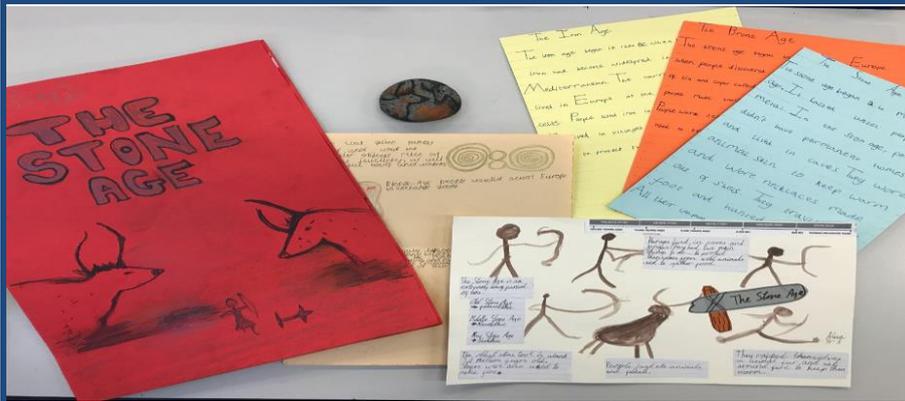


Quote of the week: “Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are great because of their passion.” – **Martha Graham** (*not sure this would apply to the Winter Disco...*)



Amazing Y3 Homelearning on the Stone Age



Striking a pose at the photo booth



Dedicated Y6 staff at the Disco



DJ Dan knows how to hype the crowd

Monday	
Tuesday	School tour 9.30am EYFS + KS1 PRODUCTION at 2.30pm for parents only.
Wednesday	
Thursday	1.45 - 2.20pm Violin Concert for Years 2 - 6 1.30 - 5.45pm School choir trip to Nutcracker
Friday	KS2 PRODUCTION at 2.30 for parents only - KS1 TO STAY UNTIL 3.30pm . School ends 3.30pm

Winter Productions- check carefully

The children have been rehearsing like crazy this week to bring two fantastic productions. Please note the timings for parents and carers to attend. On Friday all pupils to stay 'til 3.30pm (instead of the optional 2.15pm finish).

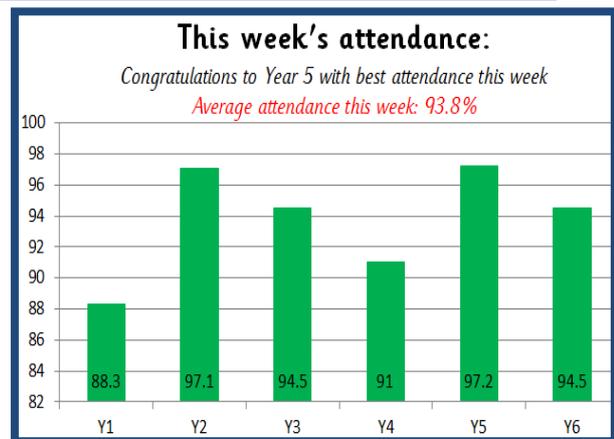
Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2: **Tuesday 2.30pm** start
Y3,4,5,6,: **Friday 2.30pm** start

Winter Disco- Great Success

Many thanks to everyone who made Wednesday's Disco a huge success, in particular Mr East. DJ Dan (*not Mr Brown*) brought the party, as ever; security on the door was tight but polite; children glammed up and staff threw some interesting shapes (Mr Tuit!); faces were painted, jewellery made, healthy refreshments served, photo shoots shot, and a great time was had by all. Thanks too to our volunteer parents for giving up their time on the day. Money raised goes to cover event costs and to help buy the school Christmas tree.

Term-time holidays- not authorised

Can I remind all families that term time holidays are not authorised. The disruption caused to the pupil, the rest of the class, the teaching staff, and to the school's attendance records is very serious. I am very aware the prices for airfares is much cheaper off-peak, however this is not a good enough reason to withdraw your child from education. Learning continues right to the end of term, and includes assessments which are vital to helping the children make the progress they deserve. We have 13 weeks of legitimate



holiday a year, if you take a holiday outside of this time, the local authority will pursue a Penalty Notice. This will equate to £60 per child, per parent. So for a family of three children, this could cost the family £360. The local authority also has the power to prosecute repeat offenders for neglect which can result in a fine of £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months.

Fundamentally, the school wants the very best outcomes for all pupils, and there is a direct negative connection between low attendance and low attainment.

Maths Challenge- well done Alicia, Ayub, Isaac and Melena

Well done to our intrepid maths whizzes who worked together brilliantly in the second round, coming top of the Fulham & Wandsworth region. The stiff competition nationally means that they end their campaign at this stage, but they garnered special praise for their teamwork, attitude and dynamic working. *Explore Learning* came to assembly to award them their medals and certificates.

Winter Feast- special school lunch- Monday 18th December

If your child doesn't usually have school meals, but would like to on this occasion, please contact the office. Halal, veggie and vegan options are of course part of the meal. And paper crowns all round.

Support for Parents and Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and whilst it is a great opportunity for many people to catch up with loved ones, we know for some it can be a really difficult time and some of you may find some support helpful. Therefore, I would like to remind you that at Ashburnham we have **Jacqui Drake** who is able to offer a wider range of support to the children and families at our school. She has worked at Ashburnham and two other local primary schools for over 13 years, and is a trained social worker.

Jacqui is based at Ashburnham on a Monday and Tuesday. However, if she is not available a message can be left for her at the school office. Alternatively, she can be contacted on 07967 347863 or via email at Jacqui.drake@parkwalk.rbkc.sch.uk anytime during the working week.

Flashpoint Closing Days

Please note that Flashpoint is closed on Tuesday 12th December, and that it will close early on Friday 15th December (5pm). However, Flashpoint is opening early on the final day of school, Wednesday 20th December (from 2pm)

Easyfundraising – support our school every time you shop online

We are signed up for Easyfundraising- help the school everytime you use certain shopping sites. It won't cost you a penny, and will make a great difference to the school. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashburnhamcommunityschool-worldsend/>

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 December 12th.

Staff Training:

This week staff worked on moderating writing.

Education News: All that glitters is not gold- Nursery bans glitter for Christmas crafts over environmental concerns

Ashburnham follows Eco advice on glitter. <http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/glitter-ban-nursery-christmas-crafts-environment-microplastics-cheryl-hadland-tops-day-south-england-a8058701.html>



Stars of the week- Well Done!

Yr Rec: Khaled; Yr1: **Angelyn**; Yr2: **Ghalia**; Yr3: **Taylor**; Yr4: **Omar**; Yr5 **Djene**; Yr6: **Zahir**;

Ms Bell + Mrs Dormer's manners award: Yousif (Y5); Mr East's Maths Award: Ava (YRec);

Mr Tuitt's Playground Award: Tasnim (Y6); Mr Brown's Speakers of the Week: D'Angelo and Lily