

# Ellwood Community Primary School

## *BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

March 4th 2022



### COVID Update

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term and had some lovely family time. The children had a really positive first day back in school on Monday. We have another busy term ahead and have lots of additional activities planned. Over half term, you may have been aware of the announcement regarding the changes to the self-isolation guidelines. It is great news after two very long stressful years, we are slowly moving towards life without COVID restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this creates different responses in those around us, particularly vulnerable pupils, staff and adults. Whilst we cautiously step back into life without restrictions, we do need to remain cautious, as we all know that COVID is still within our community. As a result of the changes outlined last week, the guidance issued to schools has been amended from the DfE. This has then meant that we have amended our risk assessments and COVID Outbreak Management Plans, which we will share on the school website.

The main changes are outlined: From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **Adults and children who test positive continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Our risk assessment states that if children are positive then they are not able to attend school for at least five days, until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.** From Thursday 24th February, the Government are no longer asking fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and have removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate. As a school, we will only notify you of positive cases in your child's class if we are advised to do so by Public Health England. **If you are living with vulnerable people, or your child is classified as vulnerable, please do let us know and of course we will happily continue to inform you of positive cases that impact your child.** Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that parents will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to minimise the disruption caused by COVID and isolation periods, which will therefore enable us to continue to provide high quality education to your child/ren and keep attendance for pupils and staff high. Your support will hopefully allow us to continue running as normal.

After the Easter break (end of this half term), we are hoping that we will once again be able to join together for assemblies and other activities, however, we will constantly review this, as and when needed. **Staff are no longer required to wear face masks, however, if staff or parents choose to, this will be respected.** We are pleased that restrictions are lifting. Please rest assured that we will continue to reflect on our risk assessments and the measures we have in place. If needed, we will return to stronger measures to ensure that we can keep everyone safe, fit and well.

Many thanks for your support with this matter and fingers crossed things all go as hoped.

## Sycamore Class

In Sycamore, as part of our topic and D and T, we have been cooking! We have been learning about the rationing in WW2 and also seasonality. After researching some popular WW2 recipes, we decided to make Woolton Pie. We learnt how to store, weigh and measure the ingredients, follow the instructions, prepare the vegetables and how to use the oven. After we had made the pie, we got to taste it and evaluate it. Our Woolton pie was delicious!

A big thank you to Layla and Izzy who made their own yummy WW1/WW2 food and brought it in for us to try!







## World Book Day—Year 2

Year 2 pupils all looked fantastic in their world book day costumes. Well done for such brilliant effort! We all loved the bouncy castle, worked in teams to complete a book scavenger hunt and enjoyed some lovely stories in the library.



## Gym Centre

Oak class had a fantastic first session at the Gymnastics centre this week! The children were very enthusiastic and participated in the session really well.

We are grateful for this wonderful opportunity to develop our physical skills.





## **Saturday Engineering Club at Bloodhound Education**



Develop engineering skills by designing and building a prototype air-powered rocket car. Test your car on a variety of surfaces and modify your design to improve it before racing it on our indoor racetrack.

Explore how 3D printing (additive manufacturing) technology works and how it allows us to make things out of all sorts of materials with very little waste. Design and develop a prototype car using 3d printed parts. Experiment with different components and wheels to see how it affects performance before a group race.

### **When:**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am – 1pm	Building air powered rocket cars
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am – 1pm	Explore 3D printing
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am – 1pm	Building air powered rocket cars
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am – 1pm	Explore 3D printing

**Who:** Children age 6+ accompanied by an adult and family groups.

**Where:** Bloodhound Education Centre at Gloucestershire Science & Technology Park, Berkeley Green, GL13 9FB

**Cost:** £15 per adult, £10 per child including all materials and a souvenir of the day. Family Tickets: £40 per family up to 3 children. Under 5's free.

To book a place please visit our website: [www.bloodhoundeducation.com](http://www.bloodhoundeducation.com)  
Contact for more information: [accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com](mailto:accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com)

**Science Week**  
**(14th March - 18th March)**

Children may come to school dressed as a scientist on Monday 14th March to mark the start of our Science week.

If you know of anyone that would like to come into school and talk to the children about their STEM related profession, that would be amazing! Please contact the school office or email [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk) to arrange a convenient time.



**Red Nose Day—Friday 18th March**

For Red Nose Day this year children may come to school in their PE kits (as it is a Kurling taster day) wearing a red accessory. Children may also bring a red nose to school if they wish to.

We will also be holding a cake sale where children will be able to buy a cake for a minimum donation of 20p.





**FREE**

## Paediatric First Aid Sessions

Come and join us for a one off first aid sessions at our Baby Steps and Confident Walkers sessions at our Children & Family Centres this March. Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

Venue	Date	Baby Steps (0-9 months)	Confident Walkers (9-24 months)
Bartongate Children & Family Centre, Sinope Street, GL1 4AW	09.03.2022	9.30am – 11.00am	11.30am – 1.00pm
Link Children & Family Centre, Matson Avenue, GL4 6DB	16.03.2022	12 noon – 1.30pm	2.00pm – 3.30pm

These sessions are running in connection with our weekly Baby Steps and Confident Walkers groups, at the venues above. If you'd like further information, please visit our Facebook page for more details. [www.facebook.com/GlosCityTFS](https://www.facebook.com/GlosCityTFS)



**BOOK VIA EMAIL ON:**

**[babystepsglos@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:babystepsglos@barnardos.org.uk)**

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River Children & Family Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AU	10.03.2022	12:00am – 1:30pm	2:00pm – 3:30am
Hilltop Children & Family Centre, Latimer Road, Cinderford, GL14 2QA	22.04.2022	09:30 – 11:00am	11:30am – 1:00pm
Treetops Children & Family Centre, School Road, Dursley, GL11 4NZ	26.04.2022	12:00pm – 1:30pm	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Virtual	21.04.2022	9:15am	9:15am

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## *Diary Dates*

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

### **MARCH**

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| Tuesday 8th March    | - | Swimming - Years 3 & 4  |
|                      | - | Gymnastics - Oak class  |
| Wednesday 9th March  | - | Clarinet - Year 4   |
|                      | - | Bike lessons - Chestnut                                       |
| Thursday 10th March  | - | Gymnastics - Beech class                                      |
| Monday 14th March    | - | Start of Science week. (Dress as a mad scientist).            |
| Tuesday 15th March   | - | Gymnastics - Oak  |
| Wednesday 16th March | - | Clarinet - Year 4   |
|                      | - | Bike lessons - Chestnut                                       |
| Thursday 17th March  | - | Gymnastics - Beech class                                      |
| Friday 18th March    | - | Whole school Kurling event (PE kit)                           |
|                      | - | Rednose day - wear a red item, cake sale 20p minimum donation |