

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Resilience

March 17th 2023

Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our **whole school attendance was 91%**.

Well done to **Chestnut class** for getting the highest attendance this week!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m, ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

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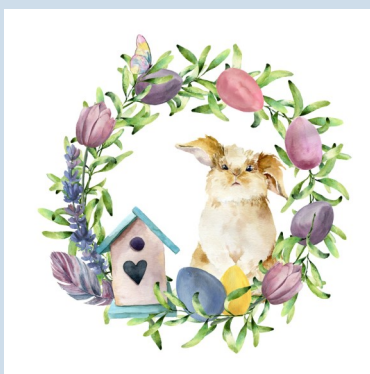
Thank you.

Oak	96.1%
Chestnut	99.1%
Beech	72.8%
Sycamore	92.7%
Willow	96.6%

Easter Raffle

Squares will be on sale from Monday 20th March for £1 a square, we have some fantastic prizes up for grabs! Please send the money in to school in a named envelope from Monday.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30th March.



Out of school achievements

Alfie Pritchard - Alfie's parents have sent in some sporting news we wanted to share.

"Alfie ran in the county cross country championships at Newent Community School representing the FOD. He did really well despite being unwell. He came 7th out of 80 children from across the county and 2nd out of the 'FOD team'. He has qualified for the last round, to represent Gloucestershire at National finals".

Well done Alfie what an amazing achievement!

The Great British Spring Clean

The children will be having an assembly on Monday from a representative from The Great British Spring Clean.

We would to encourage everyone to pick up any litter you may see around the school or the surrounding area and bin it. We try our best to keep the school site as clean and as litter free as possible, but as the poster says, no one is too small to make a big difference.



**PLEDGE TO PICK A BAG OF LITTER FOR
THE GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN 2023!**

Curriculum

D&T—Chestnut class have been busy in Design and Technology. They have been learning about how vehicles move.

We have looked at the different parts of vehicles and labelled wheels, axles and axle holders.

The design criteria was to make a moving bus to retell the story 'The Naughty Bus'. The children were given a design criteria to support them with planning their models.

We had great fun making our buses!



Curriculum

Science - Sycamore class made their own volcanoes on Wednesday 15th March. It was great to be able to bring some Science into our Geography lesson as part of British Science Week. We made our volcanoes using vinegar, washing up liquid, red dye and finally bicarbonate of soda to set off our eruptions. We observed the magma coming from the magma chamber spilling out over our volcanoes as lava.





Each week classes look at a 'Weekly Picture News' story. Let's have a look at this week's story...

Should Roald Dahl's books be changed for modern times?



This week's story looks at events related to

Let's look at this week's story

Book publisher, Puffin, has announced that stories by the famous children's author Roald Dahl are going to be changed, making them more suitable for modern times. Roald Dahl is famous for his books, including Matilda, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, and The BFG. The changes include taking out unkind descriptions of characters' appearance such as 'fat' and 'ugly'. Some people disagree with changes, including the UK Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak and the Queen Consort, Camilla.

mad-crazy

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



Reflection

As time moves forward, opinions and thoughts often evolve and change. There may be times when we want words or opinions to change to reflect this, but there may also be times that we can use the past and the words in it as opportunities to learn.



Rule of Law

As we move into the future, things develop, change and modernise. Rules and laws will sometimes need to be updated because of this.



UN Rights of a Child

Parents or guardians are the main people responsible for bringing up a child. They should always consider what is best for us. This may involve deciding which books are suitable for us to read.



Protected Characteristics

Roald Dahl was born in 1916. He based many of his stories and characters on his real life experiences. People of different ages are likely to have different life experiences but we should never be treated unfairly because of our age or the age group we are in.



Useful vocabulary

Attributed

Represented as described in letter or more beautiful than in reality.
It is important that words of fiction are presented and not attributed.

Evaluate

To bring gradually to one's notice, to assess, and therefore often make a change.

Inclusive

To include many different types of people and not just one type and usually.
The school will be inclusive which will allow a group working towards better and more inclusive writing in children's books.

Revised

Made something more modern or it refers to present times.
In their updating of them, did you feel that it should be changed or modernised?

Review

A formal assessment of something in order to make changes, if necessary.
The changes are happening following a review to the book with Mrs. Gungah and the publisher, Puffin.

Updated

Made something more modern or suitable for use.
Can you think of any examples of other things that have been updated or changed over time?



Science Day!

Here are some pictures from last Friday when all of the children dressed up as Scientists for the day. They all looked amazing!

The children took part in various different Scientific activities throughout the day as well as some exciting experiments with Mrs Aston (Science lead) in the hall.



Year 2

British Science Week

In the morning year 2 celebrated this year's theme by making connections in food chains. The children created food chains using pictures, they discussed how the energy is transferred and the new vocabulary including prey, predator, producer and consumer. They then used a ball of string and played a game showing the intertwined connections between animals and their habitat.



Diary Dates

MARCH

- Thursday 16th March - Gymnastics - Y4
- Friday 17th March - Rags2riches collection
- Mother's day raffle being drawn
- Red Nose day - wear a red accessory, donations welcome
- Monday 20th March - Easter raffle tickets on sale - £1 a square
- Thursday 23rd March - Gymnastics - Y4
- Tuesday 28th March - Swimming Y3/4
- Thursday 30th March - Easter raffle being drawn

APRIL

- Monday 3rd April - **HALF TERM**
- Monday 17th April - First day back