

Friday 15th December November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to Year 1 for a wonderful start to our performances as we run up to the end of the term. They all performed beautifully for their Nativity performances and I hope that you enjoyed them to. We will forward the film that we made of the performance in due course.

As we think of Year 1, I must also share the news that sadly both Louise and Archana will leave us at the end of term as they both relocate which will make their continued stay with us impractical. I would like to pass on my personal thanks to both colleagues for their dedication and commitment during their time with us and I am sure that you will wish them both well in their future endeavours. As always, departures open the door for new opportunities and we welcome Ruksana Chowdhury to 1 Blue and Simonee Daly Smith to 1 Green and I am sure like me you will give both colleagues a huge Ashmount welcome.

This week will also see our Christmas Carols—Monday 18th Dec 3:45 p.m.—Main hall. Please come and join us for this annual festive celebration and Ashmount Together will be providing refreshments. Then Year 4 will have their two performances on:

Tue 19th 1:45 p.m. & Wed 20th Dec 9:30 a.m.

Year 4 parents are welcome to come and join us for either or both—I have heard great things about this show, so make sure you don't miss the date!

Finally, a reminder that we finish school at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday so please ensure you arrive 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.

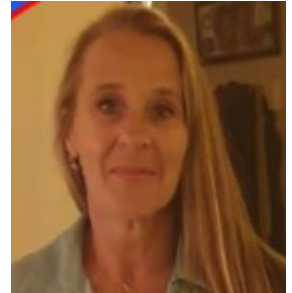
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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Get ready for a digital festive season

This festive season, set your child up for online safety that lasts the whole year. Whether you're gifting a new device or one that's new-to-them, make sure you set it up before you wrap it up with step-by-step guides and a personalised online safety plan. <https://www.internetmatters.org/childrens-online-safety-this-festive-season/>

I cannot emphasise strongly enough about Online Safety and how easy it is for children to access extreme & sometimes dangerous content where children don't always understand the meanings of words or their impact. **Parents should check their children's devices daily & exercise vigilance over screen time & content.**

Connecting and sharing online

Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

To help children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) connect and share safely with others online, we've provided insight & advice on what you can do as a parent or carer to support them.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety/>

Koothtalks has a webinar for parents and carers, 'Support for young people experiencing anxiety or stress this winter' on Thurs 14 Dec, 6-7pm. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcuGltCsOUdCV05h9lomLCe6fFOZRnINOsBmBoWSv5lp_Fug/viewform

Best Lining Up Award

Each week classes in KS1 and KS2 are awarded with a certificate and cup to acknowledge their efforts for lining up quickly, sensibly and safely.

This week's winners this week are —2G and 5G well done!!



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Weekly Attendance 11.12.23 — 15.12.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	96.5
Reception Blue	83.4
Reception Green	88.0
1 Blue	92.6
1 Green	84.5
2 Blue	89.0
2 Green	89.7
3 Blue	94.1
3 Green	93.2
4 Blue	93.9
4 Green	96.3
5 Blue	96.4
5 Green	96.0
6 Blue	90.0
6 Green	85.5

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:

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Year 3: Mumin, Lynn, Abdur-Rahman

Year 4: Jeremy, Maria, Juno

Year 5: Rayyan. Elisa, Nisaibah

Year 6: Abdur-Raheem, Christian, Lukas



CONGRATULATIONS!

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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be continuing to explore the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'.

Maths: We will be consolidating all our maths learning for this half term.

Reception

English: We will be continuing to explore 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs.

Maths: We will be consolidating all of our maths learning this half-term.

Year 1

English: We will be writing a letter to Santa inspired by our key text 'The Jolly Postman'.

Maths: We will be consolidating our addition and subtraction knowledge up to 20.

Year 2

English: We will be retelling the story Patten's Pumpkin from the perspective of Patten.

Maths: We will be revising the four operations $+$, $-$, \times and \div .

Year 3

English: We will be watching a short Christmas advert and writing a letter in role.

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

Year 4:

English: We will be watching a short Christmas advert and writing a diary entry.

Maths: We will be consolidating our place value and multiplication knowledge.

Year 5

English: We will be publishing our poems and learning how to identify fronted adverbials.

Maths: We will be consolidating our fraction knowledge of converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring the final poem of the Futruezone Poetry course.

Maths: We will be continuing to explore measurement and conversions.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

TBC

Class Assemblies

TBC

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

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

TBC

Term Dates:

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

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



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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 2

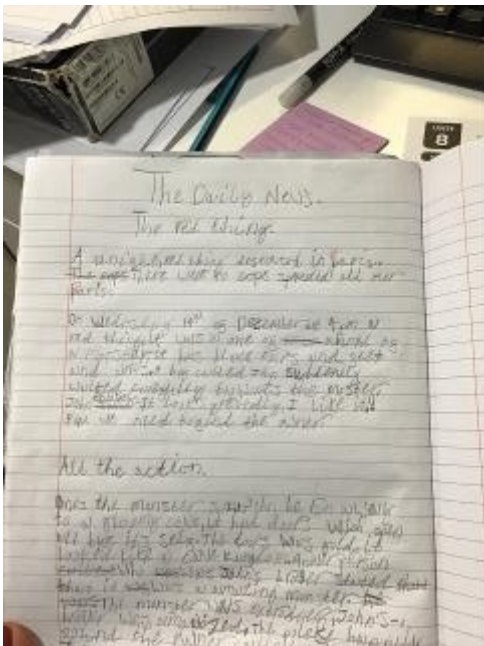
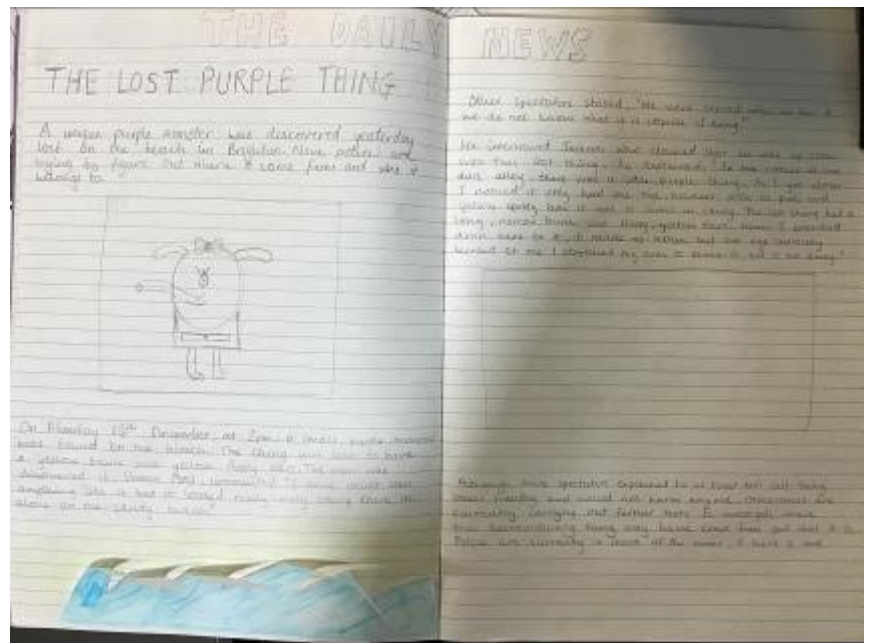


Our learning in pictures: Year 3



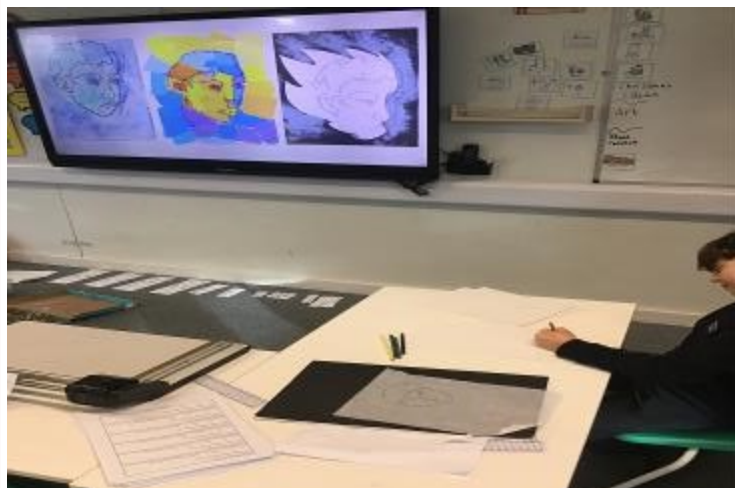
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Our learning in pictures Year 4



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Our learning in pictures Year 5



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Our learning in pictures Year 6



Our learning through poetry! Year 6 **fz2324**

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this year's Futurezone Poetry course. As part of the course, all the children entered a poetry competition. We are thrilled to announce that the winning poet from Ashmount is Gil Ludlow for his poem 'If All the World Were Metal', based on Joseph Coelho's poem 'If All the World Were Paper'. Huge congratulations Gil!

If All the World Were Metal

If all the world were metal
I would weld my dog and my cat
So they would have to get along.
If all the world were metal
I would engrave good memories
And should they go bad
Melt every fear,
Crack every worry,
Destroy every scream.

If all the world were metal
I would place gold in a bag
And diamonds in a drawer
Knowing family are worth more
And throw arguments into an incinerator.
If all the world were metal
I would harden trust
And solidify friendship.

If all the world were metal
Kind deeds would be etched to the doer
Layered over and over
So we would always remember.
If all the world were metal
I would polish up families
And break bad fights
And set them to rights.

All the world is not metal
But whilst we can imagine it were
We can liquefy problems
Knowing we will never ever rust.