

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Respect

February 9th 2023

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 95.5%** .

Well done to **Oak class** for getting 100% attendance again 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	100%
Chestnut	89.2%
Beech	98.3%
Sycamore	93.8%
Willow	97.4%

Is my child too ill for school?

The below piece of text is taken from the NHS website. We know a lot of parents often wonder if their child is too poorly for school. Please read the below and follow this link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

for information on which illnesses mean your child shouldn't come to school.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Reception Class

This week in Reception the children have really enjoyed exploring the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

The children made a new chair for baby bear out of recycled materials.

We also made porridge and wrote instructions linked to this. The children loved tasting the porridge.



JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 12

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Chestnut—New reading den

Chestnut would like to thank Mrs Milford for our new reading den, we absolutely love it. Here are some pictures of the children using it.





Picture News

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



Should men and women's sports teams be paid the same?

Let's look at this week's story

The Welsh Football Association has announced that the national men and women's football teams will be paid equally moving forward. Wales joins a list of other countries including Australia, USA, Norway, and Brazil, who pay their men and women football players the same amount to play for their country's national team. In order to reach the deal, the Wales men's senior team agreed to a 25% pay cut, thus enabling a 25% rise for the women's team, which now brings them both equal on pay.

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



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

Reflection

Representing your country in sport is a huge achievement – and one that is likely to have taken huge effort and sacrifice. Receiving fair pay for both men and women is a key part in creating a fair society.



Democracy

If we do not agree with something or do not think it is fair, we can use our voices to make changes. Wales' national men and women's football teams will now receive equal pay.

Protected Characteristics

Both men and women should be treated fairly. This includes being paid fairly for the job they do.



Useful vocabulary



UN Rights of a Child

All children have rights and should not be treated unfairly for any reason. This includes whether we are a girl or a boy.



Committed

Pledged or promised to be involved in a plan of action.
England, the Republic of Ireland, USA, Australia, Brazil, and Norway are all among those who have **committed** to paying their men and women football players the same amount to play for their country's team.

Enabling

Making something possible.
In order to reach the deal, the Wales men's senior team agreed to a 25% pay cut, thus **enabling** a 25% rise for the women's team, which now brings them both equal on pay.

Generation

All the people born and living at about the same time.
We hope that this will allow future **generations** of boys and girls to see that there is equality across Welsh international football, which is important for society as a whole.

Sacrifice

Giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy.
Representing your country in sport is a huge achievement – and one that is likely to have taken huge effort and sacrifice.

Society

The community of people living in a particular country or region and having shared customs, laws, and organisations.
Receiving fair pay for both men and women is a key part in creating a **fair society**.

Tribute

Something that you say, write, or give that shows your respect and admiration for someone.
A **tribute** to the Welsh women's football team, by the Welsh Women's Football Fair Site.

Mental Health Week - theme 'connect'

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections - to family, friends and others - this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely - which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways. This is something you can also promote at home by visiting friends, volunteering, taking part in competitions, going out to different places or taking part in clubs.



To celebrate this year's Children's Mental Health Week, classes will be taking part in a range of different activities. There will be class assemblies with lots of discussion about this year's theme - Let's Connect! Classes will be creating some connections art displays which explore how they connect with each other.



We are also very excited for Friday afternoon, when the whole school will be taking part in a wellbeing afternoon. Children will be working in their house teams, rotating around a range of activities, both inside and outside! All children will have the opportunity to connect with their house teams and different members of staff.

We will be racing across the field using teamwork and carpet squares, completing the simple task of placing a pencil in a bottle (they'll just need to negotiate the metre-long strings and helpful team mates!), joining in with some mindful drawings whilst chatting and connecting to their friends and also tackling obstacle courses whilst wearing a blindfold and being directed by a team mate.



Look out next week for some great photos!





FREE
HALF-TERM
CREATIVE

AGES 7 - 12 YRS

WORKSHOPS

At Cinderford Artspace, The New Mercury, 3 Woodside St, Cinderford, GL14 2NL

Collage Portraits *with Misia Kieft*

Monday 20th February 10:30am – 12:30pm

Use a range of recycled materials to create a colourful portrait of yourself, a friend or even your pet! Explore how to use cut and torn papers to create texture, pattern and contrast within your work.

Circus Skills! *With Rhys Williams*

Tuesday 21st February 10:30am – 12:30pm

Whether Circus is new to you have lots of experience come and have a go at a range of different skills, including juggling, plate spinning and hula hoop to name a few. Ever wanted to be high off the ground? We can also introduce you to 'Aerial' where you can learn how to do tricks on Trapeze.

Pixel Mosaics *With Rhys Williams*

Tuesday 21st February 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Love classic computer games? Come along and create some pixel art! Using mosaic and a range of paper 'tiles' you will create your own character and/or world based on your favourite computer games. The mosaic technique can be used to create images or characters that look pixelated or 'blocky' like in retro computer games...

Graffiti Name Boards *With Kate Fellows*

Wednesday 22nd February 10:30am – 12:30pm

Create your own graffiti inspired name board using paint, pens and stencils. Explore different graffiti text styles and ways to decorate your board to express your own individual style!

Crazy Animal Circus Creatures *With Kate Fellows*

Wednesday 22nd February 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Yes, you read that right...Crazy animal circus creatures! Come and create your own fantastic circus creatures using fabric and pipe cleaners, what animal and circus skill will you choose?



To book, or for more information call 01594 825111 or email dan@artspacecinderford.org



A reminder about our World Book Day competition.....

WORLD BOOK DAY ART COMPETITION

From Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March, the children at Ellwood will be able to send an entry in for our World Book Day art competition.

The competition will be to create a piece of artwork of their favourite book character (on A4 paper). The children are welcome to use any art materials they would like to create their artwork, so be creative! 😊

A child from each year group will be selected as a winner. The prize will include having their artwork on display in the school and being shared with the school community. As well as this, the children will receive a small art pack to take home.

We can't wait to see their creative designs, have fun! ✍️

Miss Comley
[Art Lead]



Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 9th February - Gymnastics - Y1
- Tuesday 14th February - Parents' Evening (**No Choir or Phonics club**)
- Wednesday 15th February - Parents' Evening (**No Netball club**)
- Thursday 16th February - Gymnastics - Y1
- Friday 17th February - Random act of kindness
- **Non-uniform day** for chocolate donations for Easter

HALF TERM

- Monday 27th February - First day back
- Tuesday 28th February - Swimming - Y3/4

MARCH

- Thursday 2nd March - Gymnastics - Y4
- World book day. **Dress up** as your favourite character!
Book swap - bring a book in to swap.
- Monday 6th March - Parents in school week
- Thursday 9th March - Gymnastics - Y4
- Friday 10th March - Science day - **Dress up** as a Scientist