

Ellwood School News

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Welcome Back!

It is great to finally see all the year groups back in school. We are pleased to see all the children ready and excited to learn this half term. We have an exciting half term ahead of us, although it will be a little different due to the various restrictions and COVID guidance, we will do our best to make it as fun and as normal as possible for the children.

Bubble In Isolation

If a school bubble has to isolate for a period of time this means the child in that bubble legally has to isolate. This means NOT leaving their home (unless shared custody between separated parents). Unfortunately the local police and PCSO have contacted the school to inform us that they have received reports about breaches of the isolation guidance. Please be aware that fines may be issued for any breaches.

As a community we have a duty to follow the guidance to keep the local and wider community safe.

Birthdays

We are looking into ways in which we can celebrate children's birthday's in school due to some children missing out on not being able to have parties. We will let you know more information once we have discussed it further with staff.

Please be reminded that we are unable to cut up and give out birthday cake to children, due to the current restrictions. We do feel sad about this, therefore, if your child would like to bring in something for the other children e.g. a sealed bag of sweets /chocolate bar. Parents may bring them into school at the end of the day to hand out to children as they leave the school premises.



Pumpkin Carving Competition

Oak Class Winner: Eira - what a lovely entry
Eira—well done!



Year 1 Winner: Seamus - what a scary
pumpkin! Well done Seamus!



Year 2 Winner: Amelia - what a wonderful
pumpkin Amelia!



Pumpkin Carving Competition

Year 4 Winner: Chase—what an amazing
pumpkin—well done Chase!



Year 5 Winner: Bella - what a fabulous
pumpkin Bella—well done!



Year 6 Winner: Bodi - what an amazing
pumpkin!



Tesco's Halloween Colouring Competition

1st Prize - Freya (Willow Class)



2nd Prize - Indie (Oak Class)



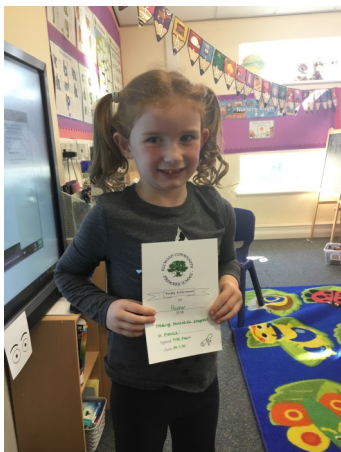
3rd Prize - Renee (Beech Class)



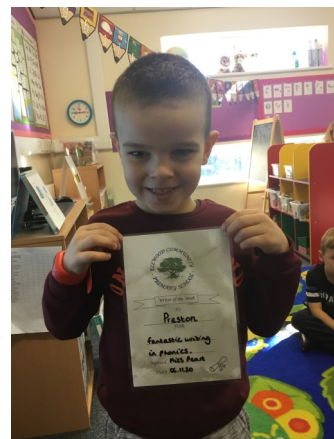
Well done to everyone that took part in the colouring competition, Tesco was really impressed by the amazing entries and had a difficult decision choosing the winners.

Thank you to Elsie's Mum for organising this event for the children, they have really enjoyed it.

Oak Class: Harper—making fantastic progress in phonics



Oak Class: Preston - fantastic writing in phonics

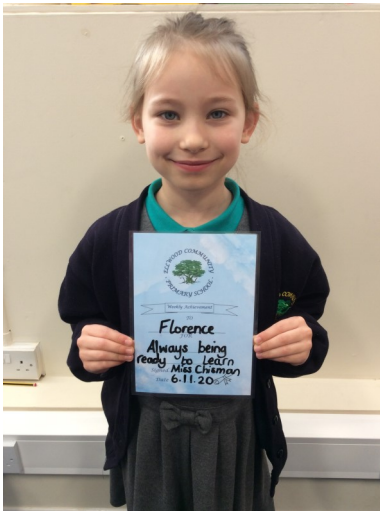


Weekly Achievements

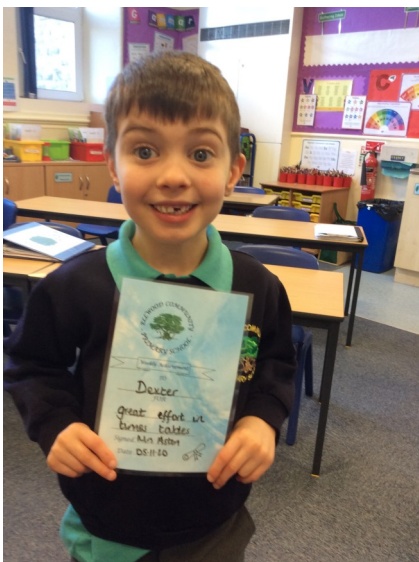
Year 1: Alfie E - for having an excellent attitude towards his learning



Year 2: Florence - For always being ready to learn with a great attitude



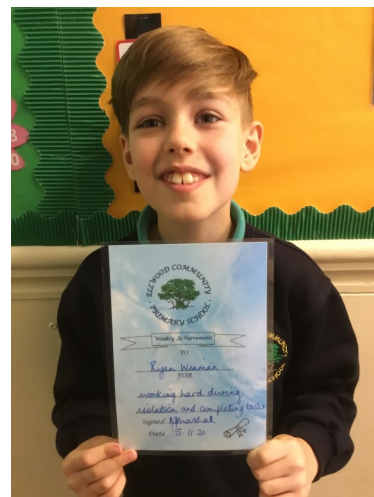
Year 3: Dexter - for a great effort with times tables



Year 4: Poppy - Always being ready to learn and persevering



Year 5: Ryan - for working hard during isolation and completing tasks

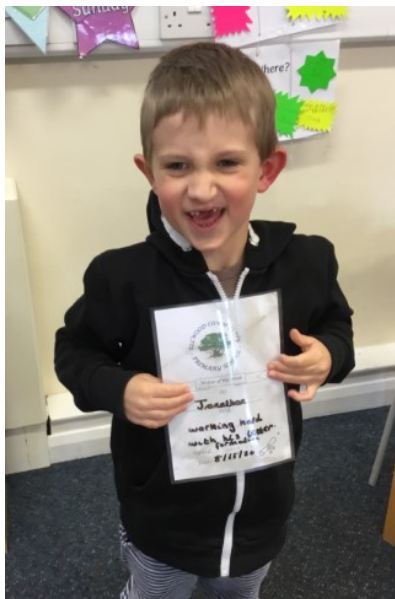


Year 6—Abi for making the most progress in Bikeability



Writer of the Week

Year 1: Jonathan for working hard with his letter formation



Year 2 : Maisie—for using interesting verbs

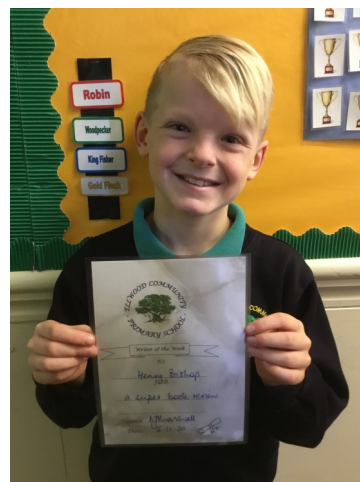


Year 3 : Rory—for descriptive ideas



Writer of the Week

Year 5: Henry - for a super book review



Year 4: Alfie - Writing a great alternative ending



Remembrance Day

Remembrance day will be a little different this year due to the current restrictions. We are very fortunate that Rev. Michelle has sent us a whole school service for the children to watch in their classes next week. We will hold a 2 minute silence at 11 a.m.



MovieNight

On Thursday 10th December we will be holding a Christmas Movie night for children after school 3.30—5.30 p.m. This will take place in their school bubbles.

Further information will follow nearer the time.



Children In Need

Children in Need will be taking place on Friday 13th November.

Children may come to school dressed in their pyjamas and a donation tub will be situated by each entrance if you would like to make a donation (optional).

The children will take part in fun activities during the day to celebrate this occasion and worth while cause.

Thank you.



School Photos - Postponed

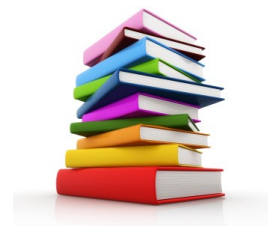
Unfortunately due to the current situation we have had to postpone the school photographs for the time being. We will hopefully be able to reschedule in the New Year.

Thank you.

Scholastic Books

We have sent home a scholastic books brochure with children today. If you would like to order anything, could we please ask that you order directly with scholastic books and that purchases are delivered to your home and not to school.

Thank you.





Taurus Crafts, Lydney Forest Of Dean

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To bring a bit of happiness to you here is some wonderful pop art created by four local schools, you can now vote for your favorite by liking or sharing the schools picture to help them win a prize. Competition closes 24th November [#deanwye](#)

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Maths Rock Out 2020 (Years 3 - 6)

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours - some will play more, some will play less. The children really enjoyed the last TT Rock Stars competition that we took part in so we are really looking forward to this one!



Well Done Layla!

Layla has been carrying out a project on Shackleton and the Antarctic which has really captured her imagination. So much so that during the half-term break she decided she wanted to paint a picture of his ship, the Endeavour, in the ice.

What an amazing piece of art Layla—well done!



Disable Parking Space

Please may we remind parents / carers not to use the disabled parking space in the school car park unless they are a blue badge holder. We now have some parents/carers that do need to use this space and we are finding that the space it is being used by people that do not qualify. .

Thank you for your support with this.



Thank You!

Thank you for wearing masks at drop off and pick up times it is greatly appreciated. We know this will to reassure some parents.



Forest Adventure

Just a reminder that children in Willow class and Chestnut class will be taking part in Forest Adventure this half term.

Willow Class - Wednesday afternoon and Chestnut Class on Thursday afternoon.

Please be reminded that children may come to school on the days wearing their Forest clothes. Please ensure that they bring either wellies, walking boots or shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Also, please make sure they bring a coat that is appropriate for the weather.

Thank you to all those parents that kindly offered to help out this half term. Unfortunately we are not able to have volunteer helpers at the moment again due to the current lockdown restrictions. We are hopeful that this may change in the coming months, as we know that parents/carers look forward to helping and we really appreciate the help and support that you give us.

Cricket Taster Day (Y1 –Y6) –Thursday 12th November

We are very fortunate to be able to offer children in Years 1–6 a cricket taster session, on Thursday 12th November.

Please can children come into school wearing their PE kits on this day. If your child is taking part in Forest Adventure on Thursday afternoon, please make sure children bring in suitable footwear and clothing for the Forest session.

Thank you.

School Dinners

From next week, week commencing 9th November, we will be able to offer sausage rolls and Mexican rolls (vegetarian option) on the lunch menu on a Monday and Friday. This will be instead of a baguette. Children will still receive a piece of fruit, a cake/biscuit and vegetable sticks.

Thank you.

Cross Country—Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class enjoying their cross country this week



Christmas Cards

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today your child is bringing home a copy of their Christmas card design. We would be really grateful if you could order some packs of cards as this year. We will be unable to hold a Christmas Fayre or other Christmas fundraising events due to COVID restrictions.

Our annual Christmas fundraising events raise a good amount of money which we are then able to put towards extra educational events or equipment for the children. This year we are having to be creative and try different events so that our children still get the best educational experience possible.

To order your child's Christmas card please follow the instructions on the order sheet. Each child has a unique code that will relate to their specific design. All orders must be done online. If you choose to place an order, **your child's order sheet MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER**. The order sheets can be left in your child's bag and will be collected by a member of staff from their bubble. **Please tick on the order sheet to confirm that you have placed an order online and whether you give consent for your child's artwork to be used on the Cauliflower Cards website or for future samples**. Returning the order sheet to us means that we will send your child's Christmas card design off to be printed. All orders will then be returned to school and sent home with your child in time for you to send some festive cheer to family and friends. Any parents that wish to make multiple purchases, due to split-families, will need to use the same unique code for all orders. **Please do not keep your child's design and order sheet in your child's bag if you have chosen to not purchase an order online**, as we can only send the completed orders to the company that will manufacture the cards.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Chisman

(Art Lead)

Isolation Guidance

We have had a few queries about older siblings in secondary school having to isolate due to their class bubbles having to isolate. If an older sibling is NOT positive for COVID-19 but is isolating due to a school bubble isolating, the younger sibling can still attend school.

It is only the child/person who has had direct contact with the positive case that needs to isolate. This would be same for children in our school. Other siblings would not necessarily be in isolation, it would be dependant on the circumstances.

If your child is asked to isolate due to a bubble isolating they still need to isolate, even if they have a negative test, as they could still develop symptoms during this isolation period. They need to follow the same guidance as the rest of the bubble and should not be going out of the household or mixing with anyone outside of the household.

However, if anyone in that household then develops symptoms, the whole household must isolate and a test taken. The household must isolate until test results have been received. If there is a positive test in the household the whole household must continue to isolate.

Diary Dates

November

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| Wednesday 11th Nov | - | Remembrance Day |
| Thursday 12th Nov | - | Cricket Taster Day (Y1—Y6)
(Wear PE kit to school) |
| Friday 13th Nov | - | Children in Need
(Wear pyjamas to school) |
| Wednesday 25th Nov | - | No Pens Day |

December

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| Tuesday 3rd Dec | - | Nasal Flu Vaccination Day |
| Thursday 10th Dec | - | Movie Night (3.30—5.30) |
| Friday 18th Dec | - | Christmas Jumper Day and
Christmas Party Day |
| Friday 18th Dec | - | SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2 P.M. |