

Ellwood School News



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World Book Day

Thank you to all the children coming to school dressed in their favourite character from a book - all the children looked great! Two winners were chosen from each class, for the best costume.

Oak class will be dressing up later this term as part of their 'Once upon a Time' topic as World Book day coincided with their Gymnastics day.

Chestnut Class Winners

- * Harry Bishop
- * Alesha May Ellis

Beech Class Winners

- * Kit Newland
- * Lilly Gomery

Sycamore Class -Winners

- * Oliver Donoghue
- * Bluebelle Lloyd

Willow Class - Winners

- * Bethan Rees
- * Gracie—Gem Davies



Just a reminder about payments

The school is in deficit with regards to trips and activity payments, through lack of voluntary contributions towards school trips and activities such as swimming and gymnastics. Any outstanding payments can be made via 'School Money'. If at any time you would like to arrange a payment scheme to make payments more manageable, please come and speak to Mrs Bishop in the office.

After April it is likely that all schools will have a much tighter budget. In the future it might be the case that we will have to ask whether parents are willing to contribute towards trips and activities. If there are not enough people willing to pay the voluntary contribution, we will unfortunately not be able to go ahead with the trip or event.

We are grateful to parents who continue to support and contribute towards the cost of trips/activities but we do seem to have an increasing amount of parents/carers who do not contribute.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Clearwell Caves and New Fancy Trip

The children in Chestnut and Beech classes had a great day out on Tuesday at Clearwell Caves and New Fancy. Thank you to Mrs Bishop for her informative talk and acting as a guide at Clearwell Caves. Thank you also to all the parents that came along to help out, it is much appreciated.

We were lucky with the weather and all the children were well behaved and a credit to the school.



Knex Challenge

Congratulations to Amber Edey and Nita Button who have been chosen to go through to the County Finals in April, at Millbrook Academy. Well done!

Healthy Breakfast

This year we will be holding our Healthy Breakfast on the 16th and 17th March in the morning before school.

Please see separate letter to book a place.



Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March

To fundraise for Red Nose Day this year we will be asking children to come to school wearing something red in exchange for a donation of 50p. We will also be holding a cake sale, any cake donations would be gratefully received on the day.

Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday 13th March, at a cost of £1 each.



Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to Mrs Currie for organising the Year 6 cake sale and to all those parents and carers who so kindly donated cakes. Thank you also to all those who bought cakes at the end of the day. The cake sale raised £96.90 which is fantastic!

Thank you.



SATs and Phonic Screening

Children and teachers are working very hard in the lead up to SATs, which are in May and the Phonic Screening for Year 1 in June.

We want to ensure that all children are fully prepared and reach their full potential, however we want to reassure the children, that as long as they try their best, that is all we ask for. We, as adults, know that this is a small event in their lives and we want to give them confidence to try and be resilient. We want them to know they all have amazing qualities and talents and this for some may not necessarily be in Reading, Writing and Maths. The Teachers and the children will keep working hard but we all want to ensure that we keep the tests in perspective. If you have any concerns or would like any further information about the tests, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parents In School

What a fantastic week and enjoyed by all! Thank you for all those who attended this week and we look forward to more parents visiting next week.

If you attended this week and did not receive a questionnaire, please request one in your child's link book.

Parent Consultations / Shared Conversation

If you have received a 'Shared Conversation' letter for your child, please return the reply slip to the class teacher. Remember if you attend this meeting, you do not have to attend a Parent Consultation meeting.

If you have not already arranged a Parent Consultation for your child/ren please return the slip as soon as possible to arrange a convenient time/date.

We expect all parents/carers to attend.

Netball Tournament

Well done to everyone who took part in the Netball Tournament on Thursday. The children all played brilliantly and had a really enjoyable time. Unfortunately we did not make it through to the next round.

Thank you to parents for helping with transport and Mrs Marshall for attending and organising the event.

Sending Money into School

When sending money into school, please ensure it is placed within a named sealed envelope. Thank you.

Year 6 Leaver Photos and Class Photos

The Year 6 Leavers photographs and Class photos will be taking place on Wednesday March 15th.

Lydney Tennis Club

Lydney Tennis Club are holding an Open Day on Sunday 5th March.

- Mini Tennis (Age 5-7) 1—2 p.m.
- Mini Tennis (Age 8-11) 2-3 p.m.
- Juniors (Age 12-16) and Adults 3-4 p.m.
- Cardio Tennis 5 -6 p.m.

For more information and to reserve your session on line, please visit
www.lydneytennisclub.net

Car Park

It has been brought to our attention by several concerned parents that some people are driving at some considerable speed in the car park and surrounding roads.

Please drive carefully and considerately whilst in the car park to ensure the safety of our children. Thank you.



Diary Dates 2017

March 2017

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| Thur 9th Mar | - | STEAM Museum Trip (Sycamore and Willow) |
| Fri 10th Mar | - | 'In the Net' Performance (Y4) |
| Mon 13th Mar | - | Red Noses on sale in school |
| Wed 15th Mar | - | Class Photos and Leavers Photos |
| Thur 16th Mar | - | Healthy Breakfast |
| Fri 17th Mar | - | Healthy Breakfast |
| Fri 24th Mar | - | Red Nose Day and Cake Sale |
| Sat 25th Mar | - | Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6) (More information will follow) |