

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - April 30th 2021

Reminder

Just a reminder that it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May. We hope you all have an enjoyable extended weekend and let's hope the weather gets a bit brighter!

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday.

Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair (3rd- 7th May, 2021)

Dear Parents/Carers,

From week commencing 3rd May, we have been fortunate enough to be able to secure a Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair. This works in a similar way to the book fair that we have traditionally held in school; however due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we have taken to holding it virtually. You can simply go to the website (www.booksforbugs.co.uk), choose and pay for the books you would like, and the company send all orders to us to distribute to you. At checkout, by entering school's name and postcode will deduct any shipping charges applied.

All books are new and cost just £2.50 each. The range covers all ages both fiction and non-fiction and are all top titles and authors. The books truly are amazing value for money.

For every five books purchased by you during the week, school will receive one free book to add to our growing collection for the children to enjoy in school.

For further details about the Virtual Book Fair go to:

<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/virtual-book-fairs/>.

The graphic is a yellow rectangular banner with an orange ribbon at the top. The ribbon contains the text 'Virtual Book Fair' in white and 'Thousands of books all £2.50 each' in smaller white text. To the right of the ribbon is a small circular logo featuring a beehive. Below the ribbon are three circular illustrations: the first shows a child at a computer with the caption 'Visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk'; the second shows a teacher handing a book to a child with the caption 'Collect from your teacher'; the third shows a child reading a book with the caption 'Take home & enjoy!'. At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'Order online at www.booksforbugs.co.uk but be sure to fill out the delivery address with your CHILD'S NAME, CLASS & SCHOOL'S ADDRESS'.

Year 1

Year 1 have been planting radishes and are very excited to watch them grow.



Fencing Taster Day

On Thursday we had a Fencing Taster day where children were able to have a go at fencing, taught by a professional fencing coach. The children all had a great time and a great opportunity to be able to try out a new sport.

Year 1 - Fencing

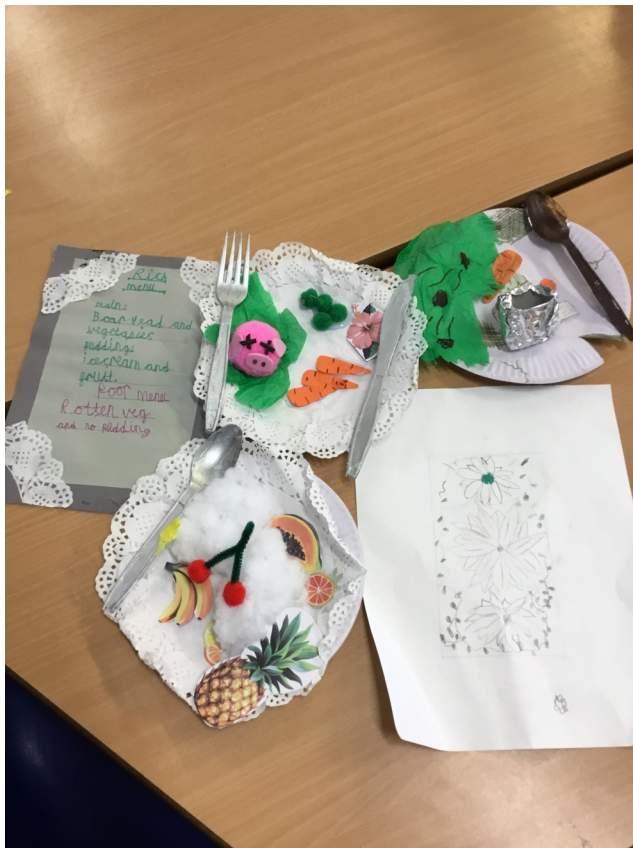


Chestnut Class - Daily Mile



Chestnut Class

Florence has made a poor and rich food plate, from the past. What amazing work Florence!



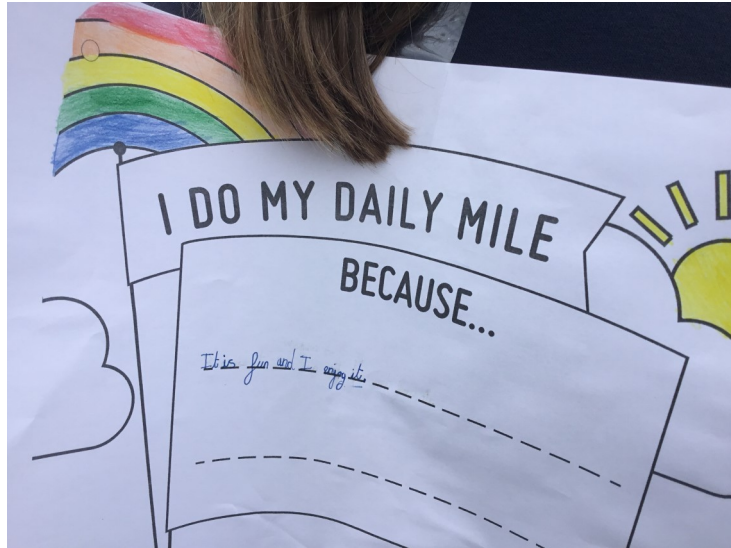
Oak Class - Fencing



Willow Class - Fencing



Year 5 - Daily Mile Challenge



Year 5 - Easter Reading Certificates



Victorian School Day — Year 2

Year 2 children have been doing some brilliant oral literacy. They worked in groups to orally retell our Victorian school day and then each group presented their recount.



Bikeability (Year 5) May 4th -May 7th

If you are taking part in Bikeability please remember to bring your bike into school on Tuesday 4th May. Unfortunately, bikes will not be able to be kept in school overnight but should be taken home each day.

If you haven't already made your payment of £8 and are not eligible for Free School Meals, please make your payment on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Thank you.



Rags2Riches

Many thanks for your donations for our Rags2Riches collection. We managed to collect 102.5kg (£41 raised) which is a little lower than we normally manage to collect, but it all helps, so thank you.

We will hopefully be holding another Rags2Riches collection in the new academic year, we will let you know the date as soon as we can.

Many thanks for your continued support

Manor Adventure - Year 6

Just a reminder that the next payment for Manor Adventure is due on May 1st.

Thank you.

Dinner Debts

If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear as soon as possible. Dinner accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

Thank you.



Young Poets & Storytellers



Write a poem in any form and on a topic of your choice - preferred length up to a maximum 20 lines

(Four age groups*: 5-8, 9-11, 12 & 13-15 with book token prizes of £20, £10 & £5 for the first three in each group.)

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 Closing date for entries: 28th May 2021

FREE POETRY WORKSHOPS

Inspiring, inventive and may just add value to something you're already planning!
 (contact details below)

special bonus prizes will be awarded to the two best poems dealing with the environment and the climate crisis



....pandemic permitting, a selection of poems on forest themes will be forwarded for entry to the Junior Forest Bard competition later in the year.



Write a short story on a subject of your choice - any length up to a maximum approx. 500 words.

(Age groups: Up to 11; 12 & over. Prizes and closing date for entries as for the Young Poets).

NEW THIS YEAR!

The Mitcheldean Climate Crisis Challenge Trophy

will be awarded for the best story inspired by and addressing the issue of climate change, the search for a sustainable future and the need to put our care less, throw-away culture behind us.

Medals will also be awarded for the second and third placed stories and the age of the storyteller will be known and taken into account so that storytellers of all ages will have the same chance of winning!

Competitions sponsored by Severn Dean Lions

*Age on 31st August 2021 Additional support from



Contact: John Livesey: Tel: 07974201434; e-mail contact@poetryfod.org

Rugby Football Union's Allianz Warrior Camps

The Covid-19 pandemic has particularly affected the mental health of women and, having been isolated, an opportunity to play sport, and in particular a team sport, has never been more welcome.

That's why more than 160 community rugby clubs nationwide are running the Rugby Football Union's Allianz Warrior Camps which introduce women to the sport or welcome those returning and help to both empower women and broaden rugby's reach.

Cinderford RFC have girls playing rugby at U13, U15 and U18 level and are working to build a women's side for the older girls to move on to and to provide rugby locally for women of every age and ability. Their Allianz Warrior Camp takes place at Cinderford RFC.....on May 2nd..... from...1pm ..to 3pm.....

This fun, social fitness camp is a chance to get out, get active and make new friends. Katy Daley-McLean a former England captain who won 116 caps and lifted the World Cup in 2014 currently plays fly half for Sale Sharks in the Allianz Premier 15s. She says: "Allianz Inner Warrior is a fantastic campaign – not just for people who've played rugby but for someone new who might have an interest in the game.

"It's the benefits of rugby all rolled into one – the option to meet new people, go out and socialise and be active. For me, they're all the things I've loved about being part of the game. The camps are a great opportunity to run around, get fit, play a different game and discover the social side of rugby – as well as all its physical benefits."

At Cinderford, coach Paul Lydiard, supported by some of the club's established players, is hoping to make the Warrior Camp a really funtastic event. It's the first time the club has run one of these camps and they already have quite a lot of interest.

"Anyone coming along will get a warm welcome," says Paul. "After all the months of isolation and lack of sport, there's no better way to get active and discover what a rugby team can provide. It doesn't matter whether you've ever held a rugby ball, this will be a very friendly, safe session for anyone who comes along."

To get in touch with Paul at the club on this day

Or mobile for details

07871577270



**BACK WHERE
YOU BELONG**
#ALLIANZINNERWARRIOR

FIND YOUR LOCAL WARRIOR CAMP:
ENGLANDRUGBY.COM/INNERWARRIOR

Free Taster Harp lessons

with Natasha Gale



A little bit about me...

My Name is Natasha Gale, I am the current Harp Tutor for Cheltenham College, Dean Close School and The Cotswolds School. I teach both privately in Birmingham and across the Gloucestershire area.

I started my harp journey when I was just 8 years old (a very determined 8 year old!) I wouldn't take another instrumental suggestion - it was always the harp. In the end, I think my parents would now agree that it is probably one of the main reasons they both have good blood pressure, even during the turbulent times that we have been experiencing this last year!

The harp is a wonderfully relaxing instrument and sounds beautiful from the first note. It is a very satisfying instrument both for those learning and for those pottering around the house whilst it tinkles away - the calming tones of the harp have been well documented over the centuries, from the palaces of the Ancient Greeks to the Imperial Courts of the Medieval Kings and Queens!

If you'd like to try the harp yourself or your child would like to have a go, do get in contact! Not only is learning an instrument highly rewarding, it also offers a welcome escape from the stresses of modern life.

To organise a free taster harp lesson then please contact me using the information provided. All being well, socially distanced in-person harp lessons will be able to take place from the summer term. Don't worry about not having a harp already - I'll provide a harp for your lessons!



The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire



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Diary Dates

May

- Monday 3rd May - May Bank Holiday
- Monday 3rd May - Virtual Book Fair
(More details to follow)
- Tuesday 4th May - Cycling Proficiency (Year 5)
- Friday 7th May (More information to follow)
- Friday 14th May - Pyjamarama Day
(More information to follow)
- Monday 17th May - Skipping Workshop (whole school)
(More information to follow)
- Tuesday 18th May - Leavers and Group Photographs
- Wednesday 26th May - Concert Pianist (Clare Hammond) Visit
(KS2 Children)

JUNE

- Tuesday 10th June - Height and Weight (Reception Class)

JULY

- Tuesday 13th July - Cattle Country Trip (R and Y1)
- Friday 16th July - Manor Adventure Residential (Y6)
Monday 19th July