

# Ellwood School News

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Hello everyone! I hope you've all had a great week. It's so fortunate that we are having such lovely weather and can get outside when possible and try and make the most of it.

If you have any worries or concerns about anything or feel you are not coping, please let us know as we can support you. If we aren't able to, we can find other professionals and organisations to help. We hope you are managing financially and are able to access food and other essentials. If you are not able to afford food, don't be embarrassed to let us know, as we can help you.

We hope your child has been able to access the learning platform. If you are having any problems with the platform, please get in touch by emailing your teacher on the class email provided. Thank you for your support with this. It is a brand new platform and this is the first time it has been used for schools, it was developed in partnership with Calibrae and ourselves, we are continuing to develop it as we go and learning ways to improve it. We are still working on the messaging feature and the comments feature, we are hoping this should be fully working by the end of the week.

Thank you for your support, you are all doing a great job!



## Free School Meals

All children entitled to free schools meals (not universal infants free schools meals) can be provided with food vouchers from the government. This is a great opportunity and it is worth redeeming them. We know some of our parents have already accessed them and we have set them up again until the end of May. If you haven't accessed them yet and would like to, please email [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk). As mentioned above, this is only if your child usually qualifies for free school meals not universal free school meals.



## Easter Challenge/Art Comp

Thanks to the children that entered the Easter Competitions, all of the entries were amazing and it was so lovely to see the children's Art work!

The winners were as follows:

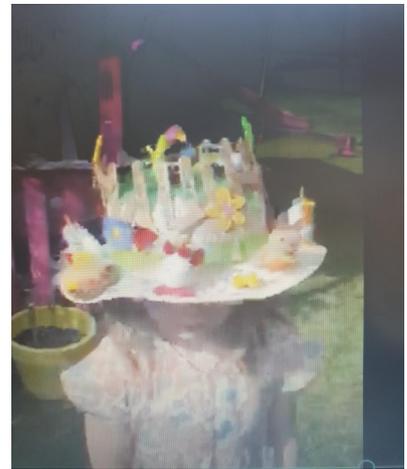
Oak - Ellis Batcock & James Hayward, Chestnut - Maisie Sayce, Zach Winman and Darcie Childs  
Sycamore - Ryan Winman, Leo Childs and Hannah Wright  
You should have all received your certificates and your prizes are on their way.



Ellis Batcock



James Hayward



Maisie Sayce



Zach Winman



Ryan Winman



Hannah Wright



Leo and Darcie Childs

### **Government Announcement**

The government announced this week about the possibility of a minority of pupils receiving a laptop if they met a certain criteria, for example; vulnerable and older children sitting exams . We have had no formal communication about this yet from the Government, DFE or the Local Authority.

When we receive more information, the exact criteria, the process and if it applies to our pupils, we will let you know. It sounds a great idea but we are not 100% sure at this stage if it will be relevant to some of our pupils. Be assured if it is relevant, we won't miss this opportunity for our pupils.

### **Returning to school**

We haven't been given any dates for a return to school but we will keep you updated as and when we have any information regarding this.

We don't usually hear things until it is announced in the government's daily briefing .

### **Class Emails**

The email is to be used in a professional capacity to ask questions about the children's work or for parents to share examples of the work the children have completed. It is also a good opportunity for you and your child to stay connected with the teacher and the school. You can also let us know if you are having any other difficulties such as financial, mental health or any other worries that you may have, as we may be able to sign post you or your family member to other professionals for support. We are here to help in any way we can.

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### **Phone calls home**

The teachers have really valued keeping in touch with parents and children over the phone. Thank you so much for taking the time to speak to them!



### **Garden Slabs**

Does anyone have any spare garden slabs that we could use to make a path in our school garden? Old slabs but in a usable condition?

If so please email [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Paper/Exercise Books**

Please email your class email address if you need any more paper or exercise books, we can arrange for them to be collected by you. Thanks!

### **Easter Challenge/Reading Challenge**

If your child took part in either the Easter challenge or reading challenge, please confirm this via email to your class email address.

Thanks!



## School Garden

Mrs Rees has been working hard in the school garden, she has made some brilliant progress. Below you can see Gardening Club's sweet peas, mangetout and broad beans, the herb garden has been moved, we have a beautiful archway purchased with the Bream Show prize money, she has cleared an area ready for the spiritual area that we are going to use the children's ideas for. We are also hoping to put a path in using some recycled patio slabs on the photo below. We think you'll all agree it looks wonderful!



Before and after!



## Message to the children

Hopefully most of you saw our message to the children on Facebook in the week, if not, here it is below!



We miss you all, stay safe!

