

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Resilience

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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 96.1%**.

Well done to **Oak class** for getting the highest attendance this week!

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

Thank you.

Oak	98%
Chestnut	95.5%
Beech	95.3%
Sycamore	95.1%
Willow	97%

We will be sending home the children's attendance shortly, as we have a duty to keep you informed regularly of what their attendance is.

Our target is 97% with less than 90% attendance being classed as persistently absent. If you need any help or advice regarding your child's attendance, please talk to Mrs Charles our family support worker.

Thank you.

Photographer

On Thursday 20th April, we have a photographer in school to take some up to date photos of our school and its grounds for our website and prospectus etc.

He will be in classrooms capturing some of the children while they work. Please could you ensure that the children are dressed in the correct full school uniform. If this is a P.E day for your child, please send them in the correct school P.E kit.

Many thanks.

Forest Bank

A message from The Forest Foodbank -

This is just a quick reminder about issuing vouchers over the Easter holidays. Families can be issued with a voucher even if they have already had the normal three vouchers in six months. This is to help with feeding children over the Easter break.

<https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Pollution/Emissions

In the interest of trying to create a cleaner environment and cleaner air, could we politely ask that when parking outside the school or in the carpark, that you turn off your car engines.

Thank you for your understanding.

Out of school achievements

Remy (y6) has been raising money for the heart screening foundation to enable them to buy a new defibrillator after her cousin was diagnosed with Brugada syndrome.

Remy has also completed a course on CPR and defibrillation and gave the heart screening foundation the sum of £50, which she solely raised. This is a fabulous achievement and are immensely proud of her.



Personal development:

This week we had a visit from two representatives from The Great British Spring Clean. They hosted an assembly and took a group of our children out on a litter pick around the school grounds and the surrounding area.



Curriculum

We celebrated World Poetry Day on Tuesday by performing poems to each other outside in the sunshine.



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Following on from their owl visit last week, year 2 have been writing their own versions of the book "The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark".

The children have worked very hard on their stories and even went to Oak class (EYFS), to share their stories with them which both year groups thoroughly enjoyed.

Well done year 2!





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

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How important are guide dogs for those in need?

Sight loss charity, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, has launched an appeal for volunteers to help raise and foster guide dogs. Guide dog users rely on their companions for help inside and outside the home, and for many, for their independence. In a recent documentary shown on the BBC, journalist Sean Dilley told of his relationship with his guide dog, Sammy, who recently retired. After the programme aired, the charity had close to 5,000 people stepping forward to volunteer. Before the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020, there were over 4,800 guide dog partnerships and now there are 3,695. More than one in five people who had a guide dog before then now do not.

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



Reflection

Guide dogs can revolutionise the lives of those who are blind or partially sighted, giving them freedom to do things they may otherwise be unable to do. Volunteers make all this possible!



Protected Characteristics

A guide dog can help someone who is blind or partially sighted to live their life to the full.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

My behaviour, actions and words can affect others. Volunteering is an action that can affect others in a positive way and help make a difference to their lives.

Useful vocabulary



UN Rights of a Child

Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Guide dogs can help people who are blind or partially sighted become more independent and to participate actively in the community.



Appeal

A request to the public for money, information, or help. The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association has launched an appeal for volunteers to help train and foster guide dogs.

Comparison

A person or animal that someone spends a lot of time with. Guide dog users rely on their companions to help navigate and explore the home, and to walk to their independence.

Research

A need for something. Use the information found on the assembly resources about the guide dog shortage and recruit based on volunteers.

Retired

To stop working permanently. Journalist Sean Dilley told of his relationship with his guide dog being, who recently retired.

Revolutionise

To radically change. Guide dogs can revolutionise the lives of those who are blind or partially sighted.

Volunteers

A person who does something else to help others, without being paid. Volunteers make all this possible!

Extra Curricular Activity

Last Friday our girls football team competed again at Forest High School. The girls came 4th overall drawing two of their matches and losing one. They have made it through to the semi finals, well done girls!



Easter Raffle

We have lots of lovely prizes available to win on our Easter raffle. Tickets are available until Thursday 30th March and are £1 a ticket.



Diary Dates

MARCH

- Tuesday 28th March - Swimming Y3/4
- Thursday 30th March - Easter raffle being drawn
- Friday 31st March - Easter Celebration assembly
R, Y1, Y2 and Y3 2:00pm - 2:30pm
Y4, Y5 and Y6 2:30pm - 3:00pm

APRIL

- Monday 3rd April - HALF TERM
- Monday 17th April - First day back
- Tuesday 25th April - Y3 Gymnastics

MAY

- Tuesday 2nd May - Y3 Gymnastics
- Tuesday 9th May - Y3 Gymnastics
- Tuesday 16th May - Y3 Gymnastics