

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to Ashmount Together for organising such an amazing after school Winter Fair on Friday and also to all of the parents who helped out. Additionally, thank you to everyone who attended. There will be more pictures from this next week and photos of our Bake Off winners.

A reminder from Beyza, our Reading leader, on page 5 about the Islington Winter Reading Challenge—it's a great opportunity to be rewarded for what is a great opportunity—reading for pleasure over the cold winter break!



A reminder to our Year 1 parents that the Nativity performances by your children will be Wed 13th Dec 9:30 a.m. & Thur 14th Dec 9:30 a.m. in the main hall. You are more than welcome to attend either or both!

Please remember that Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day. We are asking all children to wear a Christmas jumper but also make a donation to the Food Bank—the donations can be handed in at the office or given to your child's class teacher.

Also on Thursday we have our Annual Child and Parent Christmas lunch. Families who have secured a place at this event will be reminded by the office team of the time to arrive. It's likely to be a movable feast, so please be patient with us!

See below for a few plugs for community events over the next couple of weeks:

- Hill Rise Christmas Fair at St. Mary's church see page 6 for details
- Cornwallis Adventure Playground re-opening event, also on Saturday 16th December—see page 7 for details.
- A message from the Cape Adventure Playground about their opening hours over Christmas and their end of term party on Thursday 21st December from 1:30 p.m.

Finally a reminder that on the last day of term—Thursday 21st December—we close at 1:30 p.m. please ensure your child is collected on time.

Best wishes, Anthony

Christmas TREE APPEAL 2023

Please support the Christmas Tree Appeal this year.

The MPS is working in partnership with The Childhood Trust to provide Christmas presents for children in London who are experiencing poverty.

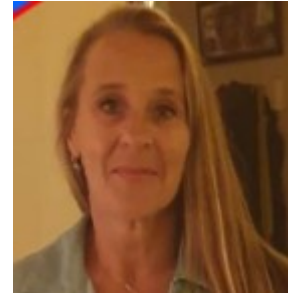
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www.metchristmastreeappeal.org/donate



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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Keeping Children Safe Online

I have received an increasing number of reports from staff regarding children's use of language in relation to inappropriate material online. This is especially, but not exclusively, in KSI which is a real concern.

Parents and pupils have all signed AUPs (Acceptable User Policy). I refer to No.15 which states:

I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet and to various devices, operating systems, consoles, apps and games. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content. Find out more at parentsafe.lgfl.net

If your child is accessing inappropriate material online then this **a breach of the AUP** and as such as **a safeguarding concern**. Should this not be addressed by parents and the school have ongoing concerns then we would have no option to **contact social services** as this is falls under neglect. As a school we have **a duty of care to safeguard all children** at Ashmount.

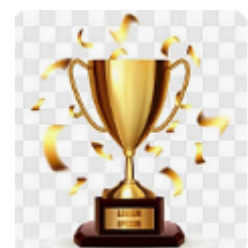
If you have any problems regarding **online safety** or need support with **setting parental controls, on your devices** please contact me as soon as possible or click on the following link:

parentsafe.lgfl.net.

Best Lining Up Award

Each week classes in KSI and KS2 are awarded with a certificate and cup to acknowledge their efforts for lining up quickly, sensibly and safely.

This week's winners are once again—2B and 5G well done!!



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Weekly Attendance 04.12.23 — 08.12.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	94.5
Reception Blue	82.3
Reception Green	88.7
1 Blue	93.7
1 Green	88.3
2 Blue	89.3
2 Green	92.7
3 Blue	93.0
3 Green	90.7
4 Blue	93.5
4 Green	97.5
5 Blue	97.2
5 Green	95.6
6 Blue	90.4
6 Green	93.9

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 1 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:

Here are the most improved for each year group:

Year 3: Muhammad, Magnus, Misra

Year 4: Muaz, Mikael and Ecrin

Year 5: Eddie, Tamana, Patrick

Year 6: Christian, Sammy, Angelina



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be exploring the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'

Maths: We will be exploring the weight of objects.

Reception

English: We will be reading our new text 'The Snowman'.

Maths: We will be learning about positional language.

Year 1

English: We will be describing a character and setting from a festive advert.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore addition and subtraction within 20.

Year 2

English: We will be exploring 'Pattan's Pumpkin' by Chitra Soundar to plan and write an instructional text.

Maths: We will be solving word problems using our knowledge of multiplication and division.

Year 3

English: We will finish reading 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson and drafting and publishing our non-chronological reports about Matthew Henson.

Maths: We will be reviewing our multiplication and division knowledge.

Year 4:

English: We will be completing reading and writing assessments.

Maths: We will be completing arithmetic assessments and maths paper assessments.

Year 5

English: We will be reading poetry about water and using techniques learned here to write our own poems

Maths: We will be adding fractions. We will be learning how to make mixed pairs and how to add fractions. We will use bar models to represent fractions

Year 6

English: We will be exploring concrete poems and writing our own.

Maths: We will be completing our learning around decimals and will be beginning our measurement unit.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Class Assemblies

Tues 5th Dec 4 Blue

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

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:

End of term: Thursday 21st Dec School finishes at 1:30
p.m.

**Islington
Life**

Winter Reading Challenge!

Challenge yourself and your child to read more this winter: 1 December–28 February

The winter reading challenge is back! All children aged four to 11 are encouraged to sign up to maintain their joy of reading, following this year's successful summer reading challenge.

It's free to join and fun – all they need to do is read four books of their choosing by February 2024 and your child will receive a certificate. Those who complete the challenge will also be entered into a lucky dip prize draw, with a chance to win some special prizes.



The challenge starts on 1 December and you have until the end of February to complete it. Visit your local library to sign up.

Find your local library:



As we approach the winter holiday season, I would like to inform you that the adventure playground will be **closed** from the **23rd of December** until we reopen on the **2nd of January**.

During this time, we will be taking a break to prepare for the New Year and ensure that the playground is ready for more exciting adventures in 2024.

Before we close for the holidays, we would like to invite you to our festive End of Term Party at the playground. The party will take place on **Thursday, 21st of December, starting at 1:30pm and we will be closing earlier at 5:30pm.**



Hillrise Christmas Fair

Saturday 16th December

12pm - 4pm

FREE!

Santa | food | bingo | live music |
craft | magician | wreath making |
face-painting | fire-pit | Prizes for
the best Christmas Outfit | Tombola
and More

St Mary's Church, Ashley Road, N19 3AD
For more details call or WhatsApp 07852 371628



St Mary Hornsey Rise
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MAKE-DO PLAY



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awesome!



COMMUNITY EVENT - 16TH DECEMBER 2023



Come and join us at
Cornwallis Adventure
Playground for our re-
opening community
event

Everyone is welcome - Games, Face
painting, and much more on the day!
Foods and drinks are available!

SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER 2023
12 PM to 3 PM
We cant wait to see you all!

Contact:

Tel: 07513 676 115

Email: annie-mae@awesomemic.co.uk



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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: Winter Fair

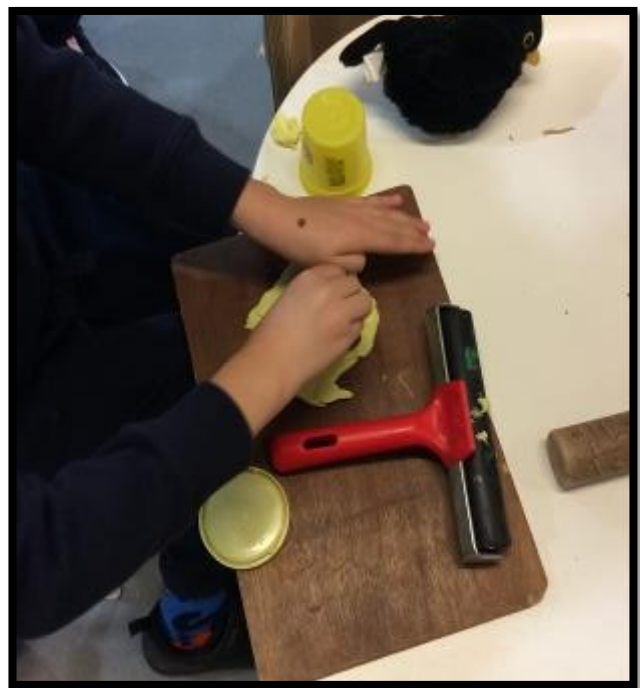


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Our learning in pictures: Nursery Exploring Big and Small



Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 2

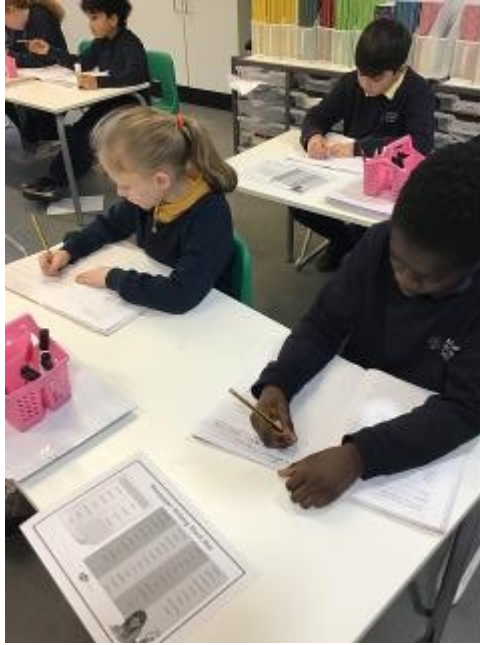


Our learning in pictures: Year 3



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Our learning in pictures Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5



Our learning in pictures Year 6

