

Ellwood School News



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on our website.

Gloucestershire Active Schools Award

Yesterday Mrs Milford, Mrs Marshall and Miss Abbott, darted off after school to attend an awards ceremony at Cheltenham Town Hall, where they met up with Mr Phelps. The award ceremony was hosted by Gloucestershire Active Schools. Ellwood School had been short listed out of over 100 schools for the 'Engagement of all Young People in Physical Activity' award. It was an incredibly close run competition and we were a finalist in this category. The reason we were nominated for this award was due to our success in providing pupils with an amazing amount and range of sporting provision, sporting opportunities and physical activities in school. This has been achieved through taking part in competitions, participating in the daily mile and offering a variety of active after school clubs.

Thank you to Mr Phelps for submitting the application.



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Good Start

We have had a great start to the new term with all the children settled and working hard. Thank you for all your support, ensuring children are prepared and ready for school.

Beech Class - Forest Adventure

Beech Class will be having Forest School on Thursday afternoons starting on Thursday 20th September. A letter has been sent home to parents in Beech Class outlining the clothing required for Forest School and also requesting help from parent volunteers.

If you think you may be able to help out, please let us know.

Thank you.

Cycling Proficiency

Next week Year 6 children will be undertaking their Bikeability cycle training. This is a great opportunity for children to learn to ride their bike safely on today's busy roads, this is a skill that could save their lives. We encourage all children to participate. If you do not have a bike, please let us know and we might be able to borrow one from another family for you. Good luck to all those taking part. Have fun and stay safe.



Helpers/Volunteers

We are always grateful for any volunteers in school, to support the pupils for things such as; reading, supporting groups, help with supervision, art and DT work, trips and other practical tasks such as displays, mounting work, sorting books etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please ask your child's class teacher or at the office.

Thank you.

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Chestnut - Arlen Davies
Beech - Oscar Johnson
Sycamore - Noah Giles
Willow - Tia Edey



Well done!

Achievement Assembly Awards

This week's individual achievement awards were given to the following pupils:



Chestnut Class - Tyler Baker and Tianna Williams
Beech Class - Millie Hancock and Ben Temblett
Sycamore Class - Aiden Beard and Alexa Hampson
Willow Class - Kiyan Aston and Freya Breese

Well done!

Important Message

Consent Forms/Permission Slips

Consent forms and permission slips will no longer be needed and will not be sent home for activities and trips that occur during the school day and that are part of the school curriculum.

Permission forms will only be sent home for adventurous activities for example; climbing wall, water activities or for trips that extend beyond the school day or are residential.

Governor Blog

The Governors would like to welcome the new teachers to school and look forward to working alongside them.

We are so proud of the really good Ofsted outcome and would like to thank all the staff and parents/carers for all their support.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Peart (Oak Class Teacher) as our new teacher governor.

There is an opening for a new parent governor. We will be sending out information next week regarding the role and how to apply.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mrs H Cornock (Chair of Governors)

Dinner Debts

If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear it immediately. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a dinner for children whose dinner account is in arrears.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs start next week unless otherwise stated.

There are still places available for Football (Y4,5,6), Glee Club (Y4,5,6) and Reading Club. Please let school know if your child is interested.

Thank you.

Swimming

Please note that swimming for KS2 children is not optional and is part of the school curriculum and all children must attend lessons unless there is a medical reason why they are unable to attend.

Online Safety

Fortnite and Sims are the latest games being played by our children. They are not suitable for younger children and pose a risk to children's safety. Please monitor what your children are accessing, watching, playing or communicating with. YouTube videos can also be dangerous, as often one video links to another and offers a selection of choices that are not necessarily appropriate for young children. Please also monitor what communication your child is having with others, they may be targeted by others who are being unkind or they themselves may be the one's making hurtful comments. The advice is that children should only play games/access computers, phones/tablets when parents are around and should monitor and limit the usage of electrical devices. Children should also have days off and a rest from using devices. Nationally children are becoming addicted and this can have a huge impact on their mental health, relationships, academic ability and physical health. We want our children to be safe.

Meet the Teacher

This week Sycamore and Beech classes held their Meet the Teacher meeting.

Next week we would like to invite parents/carers to come into school to meet your child's new class

teacher. This will give you the opportunity to find out about the class topic, homework and information about your child's new class. These sessions will run after school in your child's class from 3.20 p.m.

- **Chestnut Class - Thursday 20th September**
- **Beech Class - Friday 21st September**

We look forward to seeing you on these days!

Pate's Grammar School—Opening Mornings/Evening

Pate's Grammar School are holding a series of open mornings and an open evening. Please see below for further details:

Open Mornings

Tuesday 28th February 2019

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Mon 1st July 2019

9—10.30 or 9.30- 11.00 a.m.

Please book a place on their website : patesgs.org

Open Evening

Tuesday 2nd October 2018

between 5.30 and 8.30p.m.

No need to book a place, just go along.

Diary Dates

September 2018

Mon 17th Sept	-	Cycling Proficiency Y6
Thur 20th Sept	-	Chestnut - 'Meet the Teacher'
Fri 21st Sept	-	Willow - 'Meet the Teacher'
Tues 25th Sept	-	Travelling book Fair Swimming Y5/6
Wed 26th Sept	-	European Day of Languages
Fri 28th Sept	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (2.30 p.m. in the hall)

October 2018

Wed 3rd Oct	-	Life Bus
Thurs 4th Oct	-	Life Bus
Tues 9th Oct	-	Swimming Y5/6
Fri 12th Oct	-	Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y5/6) (More information to follow)
Tues 30th Oct	-	Swimming Y5/6