

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a few requests from parents about next years term dates and I am please to announce we have now finalised these following consultations with staff and Governors about how we amend these to best suit the needs of the school. This basically means children will return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024 and the academic year will finish on Friday 18th July 2025. Can I remind all families, that just like the school staff team we expect you take any planned family holidays during the generous school holidays. I am attaching the terms dates with today's newsletter.

On Annabel's page she has plugged two really great parent offers from Islington.. The first 'The Incredible Year' a course that many parents have accessed at Ashmount and all speak highly of it and the second, "The Power of Play' which echoes our own philosophy at school that play is an integral part of learning. Both flyers will be attached to today's newsletter so please take a look.

I promised our Year 1 parents that we would replicate there autumn term curriculum meeting with the new Year 1 staff team to get a better understanding of the Year 1 Autumn term offer but also to offer an early chance to meet Simonee and Ruksana. This meeting will take place on Tuesday morning in 1 Green's classroom at 9 a.m. and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally, we have been reflecting on the communications platforms that we use for our messaging that we send to you, clubs bookings, parents conference bookings and payments. Shajia and Katie have been exploring what we can do to improve and we have decided that after half term all these processes will migrate to Arbor. We hope that this will make things easier for you all. Shajia and Katie will issue more details about this over the coming three weeks as we look to ensure this process is both smooth and problem free.

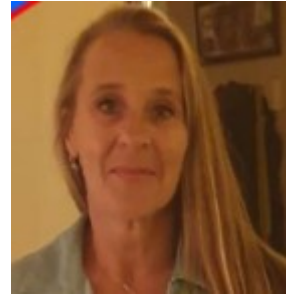
Best wishes,

Anthony

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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



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.

Please contact me as we still have some spaces available annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Bright Start Islington and The Power of Play

Why is play important?

Play is crucial for building language and is linked to the development of a range of other skills including problem solving and physical development. When you help your child learn to play, you increase their opportunities to learn about the world around them, help them discover how much fun it is to play and interact with other people and also to learn new words!

Please see the attached flyer for more information and resources to support you and your children.

OT clinic offer

As of January 2024, Occupational Therapy Service who previously only prioritised EHC children in EYFS and KS1 will now be opening the offer up to any primary age group with OT needs stipulated on their EHCP.

Best Lining Up Award

A massive congratulations to IB & 6G for being this week's winners!



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Weekly Attendance 15.01.24 — 19.01.24

Class	Percentage
Nursery	92.3
Reception Blue	94.4
Reception Green	94.0
1 Blue	88.2
1 Green	90.7
2 Blue	84.3
2 Green	93.7
3 Blue	94.4
3 Green	95.3
4 Blue	93.5
4 Green	96.4
5 Blue	98.0
5 Green	93.8
6 Blue	91.7
6 Green	93.9

Our best attending classes this term were:

Reception Blue, 2 Green, 4 Green and 5 Blue

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: Abdullah, Abdur-Rahman, Ben

Year 4: Ecrin, Mikael, Oliver

Year 5: Raayan, Nia, Elisa

Year 6: Evelyb, Christian, Ceryse



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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be starting our new core text 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

Maths: We will be learning to make 4 and 5 in different ways.

Reception

English: We will be starting our new core text 'The Jolly Postman'.

Maths: We will be counting to 5 and 10 using 5 and 10 frames.

Year 1

Maths: We will be learning about measure with a focus on length and width

English: We will be starting our new core text 'Rabbit and Bear, Rabbits bad habits'.

Year 2

English: We will be writing a story and a book review about 'If all the world were...' by Joseph Coelho.

Maths: We will be learning how to measure and compare mass in grams and kilograms.

Year 3

English: We will be exploring the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt.

Maths: We will be learning how to read weighing scales in grams and kilograms.

Year 4:

English: We will be writing letters in role of a character.

Maths: We will be subtracting fractions and exploring time.

Year 5

English: We will be learning to write a recount from a character's perspective.

Maths: We will be learning about comparing and adding decimals.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring the events of the Suffragette era and will be building up to writing a newspaper article.

Maths: We will be We will be solving problems involving percentages.

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

Friday 26th January - Year 4

Friday 2nd February - Year 1

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

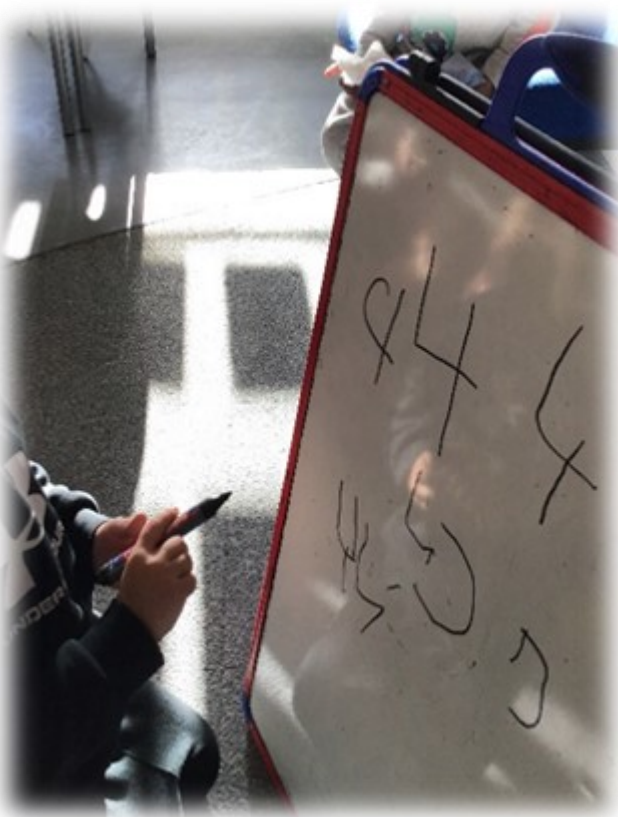
Term Dates

End of half term: Friday 9th February

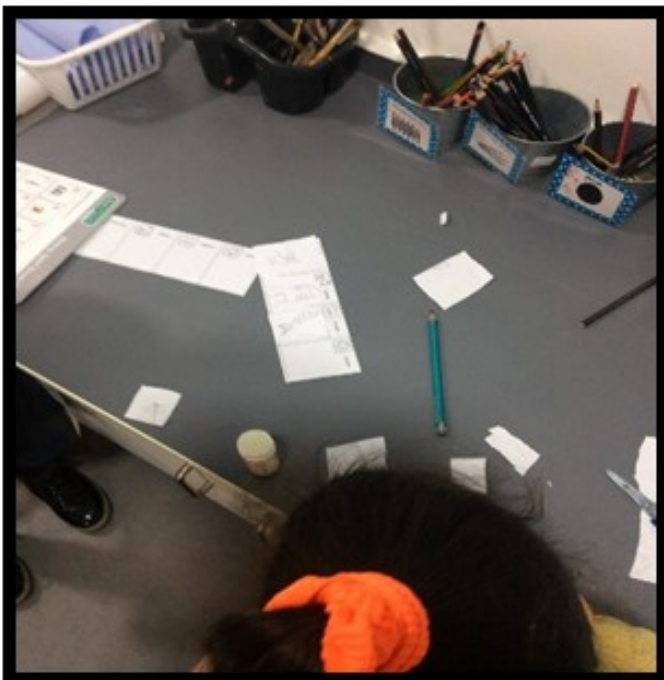
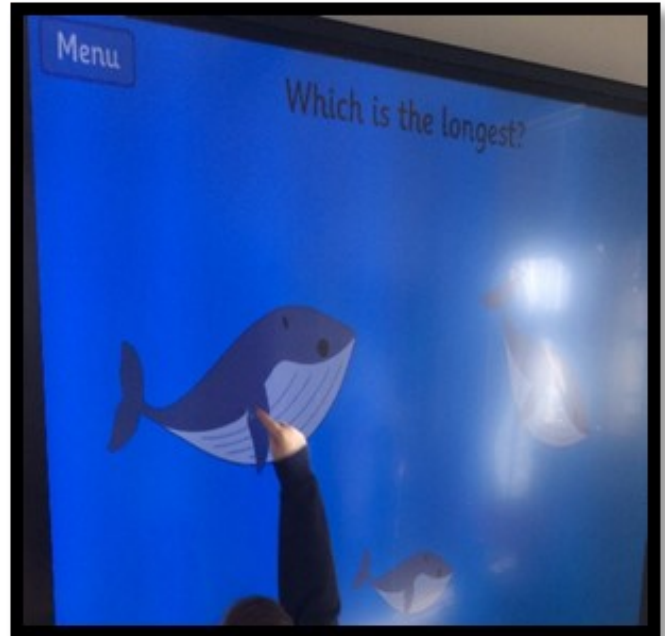
End of term: Thursday 28th March School finishes at 1:30 p.m.

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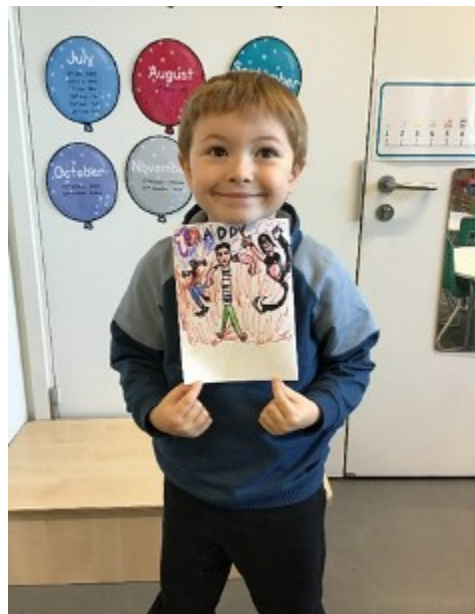
Our learning in pictures: Nursery



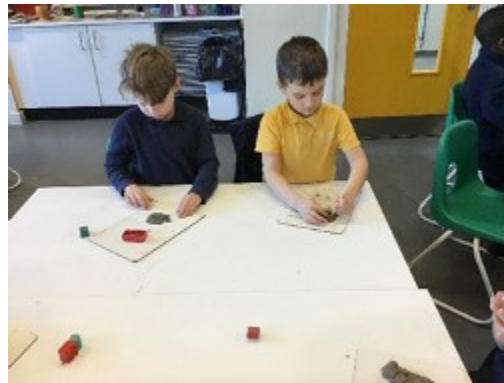
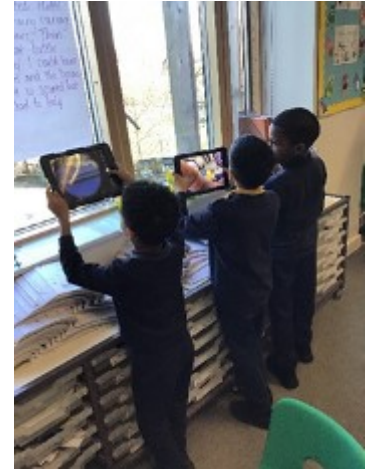
Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



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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

