

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few farewells from the end of the autumn term. A huge thank you and au revoir to Louise who will leave us to return to Ireland in the new year. Louise carried out many roles during her time at Ashmount as a class teacher, subject leader and latterly as Assistant Headteacher for Nursery to Year 2. She was always hugely committed to the children, parents and staff and will be hugely missed. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Archana, in Year 1, has also left us due to complicated travel issues after relocating from her previous home. We again wish her well and thank her for her commitment to the school over the last two years and wish every success in her new school role closer to home.

Finally, Beverley, who has been a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in different year groups across the school will not return in January and I wish to thank her for her hard work and effort over the last five years at Ashmount.

This obviously means there are new staff we will welcome in January. In Year 1 Simonee will join us as class teacher in 1 Blue and will lead on teaching and learning across Year 1 and Year 2. Ruksana will join us as class teacher in 1 Green. Ross will take on teaching and learning responsibilities for Reception and Nursery. Finally we have internally appointed Elizabeth to replace Beverley in her role in Year 4. I am sure you will welcome these new colleagues into their roles at Ashmount.

I have issued new dates for the half term in the calendar section of the newsletter and would particularly draw your attention to the class assembly dates, Parent Conference dates and our Bring An Adult To School day morning.

I will announce further dates next Friday which will detail planned curriculum trips across the year groups.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the staff teams in Year 1 and Year 4 and to Laura for three excellent end of term performances with the Nativity from Year 1 and Peter Pan from Year 4 and the whole school Carol Concert. All three were incredible in different ways and I am hugely appreciative of your attendance as parents of these events.

On Monday we look forward to an exciting term of learning and are always here to offer any support ion ensuring that each and every child will have successful learning outcomes.

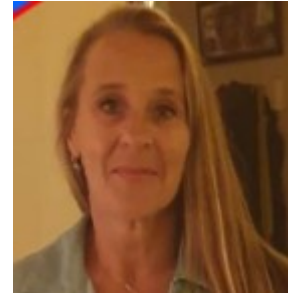
Best wishes,

Anthony

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Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Support for families in Place2Be schools

Digital toolkit for schools

Place2Be, our in-school mental health support service, has a variety of resources to help you support your child's wellbeing. Visit their Parenting Smart website for free practical advice on a range of topics (from bullying, to sleep difficulties). If you're looking for more support on your parenting journey, you could also sign up for their free Parenting Smart - Online Course. Learn more about both of these offers at place2be.org.uk/family.

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/>

Services in Islington:

Islington Family Information Service (FIS) For information and advice about free early learning and childcare, activities and support services for families with children 0-25 months, contact: 020 7527 5959; fis@islington.gov.uk

Bright Start is a service for children under 5 and their families. They run activities across Islington which include stay and play sessions and parent groups. Further information can be found on their website: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/bright-start-islington-start-for-life-and-family-hubs>

SENDIAS provide SEND advice for parents and carers. They run parent groups including "RELAX it's Friday" on the last Friday of every month: islingtonsend@familyaction.org.uk

Best Lining Up Award

A massive congratulations to 2B & 5G for being the overall winners for the Autumn term 2023! Your individual prizes await you in 2024 when you return to school.



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Weekly Attendance 04.09.23 — 21.12.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	93.2
Reception Blue	90.3
Reception Green	91.8
1 Blue	93.9
1 Green	90.5
2 Blue	93.8
2 Green	94.8
3 Blue	94.4
3 Green	94.3
4 Blue	92.9
4 Green	96.6
5 Blue	95.5
5 Green	96.8
6 Blue	88.9
6 Green	94.7

Our best attending classes this term were:

Nursery, 2 Green, 4 Green and 5 Green

Well done children and adults. These classes will on receive an ice creams on their first week back and an afternoon video to watch on Friday afternoon—wowzers! 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: Muhammad, Abdur-Rahman, Nylah

Year 4: Muaz, Jeremy, Maggie

Year 5: Elisa, Rayan, Heath

Year 6: Christian, Lexie, Lucas



CONGRATULATIONS!

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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be exploring the story 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Maths: We will be exploring numbers in our environment.

Reception

English: We will be exploring 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet.

Maths: We will be understanding zero.

Year 1

English: We will be reading the story Mini-Rabbit Not Lost by John Bond. We will be retelling the story using our own story maps and describing how the character is feeling.

Maths: We will be learning to recognise 2D and 3D shapes in the everyday environment.

Year 2

English: We will be exploring and writing poetry based on our text 'If all the world were' by Joseph Coelho.

Maths: We will be learning about different units of measurement and how to compare lengths of objects.

Year 3

English: We will be exploring the story 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka

Maths: We will be exploring how to measure in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Year 4:

English: We will be exploring the novel 'Journey to Jo'Burg' by Beverley Naidoo. We will be investigating the characters and plot.

Maths: We will be exploring fractions.

Year 5

English: We will be exploring a new text 'The Last Wild' by Piers Torday.

Maths: We will be learning to subtract fractions and find common denominators.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring our new text 'Suffragette: Battle for Equality' by David Roberts.

Maths: We will be continuing our learning on measurement and will be solving worded problems.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

TBC

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

TBC

Term Dates:

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

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: Carol Concert



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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



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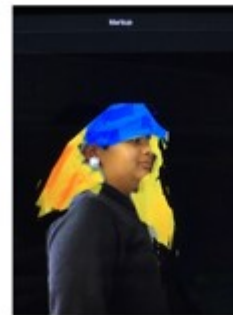
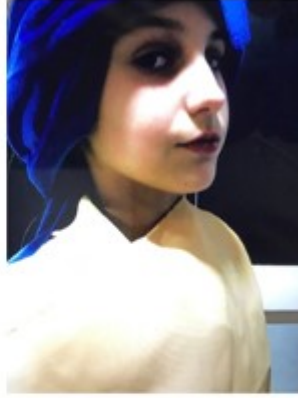
Our learning in pictures Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5



Our learning in pictures Year 6



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