

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Resilience**

**March 9th 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 96.5%**.

Well done to **Oak class** for getting the highest attendance again this week! Chestnut and Beech also just missed out on 100% so well done! Great news!

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

[admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	99.6%
Beech	99.1%
Sycamore	92.7%
Willow	92.7%

Please be reminded that **holidays** taken in term time will **not be authorised and are likely to incur a fixed penalty notice** from the Local Authority. This penalty (fine) is for both parents (with parental responsibility for the child/ren –whether living together or not) or carers / other adults in the same household, who have responsibility for the child/ren.

## Parents in school week

Thank you to those parents that have been in school this week for "parents in school" week.

We have loved having you in (and so have the children!) The feedback we have had so far has been really positive. Please remember to return any feedback forms as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing some more parents next week!

## Out of school opportunities — Coleford Library

Coleford library are looking for around 4-6 children from years 4 to 6 to take part in the below. If you think your child may be interested please contact them!

- \* Codeclub - being run by Year 9's from Five Acres High School
  - \* This is being run by 4 , year 9 Duke of Edinburgh.
- \* Looking at doing a 6week course , we will be looking to test them at the beginning to see what they know and then at the end to see what they have learned.
  - \* The volunteers are putting together a 6 week plan.
- \* Dates 22 March, 29 March,19 April, 25 April, 03 May, 10 May.
  - \* Timing 345 - 445 pm
  - \* At Coleford Library
  - \* Code is Scratch.
- \* Looking for between between 4-6 people.



## GET TOGETHER!!

**REFRESHMENTS**

**COFFEE & CAKE**

**SOCIALISING**

**THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**MITCHELDEAN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
5 OLD DEAN RD  
MITCHELDEAN  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
GL17 0BQ**

**RSVP**

**CHLOE@HOMESTARTNWGLOS.ORG.UK OR 07584 472025**

## Year 4 news

### Gymnastics

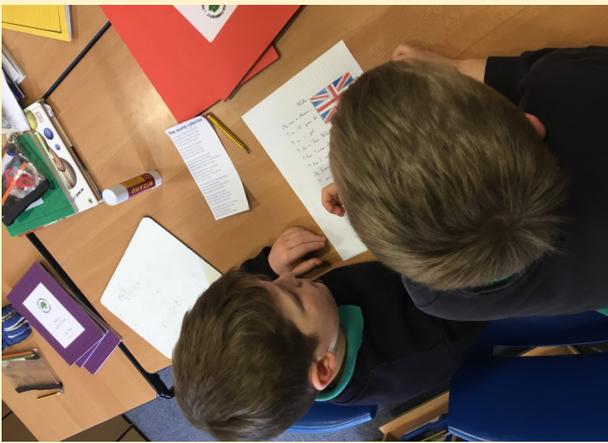
Year 4 enjoyed their first session of gymnastics. They were incredibly **respectful** and showcased our school brilliantly. Miss Briggs was very impressed with everything they could achieve in their first session and we look forward to our sessions over the coming term.

### French Letters - cultural links

On Tuesday, Sycamore read their first letters from their French pen pals, who attend Ecole Henry Simon School, in the town of St Hilaire de Riez in France. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading through and learning all about life in France. Eagerly, they are writing their own replies to send back. We are hoping the French children will be able to visit England and meet us. They had a trip arranged to spend time with us a few years ago but unfortunately it was cancelled due to COVID. We hope we can rekindle our links and meet up with them soon!

### World Book Day

Despite a busy day of gymnastics and Forest Adventures, Year 4 still made a brilliant effort dressing up as memorable book characters.



## Personal development:

Netball: Here are some snaps below of our recent netball tournament we took part in. Unfortunately this time around we didn't make the final but the team put in a good performance, well done everyone. It was good fun and helped us to build our **resilience!**





## TTRS half term competition

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the competition.

Year 4 have managed to maintain their reign as times tables champions! With year 3 coming in second and year 5 coming in third.

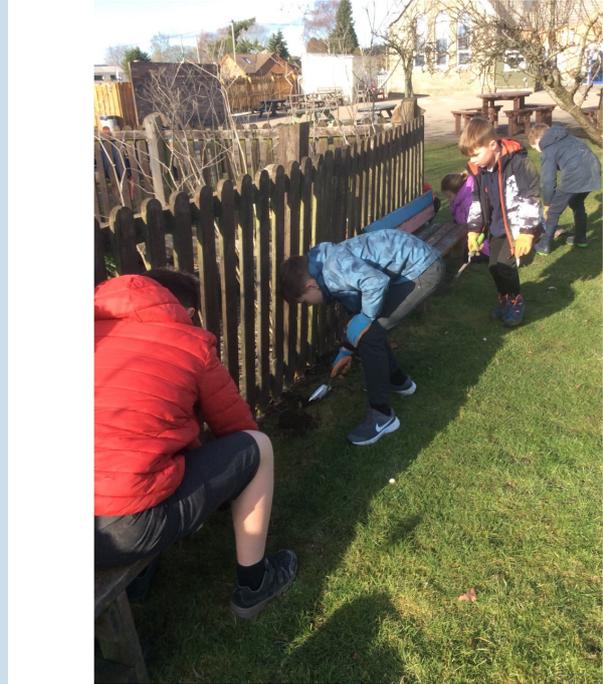


Most valuable players were; 1<sup>st</sup> Libby (year 3), 2<sup>nd</sup> Aimie (year 4) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Abbie-Grace (year 5).



## Extra Curricular Activity

Gardening club: Gardening club have planted Mrs Marshall's tree in the school garden. We will share updates as it grows! They have also planted some more snowdrops ready for next year. This will be a special place for the children to enjoy some quiet time.



## Out of school achievements

### ACU British Youth Trials Championship 2023

On the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of March I competed in the British Youth Motorcycle trials championship. Round 1 took place in Wales at Non Stop Trials. This is my first year competing at National level.

Saturday

My class is Youth C which is 10 to 13 years old on 80cc motorbikes. There were 22 riders in my class. We each had to complete 3 laps of 10 observed sections. The aim of trials is to complete sections without putting your feet down.

On Saturday I finished 15<sup>th</sup> and scored my first British championship points.

This is a picture from Saturday on section 8.



## Out of school achievements continued....

How amazing - well done Zac!

Sunday we had to do it all again, this time I was able to finish 14<sup>th</sup> scoring more British championship points.

Below is a picture from Sunday on section 9



The next round is in April and will be held in Yorkshire.

Zac

## Year 6 - Mother's Day Raffle

The Year 6 parents are planning a Mother's Day Raffle to raise funds for the year 6 leavers celebration. The tickets will go on sale this Thursday (9th of March) after school. They are £1 per strip.

If you would like to donate any prizes for the raffle, please send them in to the school office by Thursday morning at 9 am. There are some lovely prizes up for grabs! These include a Mother's Day Hamper and some smaller

Mother's Day themed prizes.

## World Book Day

A photo of the whole school on "World Book Day". Everyone is looking amazing!



Year 2 enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters for World Book Day. We took part in lots of book-themed activities throughout the day, including a book scavenger hunt.



## World Book Day art competition winners

We are so pleased to announce the winners of the art competition that took place for World Book Day!

The winners of each year group are:



Elizah (Reception)



Myles (Year 1)



Phoebe (Year 2)



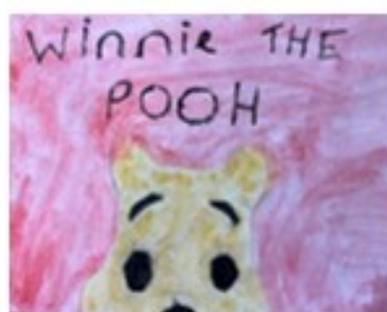
James (Year 3)



Drew (Year 4)



Corbyn (Year 5)



Remy (Year 6)

We received over 40 entries! All entries were excellent and included so many different materials, skills and techniques! A lot of effort has been put in. Well done to all of the children who took part in the competition and congratulations to the competition winners!

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support.

## Winners of the World Book Day art competition

Well done everyone what fabulous entries we had. Thank you to Miss Comley for organising it. Thank you children for taking the time to take part! We are very proud of you. Well done to our winners pictured below.



## *Diary Dates*

### **MARCH**

- Thursday 9th March - Gymnastics - Y4  
- Mothers' day raffle tickets go on sale by Year 6 after school
- Friday 10th March - Science day - **Dress up** as a Scientist
- Tuesday 14th March - Swimming - Y3/4
- Thursday 16th March - Gymnastics - Y4
- Friday 17th March - Rags2riches collection  
- Mother's day raffle will be drawn  
- Red nose day - wear a red accessory
- Monday 20th March - Easter raffle tickets on sale
- Thursday 23rd March - Gymnastics - Y4
- Tuesday 28th March - Swimming Y3/4
- Friday 31st March - Easter celebration assemblies Years R, 1, 2 & 3 2:00—2:30pm Y4, 5 & 6 2:30—3:00pm

### **APRIL**

- Monday 3rd April - HALF TERM