

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

June 17th 2022



## Queen Elizabeth—A Platinum Jubilee Celebration

All children have been given a book from the DfE to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee .

The book has been gifted to all children in state-funded primary school across the United Kingdom, 'Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration' takes children on a journey through Her Majesty The Queen's life, with chapters on her family and friends, achievements, work with charities, Jubilee celebrations and finally on Commonwealth innovations that have changed the world over the last century.

We hope the children enjoy reading their books, what a lovely keepsake!



## Congratulations to Mrs Charles and Mrs Rowley

We are delighted to let you know that two of our teaching assistants/family support workers; Mrs Charles and Mrs Rowley have just received their ELSA training certificates! They have been working very hard over the last few years towards this accreditation. ELSA stands for Emotional, Literacy Support Assistants.

An ELSA is a warm and caring person who wants to help a child feel happy in school and to reach their potential educationally. Their aim is to build a child's emotional development and help them cope with life's challenges. An ELSA will help a child find a solution to any problem they may have.

ELSAs can help with:

- Loss and bereavement
- Emotional Literacy
- Self esteem
- Social Skills
- Friendship issues
- Relationships
- Managing Stonf feelings
- Anxiety
- Bullying
- Conflict
- Emotional regulation
- Growth mindset
- Social stories
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If you think your child would benefit from talking to an ELSA please contact Mrs Rowley or Mrs Charles.



## Year 1 - English

Year 1 have started studying a new book in their English lessons called 'Sea Saw'. We made predictions using the front cover of the book. As part of their homework, Year 1 have been talking to their family members about toys which have been 'passed down' through their family. The children were able to discuss their bears and we had a great discussion about how old some of the bears are and how they were made.



## Sport at Ellwood

Over the last few weeks, I have been monitoring PE throughout the school. The children have been reflecting on sporting events they have enjoyed and skills they have learnt this year. We believe in developing every child holistically and these opportunities build important life skills: resilience, team work, well being and physical development. The children have been very lucky to have opportunities to develop these skills this year and staff have worked hard to plan and organise them. We have been fortunate that we have been able to provide a variety of sports delivered by professional coaches: yoga, dance, biking, gymnastics, archery, cricket, kurling, mountain biking and swimming. This is on top of our standard PE curriculum.

The vast majority of year 6 children are able to swim, which is our aim by the time they leave Primary School. We have also been placed in local inter schools' competitions. The children have also had the opportunity to try new sports which they may not have had chance to try in the local community. The children have also suggested sports they would like to try and we will look at these in preparation for next year to see if they can be planned in to our curriculum, if at all possible.

It has been particularly wonderful to see how much the children have enjoyed their biking lessons over the last couple of terms. The biking team 'Follow my Lead' have been really impressed with how the children have developed their biking skills. In particular, Oak class where the vast majority of children are now able to pedal a bike independently without stabilisers! This is a fantastic achievement for such young children. Thank you for the lovely comments, pictures and videos which have been shared through Tapestry.



Thank you  
Miss Hek



### Raffle prizes needed

We are in need of some adult raffle prizes for our Summer Raffle. If anyone has anything they would like to donate please bring into school by Monday 4th July.



Thanks!

### Phone calls during school hours

You are of course welcome to ring school at any time during the day, but please be advised that if you call during teaching hours you will need to leave a message with the office staff and the relevant teacher or member of staff will call you back when it is convenient as they are needed in class.

Thank you!

### Biking - Year 5 and Year 6 (Friday 24th June)

Unfortunately, we have been informed by 'Follow my Lead' that there will be no biking next Friday June 24th, due to staff training. Sessions will resume the following week.

Thanks

### Polite Reminder

Could we remind parents about the use of social media and group chats/messaging in relation to school matters.

It can be harmful and upsetting to discuss incidents that have happened in school and discuss other children and parents / carers. This could potentially lead to police involvement by other parents reporting it. Any incidents which occur in school are dealt with as appropriate. Please bare in mind that sometimes the information being shared is not accurate, true and can be taken out of context.

Please remember .....before you speak and type.....

THINK

Is it True

Is it Helpful

Is it Inspiring

Is it Necessary

Is it Kind

