



View of the play structure from the treehouse



The children getting into the swing of it



Workshops this week with the Made From Scratch team



Children building structures and signs for the playground

Monday	W11 opera company working with Y5
Tuesday	Y5 Thames field trip
Wednesday	School tour 9.30am Y3 cinema trip
Thursday	Y6 Maths competition Girls' CFC football tournament Bake Off: 3.30pm (see info overleaf)
Friday	Parent Gym 9am School ends 2.15pm

Playground Opening Ceremony

We held a small opening ceremony for the new playground this afternoon as an opportunity to show the school's gratitude to The Bryan Adams Foundation and the other donors to the project, and to all the people who devoted time and effort to bringing the amazing playground to completion. The children gave speeches, sang, and read poetry before the ribbon was cut.

Halloween

The school was creeping and crawling with horrifying ghouls on Tuesday. Several staff had to be calmed with quiet music and camomile tea as a result. Money raised goes to support the school to provide learning and play resources.

Parent Governor position deadline

Please note that the deadline for applications is today at 4pm. Please let the office know if you wish to stand.

Parents questionnaire feedback

Thanks to all parents and carers who took time to complete the questionnaire. Sample results below showing the percentage responding Strongly Agree or Agree:

My child is happy and likes attending Ashburnham: 98.7% (the rest: No Strong Feeling) +1.2%

I am happy with the teaching and learning at Ashburnham: 98.7% (the rest: No Strong Feeling) +1.2%

My child is well cared for and feels safe at Ashburnham: 94.9% (the rest: No Strong Feeling) -0.9%

Behaviour is well managed at Ashburnham: 88.5% (the rest: No Strong Feeling) n/a

You also asked for more school trips and more home learning. The other comments were very positive, for example:

Myself and my child are very happy with the school and the leadership. Thank you for making school experience so positive for us. Keep doing what you are doing!

Thank you for your time- we will work on your feedback.

Bonfire Night

Please remember the guidelines for staying safe on November 5th. It is obviously a fun occasion, but we need to take especial care of little'uns and pets. There is plenty of advice online, for example:

<http://www.twfire.gov.uk/community-safety/prevention/campaigns/previous-campaigns/fireworks/advice/>

School tours

If you know of anyone who has a child interested in a place at Ashburnham, we hold regular short tours of the school with our very professional Y6 Ambassadors. There is one at 9.30am on November 8th.

Staff Training: Lots!

Risk-benefit analysis and playspace usage from Made From Scratch, pedagogy in writing from Ms Smith, transport strategy and playground equipment usage from Mr Garcia, sensory processing awareness from Tanya Barney, Maths feedback from Mr East, obesity awareness from MEND.

Education News: Emotional intelligence: why it matters and how to teach it

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2017/nov/03/emotional-intelligence-why-it-matters-and-how-to-teach-it>



 **The Great Ash Bake Off is back!** 

We are calling all Ashburnham home bakers to take part in the most highly anticipated event of the year! Who will put their baking skills to the test and battle it out to be crowned 'Best Ashburnham Baker'? The first, second and third place winners will be announced during our whole school assembly. All winners will receive a certificate to flaunt their baking skills so get your baking hats on and bring your best home-made cake on Thursday 9th of November 2017 for the bake off!

Our highly-esteemed panel of judges will be on hand to taste and judge your home-made delicacies but you can also buy a piece of cake at the end of the school day and judge for yourself! All proceeds will be used towards the school fund.

If you are unable to bake something at home, we would still really appreciate any shop-bought contributions to sell at the end of the school day. Thank you!

Please remember that we are a nut-free school and please list any potential allergens that you include in your cake.

Ashburnham Community School...on your marks, get set, bake!

Kind regards,
Miss Saab and Miss Formosa

