

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Responsibility

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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 96.2%**

Well done to **Oak class** for getting the highest attendance again this week, you really are showing them how it's done!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30am ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	98.2%
Chestnut	96.3%
Beech	96.8%
Sycamore	95.9%
Willow	94.5%

Can you help the Forest of Dean Gymnastics Centre?

Forest of Dean Gymnastics Centre is an amazing local facility and the children love going there for gymnastic sessions and accessing professional coaches and equipment. They are in need of major roof repairs and new mats.

Please see the below crowd funding page and share with others.

Thank you.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/forest-of-dean-gymnastic-club-1057559>

Class focus - Chestnut Class

Cheltenham Literature Festival

Year 1, along with years 2, 3, 4 and 5 attended Cheltenham Literature Festival on Monday. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed listening to Rob Biddulph, drawing pandas, listening to his stories and meeting mog!

This is a fantastic event to meet different authors and take part in the different activities. This would make a lovely family trip out!

Rob has lots of 'how to draw videos' on YouTube.

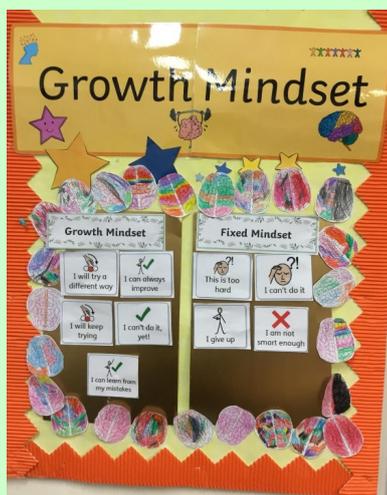


This term we have been learning about *Growth Mindset*

We have watched some fantastic videos from Dojo to help us understand how to develop resilience, self esteem and confidence.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ

We sorted phrases into two groups, 'growth mindset' and 'fixed mindset'. This helps adults and children to ensure they are using phrases such as "I can't do it YET, but I will keep trying" or "I will keep trying so I can get better". We encourage children and adults to use these phrases instead of "I give up" or "I can't do that".



Class Focus - Chestnut Class continued....

Every morning in year 1, we complete 15 minutes of fluent in 5. This involves 3 questions focusing on addition, subtraction doubling and halving. This week our new maths toolkit's arrived, we use the resources to support our maths.



Year 1 also had their first Gymnastics session last week at the Forest of Dean Gymnastics Centre. Well done Everyone!



Sports Leaders

Sports leaders

Children in Year 5 are given the opportunity to write a letter, putting themselves forward to become a sports leader. Their role is to support younger children at lunch times, teaching new games and demonstrating sportsmanship.

Last Friday we spent some time showing Chestnut Class new games and demonstrating how to tidy up the equipment ready to use again. The children showed many school values: responsibility, respect, friendship and resilience. Well done everyone 🏆 🏠 🏃 🏆



Miss Hek, who is our PE lead, carried out pupil conferencing (talking to pupils) about playtimes last week and this is just a sample of what they said.....

Q- What do you like about playtime?

- "Playing with the basket balls"
- "looking at nature .. we look for worms"
- "bouncing the balls"
- "we can play with friends"
- "it is a good time to talk"

Q- What is the behaviour like at lunch times?

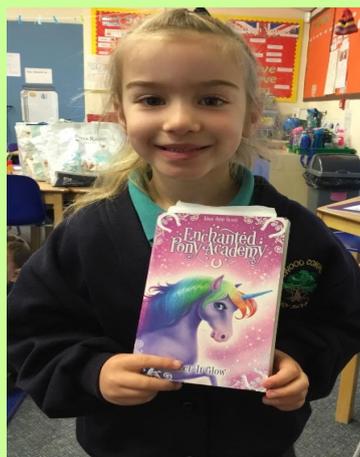
- "kind"
- "good"

It is great to hear that the children enjoy their playtime and lunchtimes, Miss Hek and the sports leaders are working hard to further enhance playtimes and the sports leaders are teaching children different games to play.

Out of school achievements/Personal development



Oliver has made a fantastic book about bugs after visiting a bug park.



Elizah has started her first chapter book!
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Eden has achieved two awards in swimming class!



Hannah was very pleased and proud to have been invested as a Beaver Scout in the 1st Royal Forest Beaver Colony on the 11/10/23.



Arlo wanted to share his trophy he received from football this week. "Star Player of the week"

Cheltenham Literature Festival

On Monday 9th October, years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 went to Cheltenham Literature Festival. They took part in workshops listened to authors and enjoyed visiting a contrasting locality to the Forest of Dean.

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed listening to Rob Biddulph, drawing pandas, listening to his stories and meeting mog!

Year 3, 4 and 5 listened to author Pamela Butchart speak about her new book; *The Beasts of the Basement*. The children had a great time watching children act out the characters from her new book. They also had the opportunity to get a book signed by the author and ask her lots of questions! The children also went on a scavenger hunt around the festival to locate the mystery birdwatcher!

What a fantastic way to enhance their personal and cultural development. Here are some picture from the day.





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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety

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Please also see the below link to report problems online.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- Thursday 12th Oct - *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Tuesday 17th Oct - *Rags2riches collection*
- *Swimming - Years 5 and 6*
- Thursday 19th Oct - *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Wed 25th Oct - *Parents' evening*
- *School photos*
- Thurs 26th Oct - *Parents' evening*
- *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Fri 27th Oct - *Harvest Assemblies - Parents invited*
Years R, 1, 2 & 3 - 2:15pm—2:45pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 2:50pm—3:20pm
Dress as a farmer for children

HALF TERM

- Tues 7th Nov - *Swimming years 5/6*
- Thurs 9th Nov - *Gymnastics year 3*
- Mon 13th Nov - *Odd socks day to kick start anti-bullying week*