

Ellwood School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half of the Summer Term. The time seems to be flying by this year. It won't be long before the summer holidays are upon us. We hope the weather improves soon, particularly after the past few weeks of rain.

The children have had some wonderful opportunities this term and they have settled back in to the swing of things. They are working hard and are making steady progress. We have some fun activities planned for next term and we hope the term continues to go smoothly.

Thank you for all your support. We hope that the COVID situation remains calm and that restrictions can continue to ease. We are still being cautious in school as we really don't want to have to close any bubbles, as the children would struggle with the changes again. Fingers crossed that things continue to improve locally and nationally.

We hope you have a good half term and we look forward to seeing the children in on Tuesday 8th June.

Skipathon

We are so delighted to let you know that the Skipathon has raised £2048.70— such an amazing amount of money, we can't believe it!

After consultation with the children and the school council it was decided that the school would donate a proportion of money to the Dean Farm Trust in Chepstow, which will be such a great help to them and enable them to carry on their work with rescued animals. Some of the money raised has been put towards the workshop, prizes and skipping ropes. The remaining money combined with the money raised for the Easter Raffle will pay for a school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Monday 19th July (more information will sent home shortly).

As well as raising such an amazing amount of money the children have had great fun skipping this week, practising their skipping skills and tricks. Each child has been given a skipping rope to take home and an ice-cream/ice lolly to celebrate the end of the Skipathon. Some children have won some great prizes, for the most amount of sponsors, the most amount of money raised and most effort shown.

Well done to Miss Carruthers and Mrs Genner-Morris and the staff who helped organise and run the event, children for practising and to parents/carers, friends and families for supporting the event.

What a lovely way to end this half term - thank you!

Concert Pianist Visit

We were very fortunate to have had the concert pianist Clare Hammond visit our school on Wednesday. Clare Hammond is a British concert pianist, who in 2016, was awarded the Royal Philharmonic Society's Young Artist award.

She performed a recital for the KS1 and KS2 children in their classrooms. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and for some children this was the first time they had heard a live classical piano recital. What a treat!

Chestnut Class



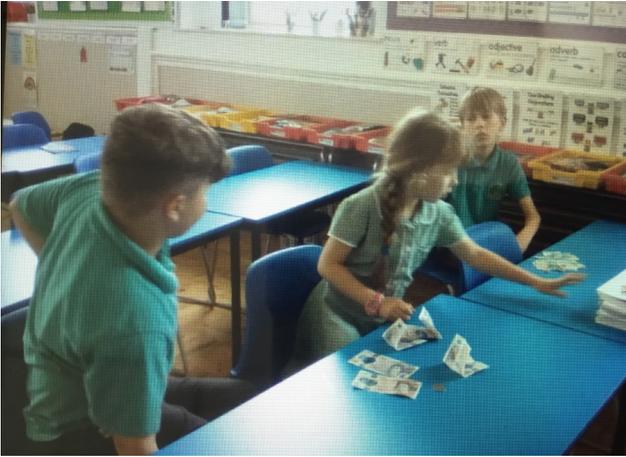
Sycamore Class

Willow Class



School Council

The School Council have been busy behind the scenes to help organise the Skipathon. They have worked hard to help organise a rope for each child, skipping workshops and choose a charity to raise money for. Yesterday, the Treasurer and Chair helped to count the sponsor money. Well done School Council!



School Council starting the Skipathon



Oak Class — Skipping Workshop

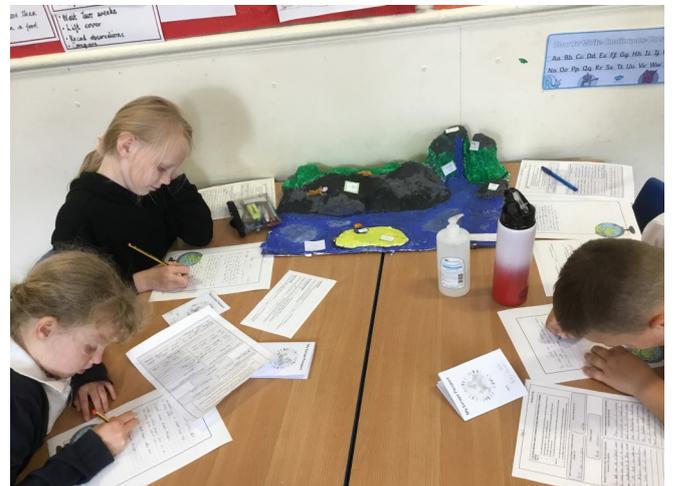


Chestnut Class—Skipping



Sycamore Class

Sycamore have been busy making Modroc models to demonstrate the physical and human features of a certain landscape in Europe. They have written reports on their models to showcase everything they have learnt so far including discussing the climate zones and human use of physical features.



Forest School – Beech Class

Dear Parent/Carer,

Beech Class are being given the opportunity to have 6 sessions of Forest School starting on Thursday 10th June. The aim of the sessions is to raise self-esteem, resilience, mental health, team work and physical activity. Alongside these attributes we will cover some aspects of the wider curriculum and have some fun!

You will need to DRESS YOUR CHILD in suitable clothes:

LONG SLEEVED top

LONG trousers to protect from scratches etc. **NO SHORTS** however hot.

Optional sun hat

Sturdy shoes or wellies. Please have a change of shoes in case it's muddy

Waterproof coat

Please come to school in your forest clothes and bring shoes/wellies and waterproofs in a bag.

It is important that the children wear suitable clothes as we will be going in all weathers apart from stormy winds. They will be active and potentially climbing trees so long sleeves are important to protect from sun and scratches.

Due to COVID we will remain onsite. If circumstances change I will ask for volunteers to go off site at a later time.

If you would like to know more about Forest School go to <https://www.forestschoollassociation.org>

Or email me on g.rees@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Kind Regards Mrs Rees.

Breakfast

Can you please ensure your child has breakfast before coming to school, such as toast, cereal, porridge, fruit or yoghurt. Something that fills them up and keeps them going until snack time and lunchtime. A number of children have said they are hungry. If they are feeling hungry, it can impact on their learning and we want to ensure children are eating adequately and ready to learn. You can send a healthy snack in with your child but we do offer fruit for the infants.



Plant Sale

After half term Mrs Rees will be holding a plant sale to raise funds for the school garden. If you or your family have any spare or unwanted plants, please could you leave them inside the front gate, after half term. A table will be set up in the front yard with plants for sale and an honesty jar for money.

Please come along and take a look.



Chestnut Class – Forest School Photos

Chestnut Class Forest Adventure photos are now available to view on the school's website in the Forest Adventure section. Please take a look.

After School Clubs

After half term we will be offering the following after school clubs. A letter has been emailed home to the relevant year groups with further details and a link to sign up to the club.

Cricket Club (Year 6) - Tuesday 8th June—Tuesday 13th July

Tag Rugby Club (Sycamore Class) - Wednesday 9th June—Wednesday 14th July

If your child is taking part in one of these clubs they should come to school wearing their PE kit. Please be reminded that clubs finish at 4 p.m.

Year 6 and Cuthbert the Caterpillar Cake

This half term the Year 6 children have been working on producing a balanced argument and formal writing. They decided to join the debate of Cuthbert the Caterpillar cake versus Collin the Caterpillar cake, which has been in the press lately.

The children wrote a letter to Aldi regarding this and today received a letter back and some gift vouchers which is a great response and the children were delighted. These will be used to purchase a treat for children at the end of term.

Diary Dates

JUNE

- Monday 7th June - **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 8th June - Cricket Club starts for Year 6
- Wednesday 9th June - Tag Rugby Club starts for Sycamore Class
- Thursday 10th June - Height and Weight (Reception Class)

JULY

- Wednesday 7th July - Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Competition
- Thursday 8th July - Y4 Kwik Cricket Competition
- Tuesday 13th July - Cattle Country Trip (R and Y1)
- Friday 16th July - Manor Adventure Residential (Y6)
- Monday 19th July
- Monday 19th July - Trip to Cotswold Safari Park (R-Y5)
(Separate letter to follow)
- Tuesday 20th July - **Last day of term for children
(Finish at 2 p.m.)**
- Wednesday 21st July - **INSET DAY (Staff only)**