

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Resilience**

April 25th 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 95.3%** which is below our target of 97%.

Well done to **Oak** class this week for getting the highest attendance.

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.

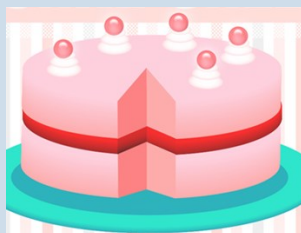
Oak	98.8%
Chestnut	97.2%
Beech	95%
Sycamore	88.4%
Willow	97.8%

## Oak Class Bake Sale

Reminder.....Oak class bake sale tomorrow!

3:20pm on the school playground.

Any cake donations welcome!



## Attendance

Thank you to those of you that ensure your children attend school regularly. We have had a big increase in the amount of holiday request forms coming into school lately and although by requesting a form you are following the correct procedure, we wanted to remind our parents that children should only be taken out of school for exceptional circumstances. Absences requested for family holidays will not be authorised and if the duration is for 5 days or more, the request will also be sent to the Local Authority and will likely result in a penalty notice. The penalty charge for taking a child out of school is £60 per child, per parent.

If a child has more than 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence across a 10 week period, they may also receive a penalty notice.

We are proud that generally, our whole school attendance is good. We do monitor attendance to identify any patterns, repeat absences and those that are classed as persistently absent. Parents that have children which are classed as being persistently absent can be referred to Early Help and will be contacted by Mrs Charles.

Unfortunately taking holidays in term time not only affects your own child with missed learning, but also affects the rest of the class, as teachers and TAs then have to spend time trying to ensure your child can catch up on missed lessons and key elements of learning that they need in order to progress through school.

Please feel free to contact us if you are struggling with your child's attendance and feel that talking to our family support worker (Mrs Charles) could help.

## The world is run by those who turn up

**Attending school every day** = 100% attendance

**Attending 4½ days a week** = 90% attendance  
= 4 weeks missed per year.

**Attending 4 days a week** = 80% attendance  
= more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

**Attending 3½ days each week** = 70% attendance  
= more than a quarter of the school year missed.

**An average attendance of 80% or less** across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school

**Being late for school reduces learning time.**

- If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.
- If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

## Make every minute count

### How can I help?

You can help in many ways:

- Encourage good attendance by making sure your child comes to school regularly (see attendance policy on the school's website).
- Take an interest in your child's school work.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of absence from school.
- Support our school in our efforts to control inappropriate behaviour.
- Inform us on the first day of your child's absence, and keep us updated throughout the absence period.
- Cooperate with our school to make sure your child overcomes any attendance problems.
- Discuss planned absences with the Headteacher and apply for permission well in advance.
- Only take your child out of school during term time where the absence has been authorised.

## Year 4 - D&T

Year 4 were given the challenge to create sling shot cars.

This included building the chassis and then designing and making the body of the car.

They had to think about making their cars stream line but also appealing for the eye.



As part of Earth Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April , Eco Council took the assembly and updated the children about what they are doing in school. They also reminded us to do what we can at home.

The children did very well with Mrs Rees' Compost Quiz. Composting at home is great fun or alternatively all your kitchen waste can be collected at the curb side weekly. We will be taking part in Bream Shows composting challenge in the summer show.



## Trick box

Would you like to know more about trick box?

Come along to our informal coffee afternoon (and cake!) on Friday 17th May 2:30pm in the school hall.

A chance to find out more about trick box and discuss how we support well being in school.

Thank you.

## Year 1 - Phonics screening

Children in Year 1, throughout the country, will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

This year the test will take place week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss Hek would like to thank those parents who were able to come to the Phonics Meeting on Monday. The Powerpoint with the information shared will be on the Year 1 class dojo page. If you would like any more information please ask.

It is really important that children are reading regularly and completing their phonics homework as this will help them with the transition to Year 2

Helpful links:

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto)

# Supporting a Child with ADHD

## Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

**[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

(7pm to 9pm) £24

**Book now via the website**

# Anxiety Explained

## Thursday 2nd May

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?

Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



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## Miss Hayward's Marathon Achievement

Congratulations to Miss Hayward for completing the London Marathon last weekend! What an amazing achievement and a great example to the children of hard work, resilience and determination.

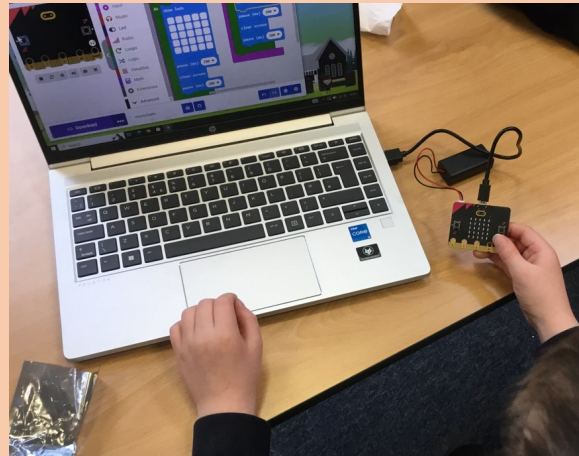
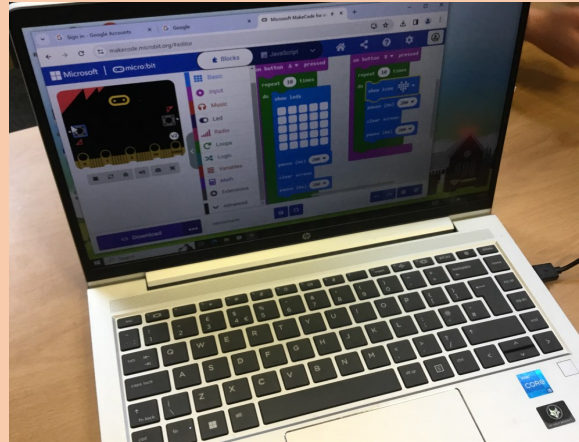
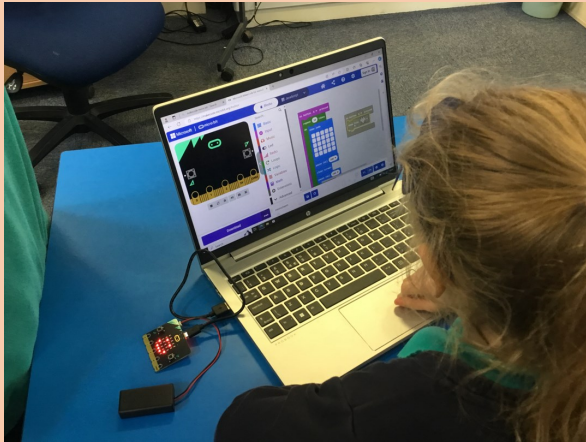
The children loved seeing her medal and asked some great questions!



## Beech class - D&T

Beech class have loved exploring microbits!

We have looked at wearable technology and how it can keep us safe. We have begun to program microbits to use in wearable charms.



## *Diary Dates*

### APRIL

- Friday 26th April - EYFS cake sale - Raising funds for their Cattle Country summer trip!
- Willow Y5 dean academy D&T lesson
- Tuesday 30th April - Gymnastics - Reception class (packed lunch needed)

### MAY

- Monday 6th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday 7th May - Gymnastics - Reception class (packed lunch needed)
- Friday 10th May - Class and leavers photos
- W/C 13th May - KS2 SATs
- Tuesday 14th May - Gymnastics - Reception class (packed lunch needed)
- Friday 17th May - Trick box coffee and cake afternoon. 2:30pm in the school hall
- Fri 17th - Mon 20th May - Y6 - Manor Adventure
- W/C 20th May - KS1 SATs
- Tuesday 21st May - Gymnastics - Reception class (packed lunch needed)