

World's End Christmas market, Worlds End Place - Friday 9th December, 2pm – 7pm

Come along today to check out Ashburnham's market stall! Amazing handmade items from the children for sale. Free mince pies, carols and live music and a carousel will be happening this afternoon and evening.

Spelling Bee

Massive thanks to all the children who competed, and parents/carers who turned up to support. The standard was incredibly high, with both the Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 contests going to a sudden death tie-break. Example words: idyll, disguise, lyrical. Well done to Eamon and Misha from Whistler House, and William and Steven from Blantyre House.



Open Morning

We had a large turn-out for the open morning school tour for prospective parents for Reception class next year. The deadline is January 15th, so if you are in our Nursery, or know of anyone who is interested in a place at our school, please note that we will be running another tour at 9.15am on January 9th.

Attendance Nag

Every lost day of learning has a negative impact on a child's life chances. The odd day here and there all add up. For a pupil to have only 90% attendance means that they are losing nearly 20 days' learning over the course of a year. This could mean the difference between making the expected progress and falling behind. We will be having a real push on absence this year.

Staff Training

This week the staff met with their counterparts at Fox to plan together in yeargroups and as subject leaders.

Educational news- Don't buy pink toys for girls, parents told

Parents are being warned against buying pink, gender-stereotyped toys this Christmas, so as not to deter girls from getting into science. Only 11% of girls' toys focused on science, technology or engineering (compared with 31% of toys aimed at boys).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38250674>



Stars of the week: This week the Stars get to help out in Nursery during the week:

Nursery: Ilyas; Reception: Ana-Sofia; Yr1: Amelie; Yr2: Poppy;

Yr4: Ahmed; Yr5: Oscar; Yr6: Mohamed;

Mr Garcia's Sports Award: (Kason Yr6)

Mrs Dormer's manners award: (Alfie Yr1)

Mr Brown's Speaker of the week Award: (from Yr 6)