



# Ashburnham Community School

## Key Dates

22nd March	3pm – parent showcase for year 5
23rd March	14:45 Year 6 parent show case 9am Year 1, 2 & 3 parent showcase 14:45 – Year 4 class assembly 1:30 winning House Party
24th March	Easter egg hunt 9am end of term assembly 2pm shut

**Last week's attendance:**

Congratulations to Year 4 with best attendance this week

Overall school attendance since September: 95.47%

Year Group	Weekly Percentage
Y1	95.5
Y2	95
Y3	98.4
Y4	99.3
Y5	98.2
Y6	96.5

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## Sports Round Up

### Charity netball festival:

We want to raise some money to buy the Ashburnham netball a kit to play in, so on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April there will be a tournament between our Year Five and Year Six school netball teams, as well as a teachers' and parents netball match! Watch this space for more information!

### Table tennis regionals:

Our school table tennis team will be playing for the South of England tomorrow morning at Bournemouth from 10 am to 6 pm. Good luck Ashburnham; we look forward to hearing how you get on!

### Active kids vouchers:

Please remember that we are collecting active vouchers from Sainsbury's so we can get free equipment to our school. The more vouchers we get, the more resources we can enjoy!

## Coffee Morning and Staffing Update

Thanks to those of you who attended the Coffee Morning this week; it was good to welcome **Ben McMullen** as the new Head of School from September. Ben has a wealth of experience as a leader at Fox Primary and he has worked closely at Ashburnham since the Federation began. There will be more opportunities to meet Ben in the future. On another note, when Mrs Stokes will leave on maternity leave after May half term and Janine Roberts and Ros Morgan from Fox will take over from Holly. Ros will work two days a week and Janine will work three days a week; they both have many years of experience as Year One teachers so the children will be in good hands.

## Stars of the Week

Reception – Yusif A, Year One- whole class, Year Two - John, Year Three – Skye and Aisha, Year Four - Emily, Year Six – Ahmed J and Abed, Mrs Domar – Abubaker, Miss Wittleton – Year Two.



## Tea and Cakes with Age Concern

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Thanks so much to **Pupil Council** and **Mrs Kovacevic** who organised a great afternoon of music, tea and of course yummy cakes for our friends at **Age Concern** last Friday. It was great for the children and visitors to sit, chat together and generally enjoy one another's company. A huge thanks also to **Sue Harris** who brought in some delicious home-baked cakes for everyone to enjoy. What a lovely event which brought the community closer together; some of the visitors didn't even know that the school is here. We look forward to running this event again soon!

## Science Week and Spelling Bee

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What a phenomenal week Science Week has been! The cosmetic company called '**Lush**' launched our week by teaching children how to make brilliant bath bombs, which the children will be using over the Easter break to relax and unwind.

The superb **Smugglers Way** officers taught us about musical instruments we could make using old plastic bottles and we also learnt how to make our own recycled paper! On Wednesday, we had a huge **Science Dome** set up in the hall and the children enjoyed presentations ranging from Space to Dinosaurs! Finally, we had an **Action For Conservation** workshop on Thursday, which made us reflect about thinking carefully about the choices we make as human beings to ensure the survival of endangered species. Prizes will be given to children for the presentations during next Thursday's Celebration assembly.

The school also saved up 3500 bottle lids from old milk bottles that have been used by the shop Lush to recycle for their packaging. The Eco-Council love doing their bit for the environment! Finally, thanks for bringing in a donation today as the money raised will be used for paying for some of the events today.

Science Week 2016 ended with a huge BUZZ! Spelling Bee champions were crowned in Years Three and Four from Blantyre House and Whistler and Dartrey from Year Five & Six. Well done to everybody who participated and persevered with spelling this week.



## Children's Parliament

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Miss Blackshaw and eight children from Year Six participated in the Children's Parliament on the Environment on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Ahmed J and Abed presented a five minute speech on the importance of light pollution and its effects on our environment at the Hammersmith Town Hall. This was a competitive event between ten schools and the children presented to a large audience with two adjudicators. Astonishingly, our Ashburnham Year Six team won the Best Presentation Award. Congratulations to the team and thanks for Miss Blackshaw for organising such a brilliant project for her Community Time project.

