6

English: We will be editing and improving our newspaper report and then publishing our writing.

Maths: We will be continuing our exploration of ratio and then shall be beginning to learn about algebra beginning with describing patterns.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Tues 6th Feb—SEA Life Aquarium—Year 4

Wed 28th February—London Zoo—Year 3

Class Assemblies

Tues 6th Feb 6 Green

Tues 27th Feb—Reception Blue

Tues 5th March 1 Green

Tues 12th March—22 Blue

Tues 19th March Reception Green

Tues 26th—1 Blue

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

Year 1 Parent Catch Ups—Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon 6th and 7th Feb—virtual (Details to come)

Bring An Adult To School Day Friday 8th Mar 9 a.m.

Parent Conferences

Tues 12th March 2:30—5:18 p.m.

Wed 13th March 3:30—7:18 p.m.

Tuck shop dates

Friday 9th February- Year 5

Friday 16th February- Half Term

Friday 23rd February - Year 6

Friday 1st March - Reception & Nursery

Friday 8th March - Year 3

Term Dates

End of half term: Friday 9th February

Start of second half of spring term: Tuesday 20th February

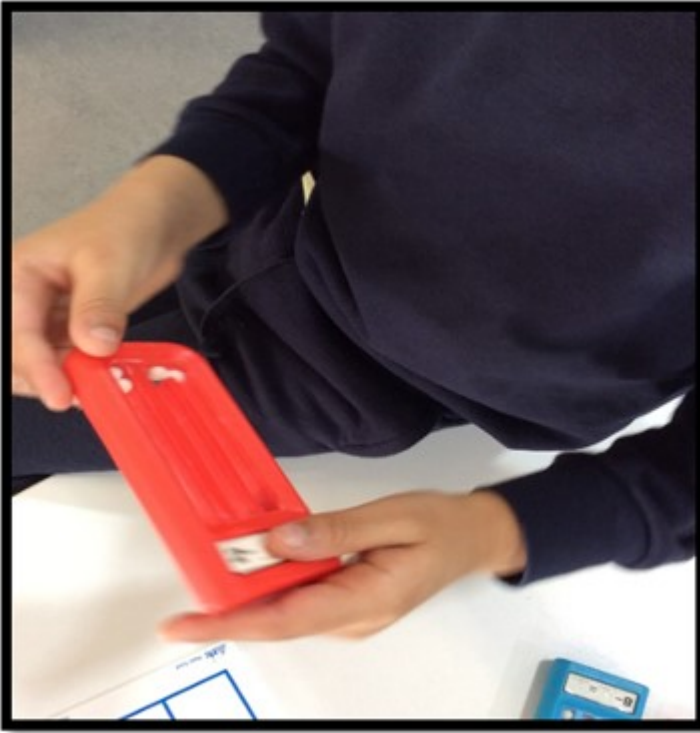
End of term: Thursday 28th March School finishes at 1:30 p.m.

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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



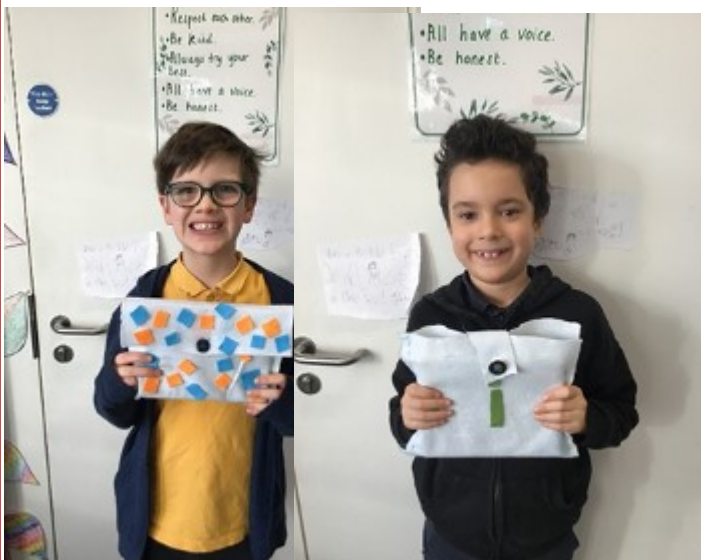
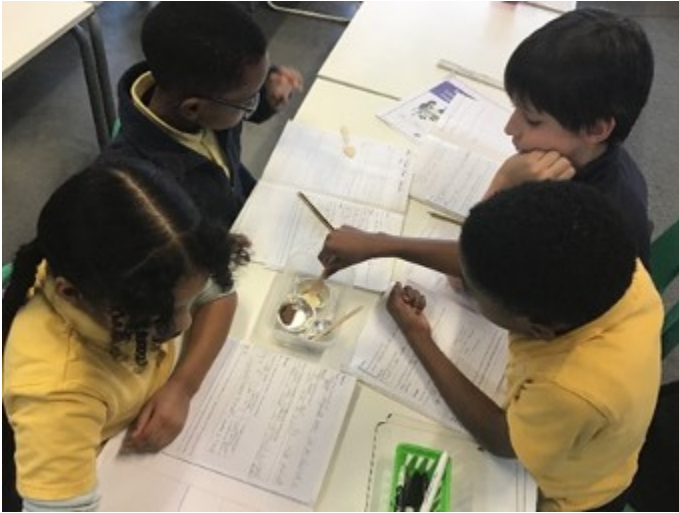
Our learning in pictures: Year 2



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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