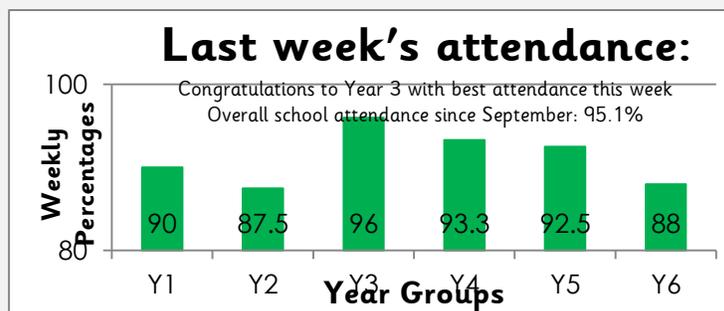




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Key Dates

27 th Jan	Yr 6 assembly 3pm
3 rd Feb	Yr 5/6 to athletics competition at Chelsea Academy
5 th Feb	2:45 – Rhetoric Cup final
8 th Feb	Bike training all week
9 th Feb	Smoothie making on the bike Yr 5 showcase 3pm
10 th Feb	Yr 4 parent showcase 2:45 Year 3 class assembly 3pm
11 th Feb	Wastebusters collection Yr 1 & 2 showcase 9 – 9:15
12 th Feb	Yr 3 parent showcase 14:45pm Yr 6 parent showcase 14:45pm



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Healthy Early Years

The Early Years Foundation classes (Nursery and Reception) at Ashburnham Community School have signed up to a programme called '**Healthy Early Years**' ('HEY') run by the Health Education Partnership (HEP). HEP is comprised of a small team of health education professionals dedicated to improving health and well-being in schools. We are so happy to be working on this programme, as it will help us to ensure that your children have the healthiest of starts at the beginning of their school career. As an early years team we will be looking to implementing ideas in our practice based on the latest research. Topics that are of great interest to us are: oral health, physical development and purposeful physical play, healthy diets and also understanding the importance of immunisation for individual and community health. We have recently done an audit of our practice and are excited to be receiving support and advice as we work toward achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for exceptional practice.

Careers Fair



Key Stage 2 enjoyed Ashburnham's first **careers fair** this week and it was a brilliant success! The children were visited by representatives from a range of exciting jobs including investment, science, property, banking and consultancy. They participated in lots of activities, such as a game where they had to invest in their favourite companies and an experiment with bacteria on special agar jelly petri dishes. The children spoke to our visitors with great **confidence** and **maturity**, asking extremely insightful questions. In turn, our visitors commented on the children's **impeccable behaviour** throughout the afternoon. A special mention to our award winners: Skye, (Year 3), Youseph (Year 4), Mohamed (Year 5) and Abed (Year 6) who were especially impressive in their careers learning. Thanks to Ms Webster for organising such a successful event!

Playground resurfacing

I am delighted to let you know that the local council are going to **resurface the playground** over the half-term. They are aware that some of the surface has holes in it which is unsafe and they want to help make the playground a safer place for all.

The Big Local

The Big Lottery Fund in England is investing £200 million in 150 urban and rural communities that have been overlooked for funding in the past. Each Big Local area is receiving £1m Lottery funding over at least the next 10 years, which residents themselves will be in charge of spending on ways to improve their community: from training and employment schemes, to tackling anti-social behaviour, creating new community facilities or providing more activities for young people. Each area will also be given support, training, and networking opportunities to help them develop their plans and empower them to find solutions that work for their communities. Managed by Local Trust, an independent organisation, and supported by a range of partner organisations, Big Local is targeting pockets of the country that have been overlooked for funding and resources in the past and may face issues including the decline of local industry, high levels of unemployment, or a pressing need for new support services or activities. The Big Local Big Lottery Fund and Local Trust are taking action to put this right and help build communities capable not only of spending a £1m Lottery investment but securing more in the future. We are very grateful to the Big Local for funding the homework/spelling club this term. If you would like to know how to get involved in this project, please email Vanessa Kelly on: vanessa@welr.org

Pantomime Trip



Year One to Four had a fabulous time at the **Pantomime** on Monday night. They watched Jack and the Beanstalk which was spectacular! A brilliant time was had by all.

Ashburnham website

Unfortunately, the school website has not been working this week but it is **now back up and running**. Thanks for bearing with us while the work was carried out on the site.

Reception's trip to the Science Museum



Reception class enjoyed a fun trip to the Science Museum this week. The children learnt about space, colour and light. They watched a fabulous bubble show and got to explore the space section of the museum. What a great day!

Stars of the week

Year Four – Abdouraman, Year Five – Grace, Year Three – Mohammed A, Year Two – Tawsiful, Year One – Stephen, Reception – Jayden, Year Six – Utman, Mrs Dormer – Breannah, Ms Chu – Ahmad, Ms Webster – Skye, Mr Garcia - Adnan