

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - November 26th 2021

Rotary Club Christmas Shoeboxes

Oak class packed their Christmas shoeboxes today together with Chestnut class, as their act of kindness. They worked in groups and selected from the different items that had been donated. They then decorated their shoeboxes with lovely colourful drawings and pictures.



Well done Oak and Chestnut class!



Mosque and Gloucester Cathedral Trip

This visit links really well to our RE curriculum and supports the children's SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) development. It also reinforces the children's British Values, such as; tolerance and mutual respect of those of different faiths and beliefs.

On Tuesday 23rd November, children from Sycamore and Willow went to visit Majid E Noor Mosque and Gloucester Cathedral.

They enjoyed a talk from Imam Hassan then learnt how Muslims wash before praying, what clothes they wear and how Muslims pray. Imam Hassan spoke about the Five Pillars of Islam and tested them on what they had learnt.

After the visit to the Mosque, they visited the Cathedral. They had a tour of the Cathedral and learnt about its history through time. They then took part in some craft activities which were set up, to help remember key points in the Cathedral's history.





Mosque and Cathedral Trip Continued.....



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Chestnut and Beech

Chestnut and Beech classes made bread rolls this week as part of their Great Fire of London topic. Which linked to Pudding Lane and the bakery.

The children had great fun measuring the ingredients and kneading the dough to make the rolls. It looks delicious!



Year 1 - The Magic Porridge Pot

Year 1 have been working hard to learn the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and are now changing the story with a new character and a different setting. The children have chosen between the Jungle or the Beach for the new setting. The children have listened to sounds of the Jungle and the Beach to help them describe their setting.



Chestnut and Beech Classes

Chestnut and Beech have also been making community links and visited the Methodist Church in Coalway on Thursday. Reverend Michelle introduced our RE topic 'Why Christmas is important to Christians?' Reverend Michelle showed the children the Advent Wreath and discussed how it is used and what each candle represents.

Thank you to Reverend Michelle for letting us visit the Church, we thoroughly enjoyed it.



Reminder - West Midlands Santa Safari

A reminder that we are going on a whole school trip to West Midlands Safari park on Monday 13th December. If you haven't done so already and you wish for your child to attend, please could you log on to ParentPay and give your consent and make your contribution.

Thank you!



Rotary Club Christmas Shoeboxes

If you have collected a Rotary Club Christmas shoebox, they need to be returned to school by Monday 29th December please. Thank you!

Class Pages on eSchools

Please don't forget to look at your child's class page on the school website for more photographs and information of what they have been up to in school.

Author Visit (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Andy Seed is a local author and has recently written a book called 'The Story of the Forest'. He came in to talk to us about the history of the Forest of Dean. We learnt about what existed here over 20,000 years ago! We also learnt about coal and iron ore and why and how it was used.



Please see below information on drop in clinics for all ages.

Vaccination drop-in clinics for all ages

To view all drop-in clinics, please visit the [NHS vaccination Covid portal](#).

- Thursday 25 November: Old Cinderford Health Centre | 3.45pm-7.30pm
- Friday 26 November: Old Cinderford Health Centre | 8:45am-12:30pm and 1:40pm-5:30pm
- Saturday 27 November: North Cotswold Hospital, Moreton-in-Marsh | 8.30am-1pm and 1.30pm-5pm
- Sunday 28 November: Rosebank Surgery, Gloucester | 9am-2.45pm

You can visit any of the above clinics if:

- you need a booster vaccination and it has been 6 months since your second dose of the vaccine
 - you are 12-15 years old in need of a first dose of the vaccine (must be accompanied by a parent)
 - you are 16/17 needing your first dose of the vaccine
 - you are 18+ needing your first or second dose of Pfizer
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Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Monday 29th November - Rotary Shoeboxes to be returned to school

DECEMBER

Thursday 2nd December - Dean Academy Visit (Willow Class)

Tuesday 7th December - Swimming Y5 & Y6

Thursday 9th December - Christmas play (Letter sent home)
(R, 1,2,3 Whitemead all day—children only)

Friday 10th December - Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13th December - West Midlands Santa Safari—whole school

Thursday 16th December - Film Night (Details to follow)

Friday 17th December - Christmas Party Day
(Children to bring a party lunchbox)

Last day of term - 2 p.m. finish

JANUARY

Monday 3rd January - Bank holiday

Tuesday 4th January - Inset day

Wednesday 5th January - First day back in school (Start of Spring Term)