

# Ellwood Community Primary School

## *BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

January 21st 2022



### Weekly Attendance

We are really pleased with our attendance this week. Our aim is to have weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation.

Well done Willow Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Oak	96%
Chestnut	98.8%
Beech	93.7%
Sycamore	98.7%
Willow	99.2%

### Guitar Tuition — Reminder

Year 4, 5 and 6 parents

#### Reminder



We have had some interest in the private guitar lessons so far which is great.

If your child is interested in guitar tuition, please send in the slip at the bottom of the guitar tuition letter that was emailed out last week. Please return slips by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

For those that have already expressed an interest, we will be in touch soon about a start date.

### Resilience and Growth Mindset Workshops

On Monday, the artist Ian Brealey will be in school to lead workshops based on resilience and Growth Mindset, through art and maths. There will be various sessions throughout the day for years 1–6. This is a great opportunity for the children.

Thank you Mrs Howells for organising this!

## Nasal Flu Invite Letter/Text

We have heard from the Immunisation team this week that some parents have received a text or letter stating that their child should make an appointment for their nasal flu vaccination. They have asked us to share the below letter with you to clarify what has happened.

Please contact the Immunisation team directly if you have any questions/concerns about the nasal flu vaccine on 0300 4218140

Thank you.

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the past few days a number of parent/carers whose child has been vaccinated with the Nasal Flu Vaccine at either a school based session or within a community clinic setting have received a text inviting them to arrange an appointment for their child to have their nasal flu vaccine.

Understandably parents/carers are concerned as they know that their child has already received their vaccination. Each child will have been given a flu certificate to take home which shows their child's name and date of vaccination as proof that the vaccination had occurred.

We can confirm that the record of any child who has received their vaccination at school or at a community clinic will have been uploaded by our team onto our Immunisation Database and shared with the National Immunisation Vaccination System.

We would like to apologise to all parents/carers who may have received this text in error. We have raised these concerns and issues with NHS South West Public Health Commissioning Team who are investigating this issue. Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

However, if you know your child has not yet received their Nasal Flu Vaccine and you would like to opportunity for them to receive it then please don't hesitate to call our team on 0300 421 8140 and they can advise of locations and dates of community clinics.

Kind Regards

Caroline Halford

Head of School Aged Immunisations

## Little Red Riding Hood - English

Year 2 pupils found an unexpected surprise in the garden this week. They found a little red cape, a hat, a scarf, logs of wood, a picnic basket and even an axe!

This reminded us of the Little Red Riding Hood story so we have decided to write our own versions of the traditional tale.





# English in Action

## We are READERS

### Reading Raffle

From Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, we will be restarting our reading raffle. Due to Covid-19 and the rules it imposed, it became difficult to continue with some of our favourite and well-loved opportunities to celebrate individual's achievements with the whole-school. However, we are now in a position to be able to re-introduce some

When your child reads 4 times a week or more every week, he/she will be entered into a raffle and will have the chance to win a book of their choice from the prize box. This will be celebrated in their class with their teachers and peers as part of their class assembly.

### Why is reading so important?

Did you know that children develop more rapidly during the first 5 years of their lives than at any other time?

If you nurture certain skills during the first 5 years, you create a solid foundation from which your child can build on for the rest of their life. Think of it as giving them a head start to learning.

Talking about starting right, literacy is one of those skills that parents can nurture in those early years. Why literacy? Because reading and writing are the fundamentals of early education, not to mention that they crop up multiple times every single day. From reading road signs and writing shopping lists to learning a new language, literacy is a skill that is vital for everyone.

### Reading fosters a love of learning which leads to higher grades

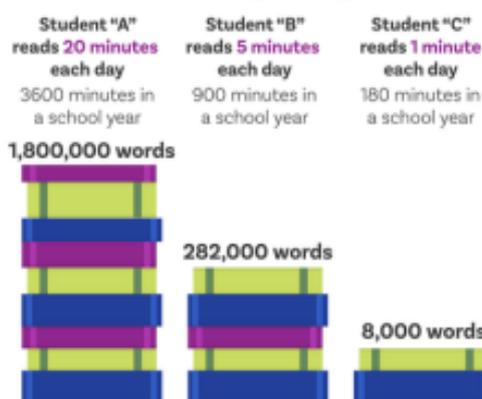
Talking about that lifelong love of learning, that is why reading is important at such an early age. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge, a wider range of vocabulary, they are more fluent readers, and they have improved attention spans and better concentration. As well as stronger oral and literacy skills, proficiency in reading also allows young children to understand more, to learn more, and to become competent researchers. As you can imagine, all of these are skills that help young children perform higher in school.

Reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity, and stimulates the imagination in young children. Often this leads to role-play as children grow which helps to develop other skills such as empathy, problem solving, and morality. The biggest psychological benefit is how reading helps to grow self-confidence and independence from such an early age. The simple act of taking time to sit down with your child helps promote greater maturity and discipline. These are essential when it comes to your child learning to read in school.

### Reading helps boost a young child's self-confidence

Children have social awareness too, from a young age, so imagine how difficult it must be to see other children picking it up quickly if they are struggling? This can have serious implications for their self-image as they grow and this is why reading is important. If you read with your children early on and help them to learn at their own pace in a fun setting, you can foster a love of reading and help them to become competent and confident at it before having to do it in front of others.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



This highlights the importance of reading and the gaps that are created by the lack of exposure to literature. The impact on children's lifelong learning experiences are seriously compromised at a young age.



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



- Themed days, fun games, sports and arts & craft activities in an engaging, friendly and safe environment.
- Open to children ages 5-12.
- Delivered by experience staff who are DBS checked, first aid and safeguard trained.

## Venues

- **The Dell Primary**, Chepstow
- **Five Acres Secondary**, Coleford
- **Gorsley Goffs Primary School**, Ross on Wye
- **The Dean Academy**, Lydney
- **Dene Magna**, Mitcheldean

## Activities Will Include:

Day:	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>
Arts and Crafts Activity:	Rainbow Bead Decorations	DIY Puzzle Making	Bird Gliders	Art Magnets	Stained Glass Decorations
Sports Activity:	Winter Olympic Activities	Teamwork Challenges	Dodgeball	Football	Rugby

## Booking

Visit our easy online booking system at:

[prostars.class4kids.co.uk](http://prostars.class4kids.co.uk)

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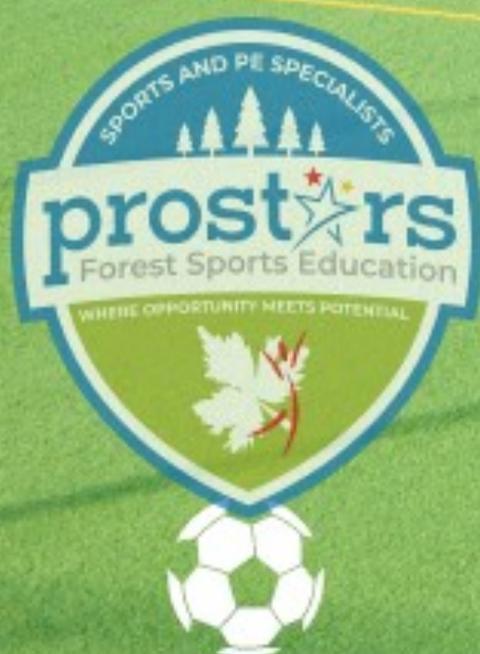
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# February Half Term Football Camp

£12 Per  
Day



Open to girls and boys  
of all abilities  
Delivered by qualified and  
experienced coaches, who  
are DBS checked, first aid &  
safeguard trained.

10am - 3pm

To book visit:

[prostars.class4kids.co.uk/camps](http://prostars.class4kids.co.uk/camps)

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- The Dean Academy, Lydney: Tues 22nd - Thurs 24th
- Five Acres High School, Coleford: Tues 22nd- Thurs 24th
- Dene Magna, Mitcheldean: Tues 22nd- Thurs 24th
- Gorsley Goffs Primary School, Ross-on-Wye: Fri 25th
- The Dell Primary School, Chepstow: Fri 25th

## Dance Workshop ( Y1—Y5)

We were very luck to have Miss Yee Yee come into school on Friday and hold a dance workshop for children in Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5. The children all had a great time and were very well behaved.

### Year 1



## Chestnut Class—Gymnastics

Chestnut Class have been having a great time at the Gymnastics Centre!



# Pate's Grammar School

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## OPEN MORNINGS 2022

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Timings: either 09:00 or 09:45 arrival – finish by 11:15

This will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to visit the school on a working day. There will be a presentation by Russel Ellicott (Headmaster), and student-guided tours of the school. Our Head of Year 7, Helen Blackwell, and pastoral staff will be on hand to talk to you about the transition from primary school and about life at Pate's, including the House system, clubs, uniform and school buses.

We will endeavour to make parking available on site (subject to weather conditions).

*Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years.*

*Our students achieve the highest academic standards, whilst benefitting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities.*

**BOOK YOUR OPEN MORNING VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE ([HERE](#))**

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## *Diary Dates*

### **JANUARY**

- Monday 24th January - Art Workshop (Growth Mindset) Y1—Y6
- Wednesday 26th January - Clarinet (Y4)
- Thursday 27th January - Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)  
- Gymnastics Chestnut Class
- Friday 28th January - Willow Class—Dean Academy

### **FEBRUARY**

- Monday 1st February - Swimming ( Y3 /Y4)
- Wednesday 2nd February - Clarinet (Y4)
- Thursday 3rd February - Gymnastics (Chestnut Class)
- Friday 4th February - Dogs Trust Visit (Y5 and Y6)