

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Kindness

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Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our **whole school attendance was 98%**.

Well done to Chestnut and Willow for getting the highest attendance this week! On the whole attendance has been good this week with only a few classes missing out on achieving 97%. Lets keep up this great work!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m, ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Oak	96.7%
Chestnut	98.9%
Beech	96.6%
Sycamore	98.8%
Willow	98.9%

Thank you.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week this week completing their SATS . They were all amazing and we are so proud of them. They have all worked so hard during their tests and demonstrated resilience. Some of the tests were challenging but they kept going and did their best and that's all that we ask.

Thank you to parents for their support and the support you have given your child by preparing them. Extra support and practise makes all the difference and the children feel more confident if they are prepared.

Thank you to Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Genner-Morris in particular as they have worked tirelessly this year supporting the children and filling any gaps due to covid school closures. What a fantastic team, well done all! They can enjoy their weekend and have a rest.

They still have writing to continue to work on until the end of June but for now they can relax a little!

Ks 1 tests next week for year 2. Keep doing your homework and we know you will try your best.

Have a lovely weekend all!

Mrs Milford

Life Skills

This week, classes have been learning about friendships and how to manage conflicts. They have explored the differences between people being rude, unkind and what constitutes bullying.

Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out'. The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members have an agreed a shared definition of bullying based on research from across the world over the last 30 years.

"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online."

Young children are still learning how to get along with others and resolve conflicts. They need parents, teachers and other adults to model kindness, conflict resolution, inclusion and responsibility. Children will sometimes do or say something that is hurtful. It is important to address the behaviour, but also make sure that bullying is not misidentified. This ensures that when bullying occurs it is taken seriously and dealt with quickly.



Picture News

Each week classes look at a 'Weekly Picture News' story. Let's have a look at this week's story...



Do you think music has a positive impact on the world?



Let's look at this week's story

For the first time since 1998, the United Kingdom will play host to the Eurovision Song Contest and will do so on behalf of last year's winners, Ukraine, who are unable to host due to the ongoing war. This year marks the 67th edition of the competition and 37 countries have chosen to compete for the famous, life-changing trophy. The city of Liverpool will be hosting this year's event and it's thought that more than 160 million people will be watching!

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

This week's story looks at events related to ...



Reflection

Music can be very powerful. It can change how we feel, think, and even influence our actions. It can bring people and communities together and can be a source of great enjoyment for many.



Democracy

We all have a voice. We can use our voice to choose our favourite song in the Eurovision Song Contest. We may even cast a vote!

Protected Characteristics

Whatever our nationality, we should be able to enjoy watching the Eurovision Song Contest, if we choose to.



UN Rights of a Child

The Eurovision Song Contest brings together many different nations. We all must have a nationality (belong to country).



Useful vocabulary

- Contest**
A competition, which people try to win.
Read through the information found on the assembly resource about the contest.
- Edition**
A single broadcast of a series of television programmes.
This year marks the 67th edition of the competition and 37 countries have chosen to compete for the famous, life-changing trophy.
- Host**
A country, city or organisation that provides the facilities and other necessary things for an event.
For the first time since 1998, the United Kingdom will play host to the Eurovision Song Contest.
- Influence**
The power to have an effect on someone or something.
It can change how we feel, think, and even influence our actions.
- Participate**
To take part in something.
Over 60 countries have chosen to participate.
- Represent**
To speak, act, or be present officially on behalf of your country.
Can you imagine how it might feel to be chosen to represent your country in a competition like this?



King Charles III Coronation

Thank you to those of you that donated cakes and came along to our afternoon tea and cake event last Friday to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. It was a lovely afternoon and it was lovely to see so many of you in school to mark this historic event with us.



The West Dean Parish have given every child a medal to celebrate the King's Coronation!

The children were really excited to receive their medals as a lovely keepsake from this historic moment. Along side this the children also received wild flower seeds to grow in their gardens to help save the bees!



King Charles III Coronation Art Exhibition - Friday 5th May 2023

We are so proud of the children for their hard work and creativity on their Coronation artwork. The art exhibition looked fantastic with all of the children's brilliant arts and crafts. Thank you all to parents and carers who came to view the children's artwork on Friday afternoon, we hope you all enjoyed the afternoon and had a great weekend celebrating.



Curriculum - Chestnut and Beech

In History we have been learning about Kings and Queens. We have made timelines of British monarchs. We have enjoyed talking about our families and how they are all unique to us.

If you haven't made a family tree yet and would like to, we would love to see it!



Wednesday 10th May 2023
Today we looked at the Royal family tree and shared family trees the children created.

Beech class have really been enjoying their biking sessions on a Thursday afternoon. Here are a few photos of them learning and practising some new skills. We are very grateful that we are able to offer children this Opportunity.

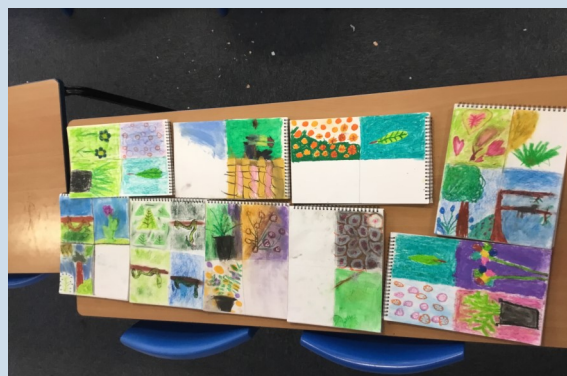


Year 3 Gymnastics - Mrs Aston has created a collage of year 3 enjoying their Gymnastics sessions over the last few weeks. They have all been thoroughly enjoying themselves and have learnt some impressive skills!



Curriculum - Sycamore

Sycamore used the rainforest as their inspiration for some lovely oil pastel art on Thursday afternoon.



Year 5 - The Year 5's have been learning about forces in their science lesson. We have been exploring the effects of gravity on falling objects and how we can change variables when creating parachutes to look at air resistance.



Census day menu

Next **Thursday 18th May** we will have a special *Census day menu*. We encourage all children to try a hot meal on this day as it helps the school gain extra funding.

If your child is currently in EYFS, year 1 or year 2 please encourage them to try a hot meal next Thursday, as your child is still in receipt of universal free school meals.

Meals are chargeable as normal for years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Census Day Menu

Hot Dog

or

Vegetarian Hot Dog

With Chips, Coleslaw and
Salad

Syrup Sponge & Custard

Diary Dates

MAY

- Tuesday 9th - 12th May - KS2 SATS
- Monday 15th - 18th May - KS1 SATS (year 2)
- Tuesday 16th May - Y3 Gymnastics
- KS1 SATs
- Class photos
- Leavers photos
- Wednesday 17th May - KS1 SATS
- Thursday 18th May - KS1 SATS
- Fri 19th May - Manor Adventure Y6
Mon 22nd May
- Thursday 25th May - School disco (5pm-6pm Oak, Chestnut & Beech.
6:15pm - 7:15pm Sycamore & Willow)
- Friday 26th May - Non school uniform for raffle tombola prizes
for summer fair