

Ellwood School News



Headteacher: Mrs D Milford

Tel: 01594 833232

Autumn 3 2018 - 21st Sept 2018

www.ellwoodschool.co.uk

All newsletters are also available
on our website.

Harvest

This year we would like to help raise money for 'Farm Africa' which is a charity that helps farmers in Africa to farm their own land and become sustainable. Farm Africa has 170 staff operating across eastern African countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. They work with different types of farmers in a variety of regions, from dry rangelands to lush diverse forests. Their situations may vary, but these small scale farmers face increasing economic and environmental challenges.

To help raise money for this worthy charity, our aim is for each class to fill a wellington boot with change. So, we would therefore like to ask for children to bring in a donation of any change they would like to give, on Wednesday 10th October. All donations will be sent to the charity.

On the same day we would also like to children to bring in their wellies for a whole school wellie walk for the daily mile.

Important Forms

Every child has been given an envelope containing a Data Collection Form, Privacy Notice and Parental Consent (Oak Class have already completed their parental consent forms).

We would be grateful if you could check the data collection form and ensure the information is correct, making any necessary amendments on the form. We would also like you to complete the Privacy Notice and Parental Consent form. Please return all forms to school as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Payment for Clubs

This is just a reminder that some of our after school clubs have a small cost of £1 per session. These clubs are; Hockey, Multisports and Football. This contribution helps fund the cost of the coaching with school paying the remainder of the costs. Your contributions help us to fund a variety of different sporting activities for your children after school.

Thank you.

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Chestnut - Poppy Ulyatt
Beech - Ryan Winman
Sycamore - Darcey McLinden
Willow - Freddie Bishop



Well done!

Achievement Assembly Awards

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



Chestnut Class - Rory Aston and Faith Merrett
Beech Class - Alfie Pritchard and Chloe Gilbert
Sycamore Class - Ellie-Mae Blewitt
Willow Class - Louie Hancock and Melissa Bishop

Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:

Chestnut Class - Cleo Stanton
Beech Class - Elsie Thomas and Henry Bishop
Sycamore Class - Tegan McAuliffe
Willow Class - Luke Phelps



Well done!

We are proud of your writing achievements!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 28th September, in the hall from 2.30 p.m. Please come along for a coffee and some cake whilst supporting an amazing charity.

Any cake donations would be gratefully received and may be brought into school on the morning of September 28th

Thank you for your support!



Moocups & Toddler & Baby Group

Every Tuesday morning 9.30–11 a.m. at Ellwood Nursery for FREE messy play, music and snacks for children 0–2
Free refreshments and access to highly experienced practitioners for any advice.

Golf Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances Golf Club will not start until Thursday 1st November.

Thank you.

At Ellwood School we promote - The Five Ways to Wellbeing.

The Five Ways to Wellbeing (connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give) form the start of all PSHE lessons. The pupils are given time to reflect on their wellbeing over the past week and set themselves a target area for the coming week.

The Five Ways to Wellbeing are taken from Foresight's mental capital and wellbeing project which drew on state-of-the-art research from across the world to consider how to improve everyone's mental capital and mental wellbeing through life. The project commissioned the centre for wellbeing at nef (the new economics foundation) to develop the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'; a set of evidence-based actions to improve personal wellbeing.

Connect

Connect with the people around you., with family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. At home, work, school or in your local community. Building these connections will support and enrich you everyday.

Be Active

Go for a walk or run. Step outside. Cycle. Play games. Dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly discover a physical exercise that you enjoys and suits your level of fitness.

Take Notice

Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment. Reflect on your experiences.

Keep Learning

Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Take on a new responsibility. Fix something. Set a challenge you will enjoy achieving. Learning new things will make you more confident as well as being fun.

Give

Do something nice for a friend or family member. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Join a community group. Give kind words to someone.

Roald Dahl Competition

The competition was to complete a review of their favourite Roald Dahl character or book. Entries were wonderful and the writers of the week included:

Chestnut - Tabitha Partington, Isabella Caruana, Esmee Pritchard

Beech - Alfie Pritchard and Ryan Winman

Sycamore - Immy Aston and April Donoghue

Willow - Oliver Donoghue

First prizes went to Tabitha P , April D and Immy A



Bikeability - Cycle Training

The Year 6 children had a great time on their cycle training and were a real credit to the school. They all passed with flying colours! Well done Year 6!



Mrs Olley

Mrs Olley left us on Thursday to start her maternity leave. We would like to wish her our best wishes for the safe arrival of her new baby and look forward to meeting the new arrival shortly.

Whilst Mrs Olley is on maternity leave, Mrs Davey will be joining the Ellwood team and will be TA in Chestnut class. Mrs Davey visited us yesterday and met the children. We would like to welcome her to the Ellwood team and look forward to working with her.

Monday 1st - Saturday 6th October 2018

Open Week

for award winning music service

Gloucestershire Music (Local Authority Music Service) is reaching out to musicians (new and old) from across the county. With no less than 14 weekly music centres, groups, orchestras and adult ensembles there are opportunities for musicians of all ages and levels to play, progress and perform.

- Free F.A.M.E (First Access Music Ensembles) sessions for beginner instrumentalists
- Learn As You Play (LAYP) Adult programme for those yearning to play a musical instrument
- Music Centres in Stroud, Gloucestershire, Cheltenham (Jazz), and the Forest of Dean
- Award winning County Music Groups.

Members of GM continue to fly the flag for our county with national success at major music festivals as well as perform regularly at impressive venues such as Tewkesbury Abbey, Birmingham Symphony Hall and the iconic Royal Albert Hall. Please visit www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

The new academic year will see another packed musical diary with visits from professional musicians and bands, regional events and festivals and great concert opportunities.

A collection of various musical instruments including a red electric guitar, a yellow trumpet, a banjo, a drum, and a violin.

MakeMUSIC
gloucestershire

Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

gloucestershire
MUSIC

Diary Dates

September 2018

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 21st Sept | - | Willow - 'Meet the Teacher' |
| Tues 25th Sept | - | Travelling book Fair |
| | | Swimming Y5/6 |
| Wed 26th Sept | - | European Day of Languages |
| Thurs 27th Sept | - | Y6 Residential Trip Meeting for parents |
| 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 |
| Wed 10th Oct | - | Harvest Wellie Walk—Daily Mile |
| Fri 12th Oct | - | Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y5/6) |
| Fri 19th Oct | - | Break up for half term |
| Mon 29th Oct | - | Start of new Term |
| Tues 30th Oct | - | Swimming Y5/6 |