

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great this week to see all of our children return and Annabel and I have both commented on the great learning attitudes around the school but as importantly the incredibly exciting learning on offer in each class.

I will on Tuesday issue the term dates for 2024-2025—please be aware that I cannot offer families authorised absences outside of these dates except for exceptional circumstances.

A few reminders for the term:

- Home Learning - I will this weekend issue our half termly Home Learning documents— these are a great way to know what your child will be learning but also how you can best support your child's learning at home.
- Cars on site—a reminder that the only cars allowed on site are for those families with children with Special Education Needs or for those adults with individual health needs. Any driver on site must have been given express permission by myself to be within the park. Please help us all to keep everyone safe by walking, scooting or cycling to school..
- A reminder to please put your child's initials and class details on the label of their uniform and coats as it makes everyone's lives a little easier in returning lost items!
- We have commenced our dual meal offer for school lunches of both non-halal and halal meat options. It's early days but it's been great to see a greater number of children engaged in having a far more nutritious meal at lunchtime. A reminder to those few families sending children in with a packed lunch that these must be a healthy packed lunch.

Finally, we have our annual Islington IFF Inter Faith Calendar - Artwork Competition for 2024. Islington Faiths Forum (IFF) would like to warmly invite all pupils in Islington to create artwork for their 2024-2025 inter-faith calendar. The theme for all works of art is "One Planet, one People, one Future." It would be great to see our children use their Creative interpretations of this. Children are asked to create brightly coloured, bold pictures (in landscape layout) with clear, clean out lines so that they can be scanned. They can use paints, coloured pens, markers, but please do not use pencil or chalk. The deadline is 19th February 2024 and entries must be returned to your child's class teacher.

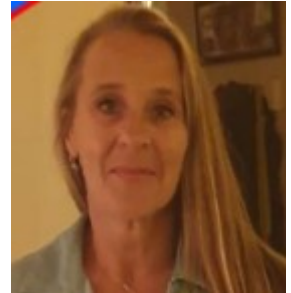
Best wishes,

Anthony

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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Courses for Parents and Volunteers in Working with Children

Islington Adult and Community Learning are delivering a great opportunity for parents, carers or volunteers to attend a **Level 1 or Level 2 course** starting this New Year 2024.

By attending this course, it will prepare you with knowledge and skills in how to support children and young people in education. One of the key components of building progress and achievement in children's learning, is the ability and confidence of the adults who support them.

It is FREE to the majority of Islington resident (others outside the borough also qualify to attend).

Please see attached Spring brochure.

Incredible Years offer at Ashmount!

I am delighted to announce that Ashmount will be hosting the **Incredible Years Group** run by CAMHS from 23rd January. (see attached flyer)

Incredible Years Parenting Group For parents of primary school children aged 6-10 years Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.15am (9.45am start) January 23rd -May 14th 2024 (14 weeks with breaks for school holidays).

They help parents to: • Develop parenting skills and knowledge • Improve relationships and communication with their children, through quality time, child directed activities, praise and rewards • Understand more about child development • Understand challenging behaviour and set appropriate limits • Meet other parents, share skills and ideas and build friendships.

OT clinic offer

As of January 2024, Occupational Therapy Service who previously only prioritised EHC children in EYFS and KSI will now be opening the offer up to **any primary age group with OT needs stipulated on their EHCP**. As they can only see up to 5 children, Annabel will contact you individually to let you know if your child has been selected based on priority of need.

Best Lining Up Award

A massive congratulations to 2B & 5G for being this week's winners!



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Weekly Attendance 08.01.24 — 12.01.24

Class	Percentage
Nursery	93.8
Reception Blue	93.5
Reception Green	94.3
1 Blue	86.2
1 Green	90.1
2 Blue	88.7
2 Green	90.7
3 Blue	97.0
3 Green	96.4
4 Blue	93.5
4 Green	94.4
5 Blue	93.2
5 Green	97.2
6 Blue	91.3
6 Green	90.4

Our best attending classes this term were:

Reception Green, 2 Green, 3 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:

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Year 3: Misra, Lynn, Abdur-Rahman

Year 4: Dexter, Elicia, Jeremy

Year 5: Nusaibah, Nia, Rayyan

Year 6: Abdur-Rahman, Amelie, Liv



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be continuing to explore The Three Little Pigs

Maths: We will be learning to represent familiar numbers using objects.

Reception

English: We will be continuing to explore Supertato.

Maths: We will be counting forward and back.

Year 1

English: We will be writing our own stories inspired by the book Mini Rabbit Not Lost.

Maths: We will be applying our knowledge of 2D shapes to creating patterns and problem-solving.

Year 2

English: We will be writing about people who are special to us inspired by the text 'If all the world were..' by Joseph Coelho.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore units of measurement for length.

Year 3

English: We will be exploring the features of instruction writing and writing our own set of instructions.

Maths: We will be consolidating our knowledge on length.

Year 4:

English: We will be writing character and setting descriptions based on Journey to Jo'burg.

Maths: We will be simplifying and adding fractions.

Year 5

English: We will be learning to make inferences and to write a poem about a setting.

Maths: We will be learning to write and read decimals.

Year 6

English: We will be learning about speeches and then writing a speech as Emmeline Pankhurst.

Maths: We will be solving word problems.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Mon 22nd Jan— Science Museum - 5 Blue and 5 Green

Tues 6th Feb—SEA Life Aquarium—Year 4

Class Assemblies

Tues 23rd Jan—4 Green

Tues 30th Jan—5 Blue

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 Curriculum meeting Tues 23rd Jan 9 a.m.

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

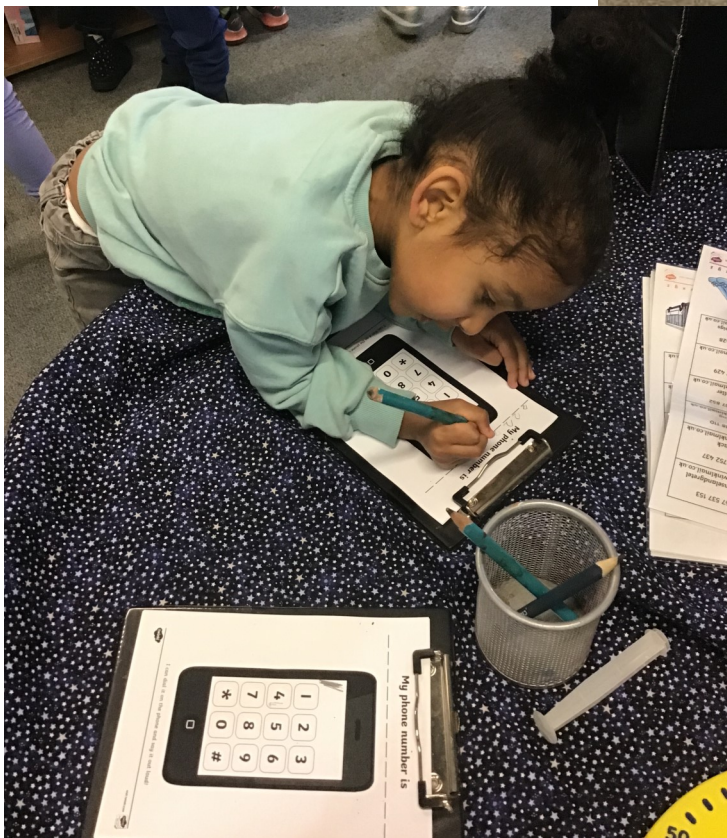
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Term Dates:

School re-opens on Monday 8th January 9 a.m.

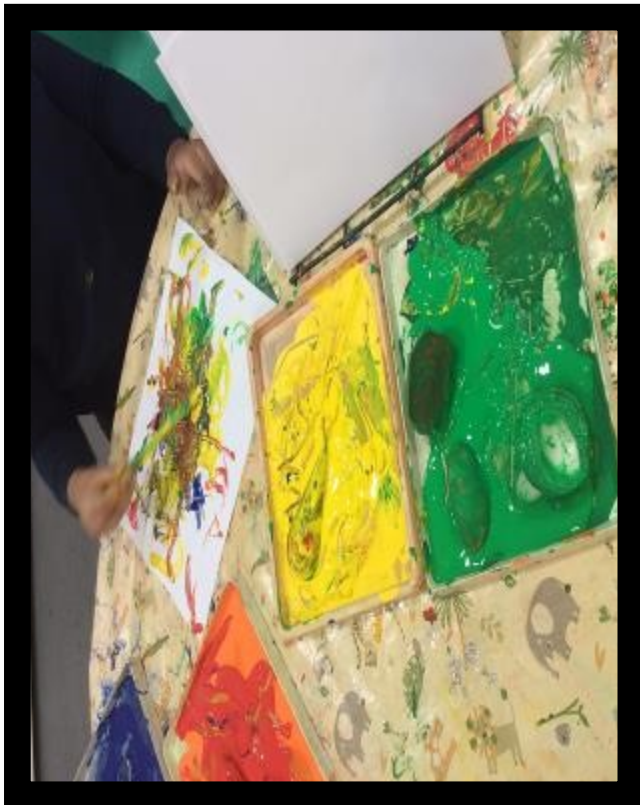
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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



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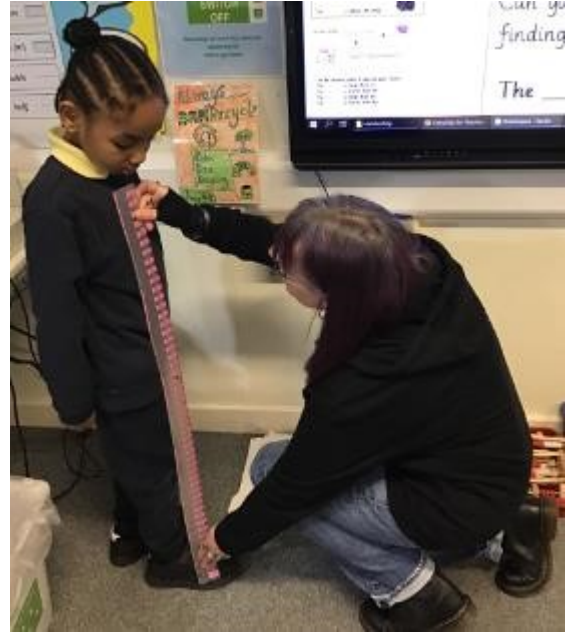
Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3

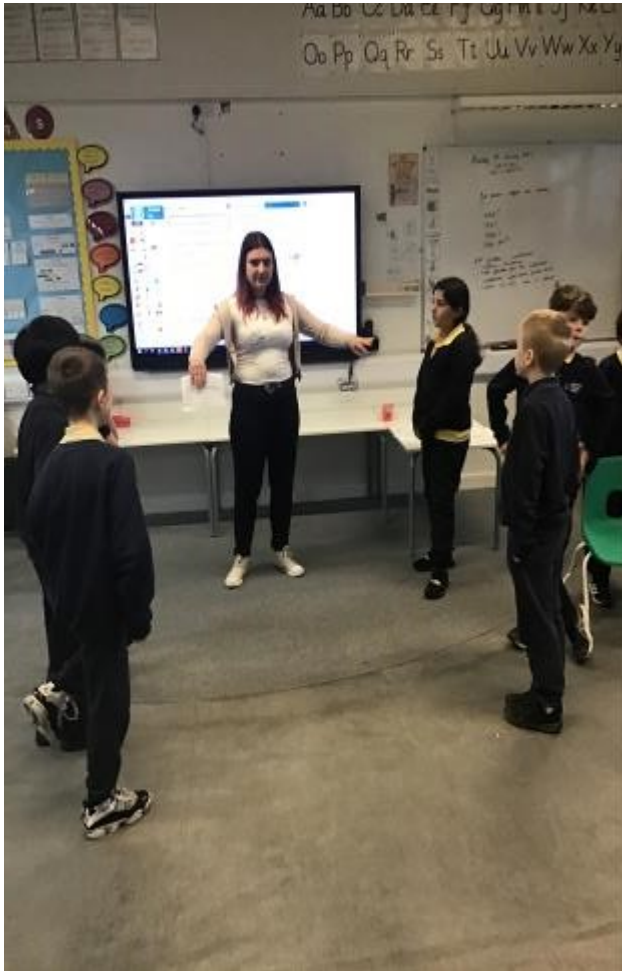


Our learning in pictures Year 4



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Our learning in pictures Year 5



Our learning in pictures Year 6

