

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Honesty

July 11th 2024

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 Chestnut class for getting the highest attendance this week. Please be reminded that holidays during term time will not be authorised and you will likely incur a fine from the Local Authority.

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	90.6%
Chestnut	96%
Beech	94.6%
Sycamore	94.2%
Willow	89.7%

Reminder

Friday 12th July

1. Non uniform day in return for donations for the fair.

Suggested donations of bottles/tins/cans/cuddly toys/sweets/chocolate/plants/vouchers etc. Please note you have been very generous and we no longer require any more wine!

2. Transition day for all children. They will enjoy a day in their new class with their new teacher.

Reminder

Monday 15th July

1. Super Learner morning - children will enjoy a range of new activities throughout the morning.
2. Dress as a Superhero Day - come dressed up as a superhero.
3. Sports Carousel afternoon - children will take part in a carousel of sporting activities throughout the afternoon. PE kit will need to be worn under superhero costumes or brought to be changed into.
4. Cake sale (Hallie's Heroes) will take place after school on the playground. Please send any cake donations to the office.

EYFS Cattle Country

Last week our EYFS class went on their summer trip to Cattle Country! I think it's fair to say they had an amazing day and were all so well behaved.

Thank you for your help with fundraising towards this trip!





Beach trip - Porthcawl

Whole school beach trip.

We will leave school at 9:00am prompt. **Please ensure your child is in school by 8:45am** to ensure we leave on time.

We will be returning to school at approximately 4:45pm. Please send your child appropriately dressed for the weather with comfortable shoes.

Please ensure you have logged on to parent pay and given permission if you would like your child to attend!

Your child will need:

- A drink
- A packed lunch and snack
- Sunhat, suncream and sunglasses if hot weather (please apply cream before and also send in)
- Spare set of clothes
- Towel
- If weather is wet please send a waterproof coat and wellies



Thank you!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

**BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**

FEATURING

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year
5, Year 6

09:00 21 July 2024 - 15:00 30 August 2024

The poster features a purple background with two electric guitars, one yellow and one green, positioned on either side of the central text. The text 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' is at the top in a stylized font with wings. Below it, 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS' is written in large, bold, colorful letters. At the bottom, there are two white boxes containing the event details: 'FEATURING Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6' and '09:00 21 July 2024 - 15:00 30 August 2024'. There are also small blue and orange plus signs scattered around the design.

Changes to penalty notices from Sept 2024

We have received updated guidance from the DfE on penalty notices.

From August 2024 the DfE is changing the guidance on the issue of penalty notices. The threshold will be 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

Any second penalty notice within 3 years is charged at a higher rate: The first penalty notice issued will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second penalty notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

Penalty notices will still be issued to each parent for each child.

Instead of a third penalty notice being issued within 3 years of the date of issue of the first, alternative action such as considering prosecution or other attendance legal interventions may be taken.

The school's attendance policy will be updated to reflect these changes.

Thank you.

♥ The Library Challenge

13 July - 14 September



Get active, get reading, get free rewards!

Calling all young champions, book enthusiasts, and adventure seekers.

Gloucestershire Libraries proudly presents The Library Challenge 2024, where the thrill of sports meets the magic of books. Lace up your trainers, grab your favourite book, and let's dive into a summer of fun.

It's free to take part in the challenge with a library membership. Not a member? It's free to sign up for a library membership, just visit gloslibraries.uk or your local Library!

Suitable for children aged 3 - 12 years.

[Find out more](#)



Ellwood v Berry Hill

Please could years 4, 5 and 6 come into school wearing P.E kit on Tuesday 16th July. We will be taking the children to Berry Hill Primary school during the afternoon for a bit of friendly sporting competition! The children will be back in time for normal pick up.

Thanks!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as 'sexting'. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Victims of the misuse of intimate images and so-called 'sexortion' (blackmail involving sexual material) often experience significant emotional distress. The threat of having these photos or videos shared publicly can lead to anxiety, depression and a sense of helplessness. This emotional turmoil can affect daily life, academic performance and personal relationships.

DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

Intimate images being made public can severely damage a person's reputation. This can lead to bullying, social ostracisation and long-term impacts on personal and professional relationships. If a blackmailer gets their hands on any intimate images, the fear of reputational damage can also make a victim far more vulnerable to ongoing extortion.

PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to quickly control where they wind up and who else sees them. This loss of privacy can have lifelong repercussions, including identity theft and persistent online harassment.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

Perpetrators of sextortion may demand money from victims under the threat of releasing their intimate images publicly. This can lead to severe financial problems for victims and their families, compounding their emotional and psychological distress.

LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

If a child or young person creates and/or sends intimate images to others – especially adults – this is considered a form of child abuse under UK law. Having to disclose this type of abuse, although necessary, can be harrowing, leading to further trauma. It's crucial for parents, carers and educators to understand the legal processes and be able to provide proper guidance and support.

TRUST ISSUES

Sharing of intimate images without consent can lead to long-term trust issues. Victims may find it difficult to trust others, impacting future relationships and their ability to form healthy, supportive connections. This erosion of trust can have profound effects on mental health and social wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

It's vital to encourage open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities and any concerns they may have without fear of judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying information with an attitude of support and learning.

EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS

Children and young people often want to understand why certain rules are in place. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, explaining the reasons for monitoring and other security measures. Highlight the potential for misuse, including sextortion, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy is incredibly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online. Teach them about secure online practices, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ensure that children and young people know where to seek help if they become victims of sextortion or any other online abuse. Help them identify in advance which adults they can turn to and provide them with information about trusted resources like helplines (e.g. Childline) that they can access if they need help.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding and neurodiversity consultant with over 30 years' experience working with children, families and adults in education, local authority and mental health settings in the UK and abroad.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

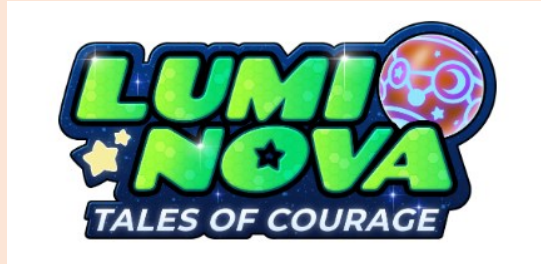
Lumi Nova Information

Lumi Nova was Co-created with children, families, clinicians, academics and technology experts, it's the first therapeutic mobile game to be registered with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), as a CE marked medical device (meaning it meets General Safety and Performance Requirements), and recommended by [NICE](#).

Lumi Nova: Tales of courage is an intergalactic adventure game where players step into the shoes of

a newly recruited 'Luminaut' and start an exciting adventure through space - travelling to different planets, meeting new characters, solving puzzles and

attempting challenges to overcome fears and build confidence. It is scientifically proven and based on 'exposure therapy' (the most effective part of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy or CBT) which involves setting goals, breaking down fears into manageable steps and attempting these in a gradual way to build confidence and manage anxiety.



A reminder about the App

The Lumi Nova app is an immersive adventure through space, where users transform into a 'Luminaut' and embark on exciting, therapeutic journeys. It cleverly integrates 'exposure therapy', a key aspect of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), enabling users to set and achieve manageable goals, build confidence, and learn to self-manage their anxieties. The app is scientifically proven to be effective, offering a unique, engaging approach in supporting mental health.

To get free access to Lumi Nova visit: [Lumi Nova - Free for families in Gloucestershire — Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage](#)

Fundraising Friday

We will be doing fundraising Friday again tomorrow after school, the following items will be available to buy; popcorn, drinks, crisps, sweets, chocolate, ice-cream/lollies.

Prices will range from 50p—£1

Thank you for your support!





Hallie's FUN DAY!

HUGE
Raffle

Saturday August 10th
12pm - 4.30pm

DRYBROOK RUGBY CLUB

£1 donation entry adults
Kids FREE

LIVE
MUSIC

Join us for
lots of fun!

- Traditional fair games
- Lots of stalls
- Dance performances
- Live music including Blue Moon

FOOD BY



CASH
ONLY



For more information please scan the QR code

Diary Dates

JULY

- Thursday 11th July - Parent drop in sessions 3:30-5:00pm
- Friday 12th July - Transition day in school (normal drop off and pick up locations)
- Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for summer fair
- Monday 15th July - Hallie's Heroes - Dress up as a superhero and cake sale (cake donations)
- Super learning week (P.E kit required)
- Tuesday 16th July - Ellwood v Berry Hill (Y4, 5 & 6 @Berry Hill)
- Wednesday 17th July - Whole school beach trip (please bring a packed lunch) returning to school for 4:45pm
- Thursday 18th July - School fete 2pm - Please collect children at 2pm
- Friday 19th July - Leavers assembly - 1pm
- Last day of term - 2pm finish (party packed lunches to be sent in please)
- *****SUMMER HOLIDAYS*****
- Monday 2nd Sept - Inset day
- Tuesday 3rd Sept - First day back in school for children