

Ellwood School News



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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Willow Class who achieved 100% attendance this week!

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

Penalty notices have been issued this term. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	98%
Chestnut	98.8%
Beech	96.1%
Sycamore	98.3%
Willow	100%

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely half term and well deserved rest.

It is the summer term but the children and staff are still working hard to ensure the children are working hard and continuing with their learning, in order for them to be prepared and ready for their transition in to their next year group, or secondary school for the year 6's.

Class arrangements will be finalised at the end of the month and we will then be able to inform you of the arrangements and give you details about the transition days.



Year 2 and 6 Formal Assessments

Most of the year 2 and 6 formal assessments are now over, however the teachers are gathering the last of the writing evidence, before the final writing assessments are sent off. Please support your child with any writing tasks that they are doing, it could be any form of writing that they are doing at home. Please remind them about choice of words - adjectives/ verbs/adverbs, connectives, sentence types, punctuation marks and editing their work to improve it further.

Exemplar Education

Next week you will receive a leaflet from a company called Exemplar Education. The company provides resources for parents to help with their children's education at home. We aren't promoting this as a school but felt that it may be of some interest to you, if you could return the slip attached to the leaflet it would be helpful but please don't feel obliged to.

Achievement Assembly Awards

This week's individual achievement awards were given to the following pupils:



Oak Class - Macey-Rose Field

Chestnut - Emie Wakefield

Beech - Harry Bishop

Willow - Tia Edey

Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing award was given to the following pupils:

Oak - Celelia Cornish

Chestnut - Esme Wilkins

Beech - McKenzie Harris & Zac Ellway

Willow - Bluebelle Lloyd

We are proud of your writing achievements!



Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Oak - Macey-Rose Field

Chestnut - Mercedes Merrett

Beech - Alfie Pritchard

Sycamore - Blake-Lea Brace

Willow - Isabella Hemming



Well done!

Sports Day

Our sports day will be taking place on 9th July this year. Please come along and support the children in their activities.



Garden Party

A reminder that our garden party takes place on 14th June. If anyone wants to show off their baking skills and donate cakes for the event that would be great!



School Benches

The school benches need sanding down and re-painting. If anyone would like to volunteer to paint one either at school or at home we would be very grateful.



Phonics Screening - Years 1 & 2 resits

Please can you practice phonics homework over the weekend and next week to give the children the best possible chance to pass the phonics screening check and to ensure they are able recognise and blend words easily before they move in to year 2. The demands of the curriculum are higher and we want to give them the best opportunity to continue to develop their reading ability.

Hair Styles & Uniform Reminder

Further to the text message circulated this week, please can you ensure that any extreme hair styles or shaving are saved for the holidays. Extreme hair styles are not permitted during school time. Please also ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform with sensible socks and shoes.

Children should also have a PE kit in school with them and link books and reading books need to be in school every day.

Mrs Rice's Baby!

Congratulations to Mrs Rice who had her baby last Sunday evening.
Mrs Rice had a little boy called Alfie Stephen Rice who weighed 8lb.
Both mum and baby are doing well and we hope to see them soon!



Late Arrivals

Please note that if your child is later in to school than 9:30am it is too late to order a school dinner. You will need to phone before this time or send in a packed lunch.
Thanks!

Parent Pay

Just a reminder to please keep your parent pay accounts up to date to save any chasing at the end of term.
Thank you!

Rags 2 Riches

Any Rags 2 Riches clothes bags are being collected on 13th June. This is a great way of raising extra funds for the school to spend on activities for the children.



Free School Meals

From September, year 3 children are no longer entitled to universal free school meals. You will need to apply for free school meals if your child is eligible, the school will then be given funding for this.



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Gardening News

We will be holding a plant sale at the Garden Party. If you have any spare plants needing a home please either leave them in the Garden or give them to Mrs Rees on Thursday at Garden Club. Donations will help to fund the garden next year. Thank you.

Bream Show takes place on August the 17th and we will be entering a decorated wheelbarrow filled with wildlife plants by Garden Club. If your child would like to draw an imagined or real mini beast to help with the design please do. Just write your name on the back and send to the office next week.

Big Battery Hunt

Thanks to all of the children who contributed to the battery collection for the Big Battery Hunt competition. We have arranged collection of the batteries that were brought in to school and are delighted to announce that we collected a total of 5574.

On average 600 million batteries are thrown away every year in the UK and they can take 100 years to decompose so we have done a little bit towards protecting the planet for future generations as most of these end up in landfill.

We ran an in-school competition and presented the winners with their prizes in this weeks achievement assembly. Well done to our winners from Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1, who contributed 1228 of the batteries between them.



Science Week

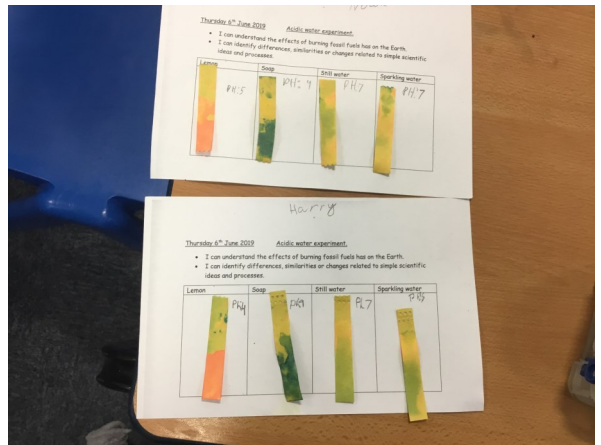
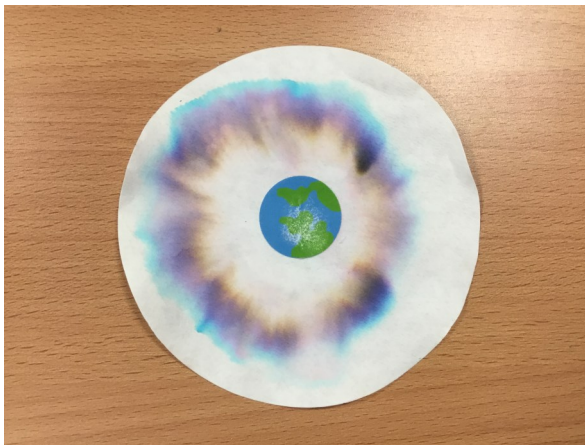
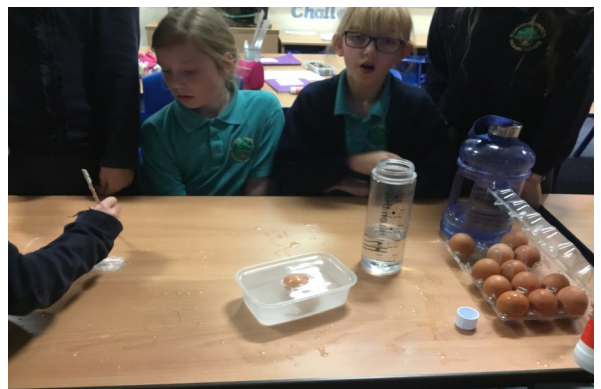
This week all of the children have enjoyed some science experiments investigating climate change and the impact that human activity is having on the planet.

In Oak class, the children have learnt about the Arctic and Antarctic, they have investigated why animals have blubber to insulate them against the cold. The year 1s have been looking at animals that can be found in polar regions and have also carried out the blubber experiment.

The children in years 2-5 have been carrying out a range of experiments, looking at the layers that make up the atmosphere. They have investigated the effect of burning fossil fuels on the environment and the impact of acid water on seashells and the effect that melting ice caps will have on the sea level.

Willow class have been doing a project about the Arctic, planning an expedition and they have been thinking about the equipment and food that would be needed within a given budget.

All of the children have enjoyed the week and the scientific knowledge that they have demonstrated and the vocabulary that they have used has been excellent.



Diary Dates

June 2019

w/c 10th June - Phonics Screening / Retest Phonics Screening

Fri 14th June - Open Morning/Garden Party

July 2019

Tuesday 9th July - Sports Day