

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

*April 8th 2022*



This term the impact on pupil and staff illness due to Covid has been more than ever, throughout the whole pandemic. We have had more absence than we have ever known. We would like to thank all staff for ensuring that classes did not have to close this term due to staff shortages. All staff worked together and stepped in to support each other rather than close any classes. We thank them for their flexibility, dedication and ensuring that the learning of the children wasn't being disrupted. They went above and beyond what is expected. What a great team!

*Thank  
You*

## Easter Raffle

Many thanks to all of you that bought tickets for our Easter Raffle. We had over 30 prizes to hand out which is amazing! Thank for your kind donation of chocolates and for purchasing tickets. We managed to raise £266 which is fantastic! This money will go towards a whole school project in the future.

Thanks once again for your generosity and support.



## Five Acres Awards

We were so pleased and proud to hear that several of our past Ellwood pupils received awards at the Five Acres High School awards ceremony last night. What a great achievement!

## Ellwood's Easter Competition

Monday 11th April - Friday 15th April

The TT Rock Stars competitions have always been a big success in school so we are really looking forward to this one!

- Competition will be open to children in Year 2 - 6.
- Certificates and Easter prizes will be given for top scorers in each class!
- All children need to do to get involved is log onto TT Rock Stars and earn as many points as possible by playing any game mode.
  - A point earned for each correct answer.
  - Good luck to everyone taking part!



**ELLWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENTS**

**Top of the Rocks**

**ELLWOOD'S EASTER COMPETITION**

**11 APRIL - 15 APRIL 2022**

**\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \***  
**PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE**  
**THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \***  
**\* ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \***

**TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS**

## **Easter Packs**

Several classes have had a homework pack sent home for Easter. The children have been working really hard this term and it would be great to keep up the momentum, particularly due to lost learning due to COVID. It would be really helpful for children to carry out this work in preparation for their assessments after Easter.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Important Assessments**

### **Year 1 Phonics screening assessments - Week commencing Monday 6th June 2022**

We have some flexibility if your child is unwell but please try to ensure they are in school this week.

### **Year 2 Assessments—Week commencing 16th May 2022**

Please ensure children are in school this week.

### **Year 6 SATs - Week commencing May 9th 2022**

The dates for these assessments are not flexible and there is a strict timetable for each day which must be followed. Please ensure your child is in school for this week.

## **YouTube video**

A staff member has brought to our attention that there is a YouTube viral video circulating at the moment and it has a blue monster offering "free hugs". They have expressed their concerns that the lyrics aren't appropriate for children to be listening to. It looks innocent but it is quite disturbing. If your child is watching YouTube, it might be worth checking the content of what they are watching as some videos appear animated, cartoon like and innocent but there are underlying tones that raise safeguarding issues with younger children.

## Oak Class

It's been a very exciting week in Oak class as our butterflies emerged from their chrysalides. The children were observing them for a couple of days before releasing them in the garden.



## Fundraising for Ukraine

School Council has been busy over the past week running a stall to help raise money for Ukraine.

In total, we have raised £135.50

The money will be going to the Save the Children charity whose teams are responding in Ukraine at the moment.

A big thank you to the school council children for giving up their playtimes to help plan the stall, make the games and sweet cones and count the money. We are very proud of them!

Thank you to those who came and supported the stall to give money to such an important cause.





# Online Safety for Parents & Carers



Are you confused and worried about your child's internet usage? Then join this free online course to get help and advice, topics include:

-  Parental controls
-  Gaming settings
-  Privacy settings
-  Password
-  Useful websites

**Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> May - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**10.00am - 12.00pm**

This course will be delivered online via Zoom, we will send you full joining instructions prior to the course starting.

To book a place, or for more information, please contact  
Adult Education on 0800 542 1655  
or email: [learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk)  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/aeig](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/aeig)

Free subject to eligibility. There may be a cost for people in work. \*Learners must be over the age of 19 and a UK/EEU resident in the last 3 years. Learner must be one of the following: Unemployed/earning below £17,374.50 /retired; Learning disability; Mental health difficulty; qualified below a level 2 (less than 5 GCSES).

## Getting to know your Governors

### Helen Cornock

I'm Helen and I have been a governor for many years holding posts as Chair Vice Chair and Chair of Resources .

I have a passion for education and am an Early Years professional.

I currently hold posts as Safeguarding Governor and EYFS Governor.

I am also the proprietor of Ellwood Nursery which is situated next door to the school .

I have worked with lots of heads and staff throughout my time on the governing board.

Being a governor is voluntary and I enjoy the challenges it brings.



## **Quilt Exhibition**

**By**

**Wye Knots of Monmouth**

**On**

**Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd April 2022**

**10am - 4pm**

**At**

**Bridges Centre, Drybridge House, Drybridge Park, Monmouth NP25 5AS**

**A wide range of quilts and wall hangings including traditional and modern works will be on display. Refreshments/Café next door**

**Disabled access**

**FREE ADMISSION**

## Bream Gardening Society

### Summer Show 2022

Sponsored by  
Gloucestershire Federation of  
Gardening Societies

Ever tried growing your own carrots?

Are you aged 15 years or under? Why not have a go and enter the children's competitions for growing the longest carrot!

You can grow the carrot on your own at home or maybe at your school

#### Things you need to get started

Carrot seeds (Bream Gardening Society can give you seeds, or you can use your own)

A deep container, a length of drainpipe, a thick cardboard tube or a barrel

Sandy compost or soil



#### What to do

Get your soil or compost ready. Sandy is best, if possible, use a sieve to remove any lumps.

Fill your container or pipe with compost mix and water it.

Sow the seeds in early April. Put 3 or 4 seeds in each pipe/tube or more in a larger container.

Lightly cover with soil and water in.

Cover your container with a layer of fleece or newspaper in case there is frost.

The seeds will take 2 or 3 weeks to germinate.

When the seedlings are about 8cm tall, thin out so there is only one growing per drainpipe, or equivalent. Keep covered in fleece to protect from Carrot Root Fly.

Your carrots might like to feed on some organic fertiliser from time to time.

Ideal growing temperature is 16-21°C.

For the first few weeks, water from the top.

Once your carrot is growing well, start watering from the base to encourage the root to grow downwards.

The exciting thing about growing root vegetables is that you cannot see what is growing under the soil until you harvest it. Then it's a big surprise!

**Free entry** –use the form on the back of this sheet. Bring your carrot to the show at Bream Sports and Social Club on **Saturday 20th August 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £5 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £3 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £2 plus certificates**



## Summer Show Entry Form 2022 – Children’s classes

### Free Entry!

For children aged 15 and under on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Classes C4 - C7 will be judged as two age ranges: under 9 and 9 - 15 years.

Please circle the class(es) that you wish to enter.

C1.	Longest carrot
C2.	Longest Runner Bean
C3.	A jam jar filled with Summer flowers
C4.	A plate of 3 decorated cupcakes: judged on their looks and flavour!
C5.	A picture or model of a pet: any medium e.g. drawing, painting, collage, Lego or clay.
C6.	A greetings card for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
C7.	A miniature garden in a seed tray: made predominantly from natural materials. We would love to see some living plants.

Please see our full Summer Show Schedule for family and group competitions.

Name of entrant:	Age on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2022:
Contact address:	Contact tel. number or email address:
	Signed:

Please submit your entry form to the Show Secretary, by post or email, before 6pm on  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Elizabeth Gardner, Hazelbrae, New Road, Aylburton, Gloucestershire. GL15 6DT

[breamgardeningociety@gmail.com](mailto:breamgardeningociety@gmail.com)

## Bream Gardening Society Summer Show 2022

competition for age  
15 and under

Ever tried growing runner beans? Are you aged 15 or under? Why not try now and enter your **longest runner bean** in the children's competition in August.

Runner Beans can be grown in large containers or in the soil.



You'll need some long canes or sticks to support the plants.

Start the seeds off in a small pot indoors from early May, or straight into the soil from early June. Plant 5cm deep (22cm apart if they're in the soil).



Put sticks into the container or garden soil then, when the plants are large enough, plant them out.

You will need to keep picking beans once they are large enough to eat but remember to keep one to grow as long as possible; then enter it for the show!

**Free entry** –use the form on the back of this sheet. Bring your bean to the show at Bream Sports and Social Club on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**Rosettes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

## Carpark

We are very lucky here at Ellwood School that we have the use of a large carpark. The carpark land is owned by the Forestry Commission and we have an arrangement with them to use it for the sole use of the school.

Please can we remind everyone to drive slowly and carefully through the carpark to ensure everyone remains safe. We are aware that it does get very busy at drop off and pick up times but we are grateful that we have a carpark to use and we don't want to jeopardise this arrangement. We appreciate that parents/guardians are sometimes in a rush but please remain courteous to other drivers. The morning has a soft start (8.45-8.55) to enable a slightly staggered drop off. Car sharing, biking and walking is also another option, if families live close to the school. This is great for fitness, wellbeing and the environment.

Lastly, we are fortunate that we have some blue bays available for blue badge holders. Please do not park in these bays if you do not hold a blue badge. We have a number of children and parents that need these bays to ensure they can safely get in to school on time.

Thank you for your understanding,

Ellwood Primary School



## *Diary Dates*

*(Oak class—please see information from Miss Peart)*

### **APRIL**

- Friday 8th April - **Last day of Spring term - 3.15 p.m. finish**
- Monday 25th April - Start of Summer Term
- Friday 29th April - Young Voices
- Monday 2nd May - Bank holiday
- Tuesday 3rd May - Sun safety week starts  
- Y5 -Bikeability (3rd May—6th May)
- Thursday 12th May - Perrygrove Trip (Oak Class)
- Monday 16th May - Walk to school week
- Wednesday 18th May - Photos—Year 6 and groups
- Thursday 19th May - K'nex challenge
- Fri 20th - Mon 23rd May - Year 6 residential - Manor Adventure
- Thursday 26th May - Last day of term
- Friday 27th May - **Bank holiday in lieu of Queen's Jubilee**
- Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June - **HALF TERM**
- Monday 6th June - **Inset day**
- Tuesday 7th June - First day back in school