

# Ellwood Community Primary School

**BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG**

January 19th 2023



## Holidays in term time

We want children to be in school every day if they are well enough, so please continue to support your child's attendance. The DfE and the Local Authority are really tightening up on pupils attendance, so let's keep doing our best and aim to get back up to pre covid attendance percentages of 97%.

Please also be aware that if your child misses more than 10 sessions in a 10 week period, we have to refer this to the Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice. Please remember holidays in term time will not be authorised and will result in a penalty notice to both parents or both adults living in the same household

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](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

## Weekly Attendance

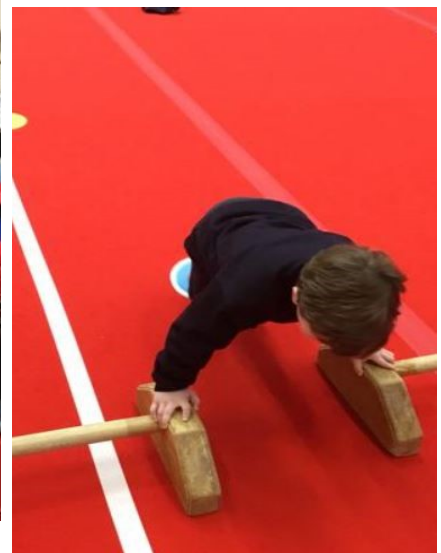
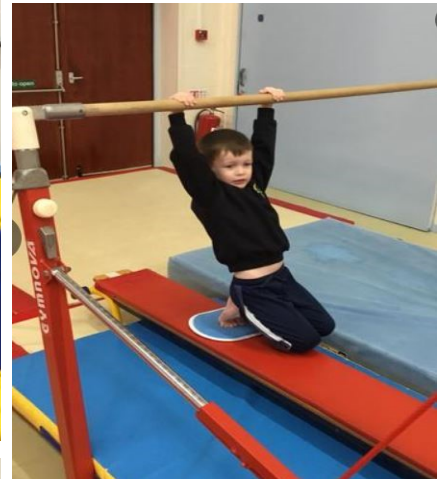
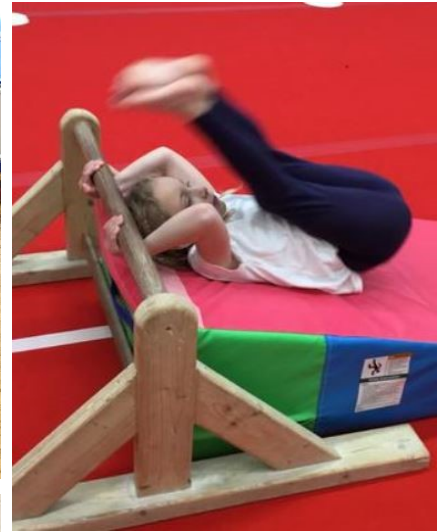
Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our **whole school attendance was 93.2%** .

Well done to **Oak class** for getting the highest attendance again this week! This is amazing, particularly as the children are so young, lets hope other year groups can follow this!

Oak	97.5%
Chestnut	88.8%
Beech	95.8%
Sycamore	95%
Willow	90.1%

## Year 1 - Gym and Dance lessons

Year 1 have really been enjoying their Gymnastic sessions and Dance lessons with Mrs Reeve and Miss Evans. We have shared some photos below.



## Parent Survey Results

We wanted to share the results of our last parent survey with you all.

Thank you all for your feedback, it was extremely positive and lovely to receive. We always strive to make improvements where we can and welcome your feedback.

		Strongly Agree	%	Agree	%	Disagree	%	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't Know	%
1	My child has a positive view of Ellwood Primary School	47	66.2	23	32.4	0	0.0	0	0	1	1.4
2	The school helps my child to be more confident	38	53.5	31	43.7	1	1.4	0	0	1	1.4
3	My child enjoys learning at school and realises the importance of learning	43	60.6	27	38.0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1.4
4	My child's learning is progressing well and if they have difficulties this is recognised e.g SEND / My plan	47	66.2	24	33.8	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
5	My child is encouraged and challenged to work to the best of her/his ability	39	54.9	31	43.7	0	0.0	0	0	1	1.4
6	I am kept informed about my child's progress and what they could do to improve	40	56.3	29	40.8	0	0.0	0	0	2	2.8
7	My child feels safe at school	46	64.8	24	33.8	0	0.0	0	0	1	1.4
8	My child benefits from school clubs, trips, events and activities provided outside and within the classroom (when available for their year group)	43	65.2	22	33.3	1	1.5	0	0	0	0.0
9	Overall, I am happy with the school	43	60.6	28	39.4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
10	The school is led and managed well	41	58.6	27	38.6	0	0.0	0	0	2	2.9
11	My child gets an appropriate amount of homework	33	46.5	34	47.9	3	4.2	0	0	1	1.4
12	The school encourages pupils to do their best	43	60.6	25	35.2	0	0.0	0	0	3	4.2
13	School buildings are kept in good order	40	57.1	28	40.0	0	0.0	0	0	2	2.9
14	If I raise a concern the school will deal with this and get back to me about my concerns	32	45.7	34	48.6	2	2.9	0	0	2	2.9
15	My child receives rewards such as stickers, certificates, praise and house points	51	71.8	19	26.8	1	1.4	0	0	0	0.0
16	I am kept up to date with relevant and useful information e.g., newsletters, texts, letters, website, emails, Facebook, dojo	50	70.4	21	29.6	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
17	School displays are colourful and interesting	48	67.6	20	28.2	0	0.0	0	0	3	4.2
18	I like to see what the children have been up to on the newsletter, dojo or the website	56	78.9	15	21.1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
19	The school expects good behaviour from pupils	52	73.2	18	25.4	0	0.0	0	0	1	1.4
20	The pupils behave well	38	54.3	29	41.4	0	0.0	0	0	3	4.3

### **Parent Pay Debts**

We have a large number of debts owed for Swimming on parent pay. Please make payment asap or we will have to review our Swimming provision and only offer the chance to go swimming once every few years for upper KS2 children. This would be detrimental as swimming is a life long skill which could save lives.

We have over £1000 of debts owed to the school for other trips/activities on parent pay at the moment. The school budget is tight and we cannot afford to subsidise this. Losing money will impact on other areas and directly impact on the children.

### **Update on teacher strikes**

As you may be aware there are planned teachers strikes on the following dates: Wednesday 1st Feb, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. We are in communication with teachers and the DfE to ensure all the relevant guidance is forwarded. As of yet we do not know the true impact on the strikes on teachers, classes or the whole school. Once we have this information we will let you know. It might be worth thinking about what you intend to do with your children should there be staff shortages and class/school closures. We will update you asap.

Thanks.

### **Class Dojo**

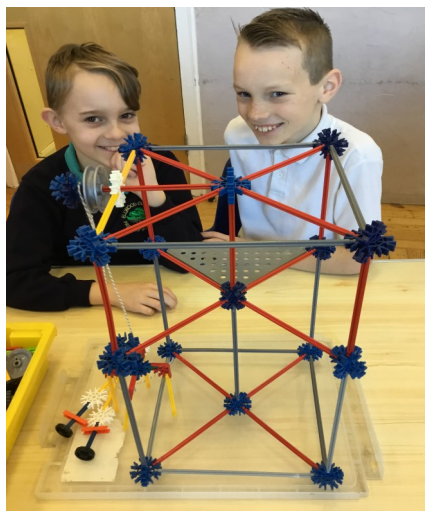
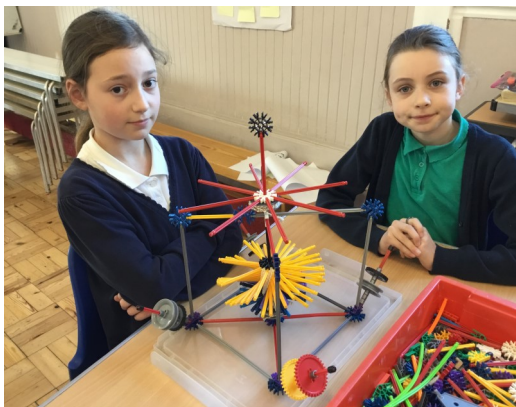
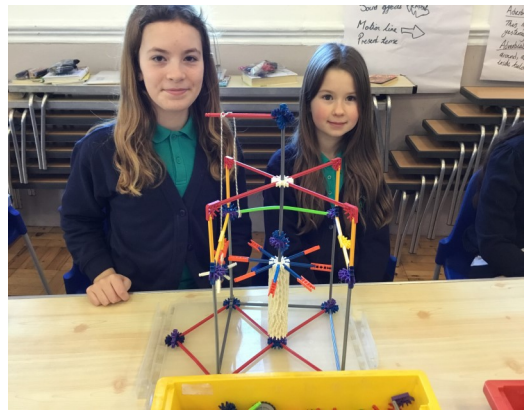
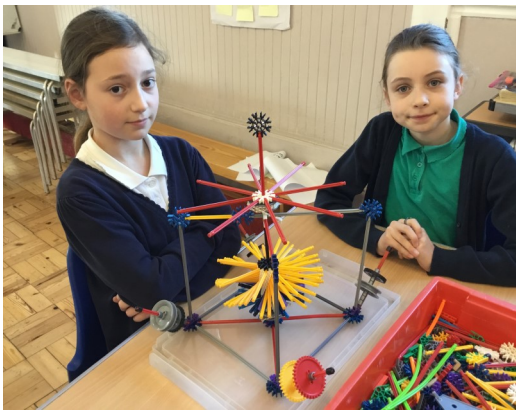
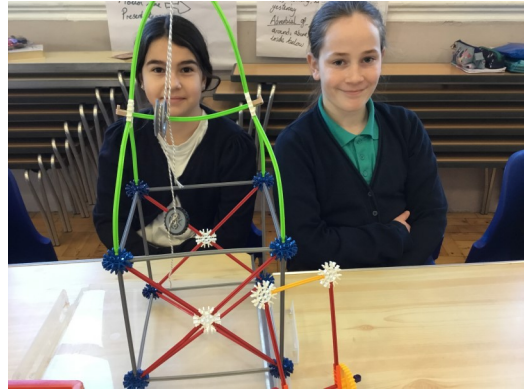
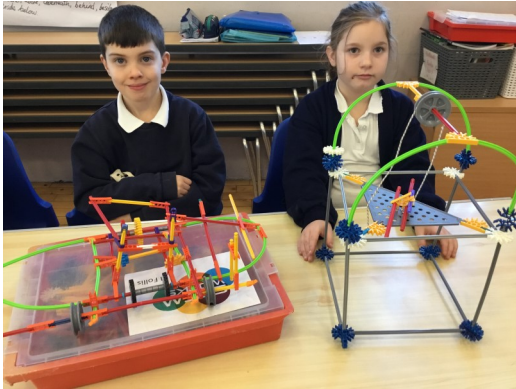
If you haven't already signed up to Class Dojo, please do! This is a really good app to find out what your child has been learning in class and for class reminders.

We will forward the link again early next week which will allow you to sign up.



## Stem Workshop—Year 5

This week the year 5 pupils took part in a stem workshop as part of the K'nex challenge. Below are some photos of the pupils hard at work!



## *Diary Dates*

### **JANUARY**

Thursday 19th January - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Tuesday 24th January - Swimming - Year 3/4

Thursday 26th January - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

### **FEBRUARY**

Monday 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Tuesday 14th February - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15th February - Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th February - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Friday 17th February - Random act of kindness

- Non-uniform day for chocolate donations for Easter

### **HALF TERM**

Monday 27th February - First day back