

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - October 16th 2020

Rev. Michelle - Virtual Governor Visit

Rev. Michelle is one of our school governors. Last week she took part in a virtual meeting with Miss Chisman to discuss well-being and behaviour of our pupils. Several weeks ago the children completed a well being and safeguarding pupil questionnaire. The results were analysed and discussed in depth at this meeting. Rev. Michelle also had the opportunity to talk to small groups of children about their views of school life.

The children were positive about their school experience, they understood about the need to keep safe, they were happy with how the school was operating and there was a strong emphasis and understanding of belonging to the school, believing in themselves and achieving in class. Which links in nicely to our school moto '*believe, achieve, belong*'.

The vast majority of children enjoyed school, felt happy in school and felt their work and achievements were valued.

They also enjoyed the 'recovery curriculum' and covering topics such as 'Make me a superhero' which helped them to build resilience and the 'E-bug Module' which taught them about health and hygiene.

Many thanks to Miss Chisman and Rev. Michelle for taking the time to listen to the children's views, identifying strengths of the school and areas that we can continue to improve.

Food Bank

Just a reminder that we will be collecting for the foodbank next week, please bring your donation into school and place them in the plastic boxes located outside of the school entry points.

They are collecting items such as; tinned foods, pasta, rice, toiletries, dog/cat food, biscuits/snacks and confectionary.

Thank you for your support with this worthwhile cause.



INSET DAY

Just a reminder that Friday 23rd October is an inset day.

Children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Year 6

Writer of the Week

Alesha-May - For excellent dialogue and action



Year 5

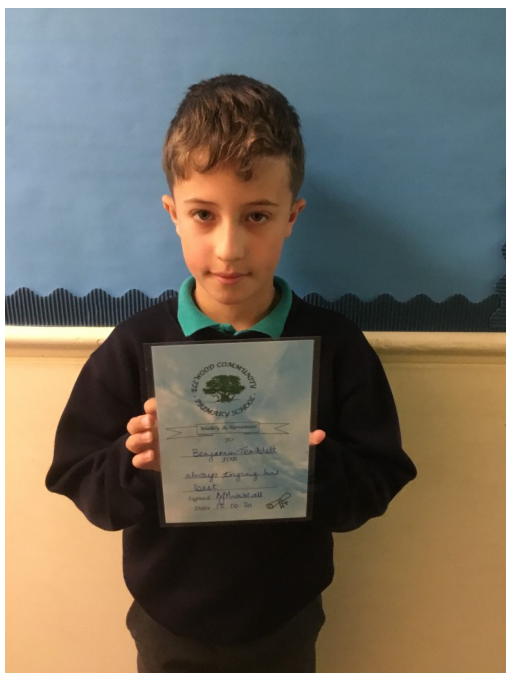
Writer of the Week

Darcie - For writing an excellent set of instructions



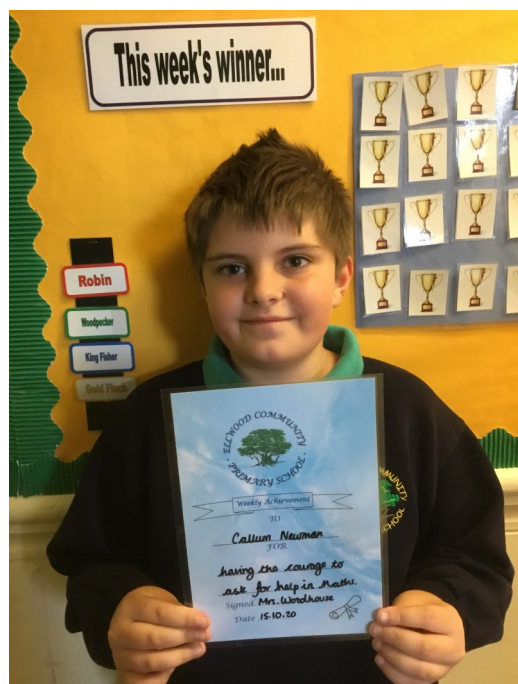
Weekly Achievement

Ben - For always trying his best



Weekly Achievement

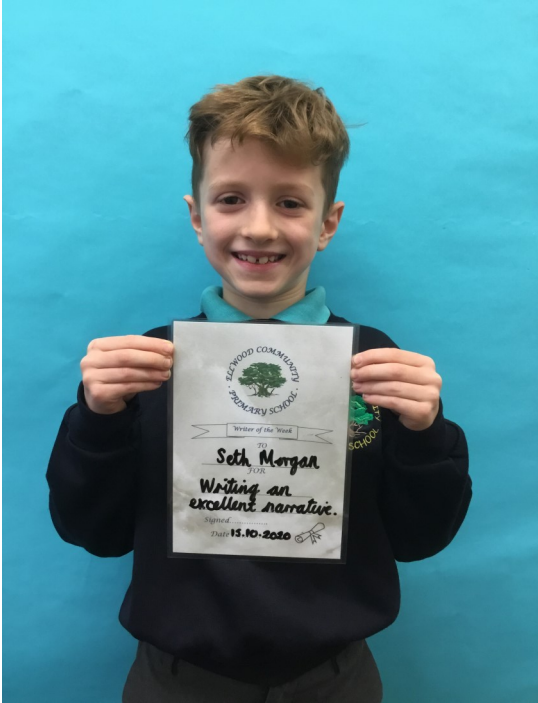
Callum—For having the courage to ask for help in Maths



Year 4

Writer of the Week

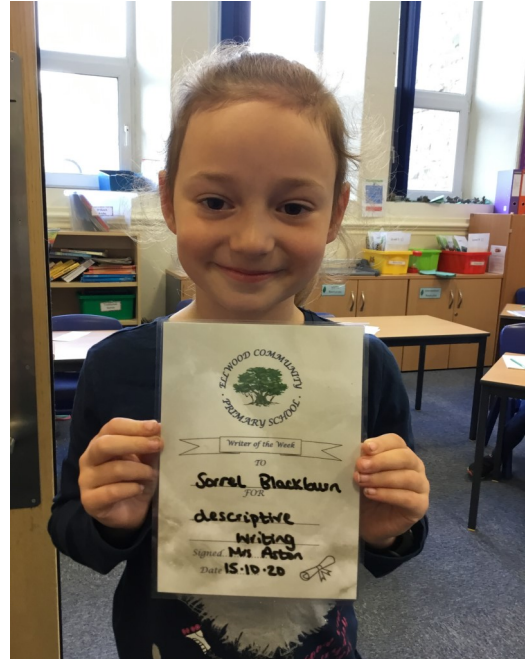
Seth - For writing an excellent narrative



Year 3

Writer of the Week

Sorrel - For descriptive writing



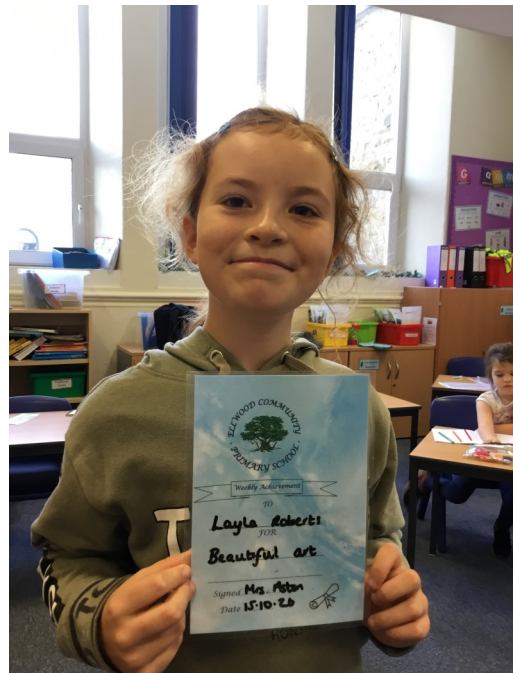
Weekly Achievement

Alfie P - For working hard in every subject



Weekly Achievement

Layla - For beautiful art



Year 2

Writer of the Week

Brady - For super expanded noun phrases



Year 1

Writer of the Week

Mason - For using describing words in his story



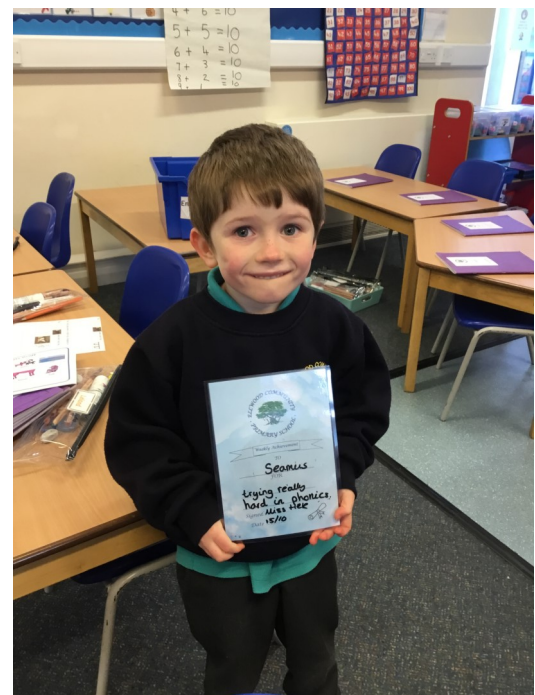
Weekly Achievement

Macey-Rose — For super science



Weekly Achievement

Seamus - For working really hard in phonics



Oak Class

Eira - For demonstrating a great attitude to her learning



Bikeability — Year 6

We need to have final numbers of children wanting to participate in Bikeability by Monday 26th October, at the latest. If you have not already done so, can you please make your payment of £8 on ParentPay.

Thank you.

Virtual Cross Country

We will be taking part in the School Games Virtual Cross Country competition over the next couple of weeks during PE lessons. Children will run different distances, according to their age group, in laps, their times will be recorded and these will be sent in to the Forest Games organiser.

Good luck everyone!



School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals through government funding.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 need to pay for school meals using ParentPay, unless they are in receipt of Free School Meals.

If you think your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please visit the website below for further information about qualifying criteria and how to apply.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you pay for school meals could we please ask that your child's dinner account is kept in credit at all times. Thank you.

Coronavirus Update

As you are aware the number of coronavirus cases are increasing nationally and locally. With this in mind, may we please remind parents/carers to observe the social distancing guidelines whilst waiting to collect your child/ren from school.

If you need to speak to a class teacher please phone the school office to arrange for a teacher to telephone you back. Please do not enter the yard and approach staff.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. We are all being very cautious and remaining vigilant.

Coronavirus Reminders

We wanted to remind you about current Coronavirus protocol

Symptomatic Children/Household Member

If a child or family member shows any of the three main symptoms; temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste/smell, the whole household must isolate and a test must be booked. Children and their siblings **CAN NOT ATTEND SCHOOL** until the test result comes back negative.

Contact with a Positive Case

If any child/family member has come into contact with a positive case, that child/person **MUST** isolate for 14 days (not leave home or come to school). If a test has been taken and the result is negative the person still needs to isolate for the full 14 days as symptoms could still develop during this 14 day period.

Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

If your child had these symptoms before Covid would you have kept them off school?

Yes

Keep your child off school

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home.

Ring 119 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus to order a home test kit.

You cannot access a test through 111 or 999. Please do not go to A&E.

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you when to act

No

Do they have:

1. A new continuous cough?
2. A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
3. A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

No

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

Yes

Children who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school as **NORMAL**

No