

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Honesty

June 9th 2023

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 93.3%**

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

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

Thank you.

Oak	91.7%
Chestnut	94.3%
Beech	93.7%
Sycamore	93.1%
Willow	93.1%

We hope you all had a lovely half term, we have lots of fun activities and trips planned for this new half term.

It is so lovely seeing all the children playing outside and enjoying the sunshine now that the weather has finally improved. The children are working really hard already and are producing some fantastic work.

We hope they continue to work hard and have enjoyable last half term before the summer break!

Fathers day raffle - the year 6 parents have organised a fathers day raffle. Tickets will be going on sale Monday 12th June for £1 a strip after school and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 16th.

If you have any prizes to donate or would like more info please contact Suzanne Edey or Becky Wilkins.

Thanks.

Attendance

This term there are a number of fixed penalty notices being given to families who have been on holiday during term time, this is a fine for both parents or adults who live in the same household and care for the child/ren. Please be reminded that holidays in term time will not be authorised and are likely to incur a penalty notice from the local authority. The schools attendance is currently not very good and this needs to improve across all years.

We need to be at least 97% and we have been around 93-95% overall. We will be reviewing attendance again in the next few weeks and the parents of any low attendees will be asked to attend a meeting, a support plan will be put in place and evidence of absences may be requested.

Thank you for your understanding.

WGSP provides support and development for all staff and governors in the Forest of Dean and surrounding areas

DESIGN A LOGO COMPETITION

Deadline
16th June

Win £25 for you and £100 for your school

About The Competition

Calling all KS2 children! WGSP are rebranding!
Can you help us to design a new logo for our Partnership?

The Brief

- ✓ Must include an element of connectivity and inclusivity
- ✓ Must include bright colours
- ✓ Get your creative juices flowing
- ✓ Small description of what your design depicts

Here's our current logo to give you an idea



- Rules
1. All Primary Schools in Forest of Dean are eligible.
 2. All children in Key Stage 2 are eligible.
 3. Each school has to judge their pupils' entries and only put their best entry forward to WGSP.
 4. WGSP judges will then pick the overall winner and award the £25 to that pupil and the £100 to their attending school.
 5. Judging will take place on the 23rd June 2023.
 6. The winning pupil and school will be notified no later than 27th June 2023.
 7. The winning artwork will be used at the logo for WGSP.



Picture News

Each week classes look at a 'Weekly Picture News' story. Let's have a look at this week's story...



Is it better to reuse or recycle?

Let's look at this week's story

Ahead of World Environment Day on 5th June, a new report from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced that countries could cut plastic pollution by 80% in fewer than 20 years. The last few decades have seen plastic production levels increase dramatically, especially single-use plastic, and waste management systems are struggling to cope. The report offers a plan of action for governments and businesses to significantly cut levels of plastic pollution.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#). Watch this week's useful video [here](#). This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



This week's story looks at events related to ...



Reflection

World Environment Day is a great opportunity to learn more about our world and what we can do to help protect it.



British Values



Rule of Law

In some countries, there are laws that ban certain single-use plastics. This is to help care for and protect our environment.



UN Rights of a Child

One of the aims of our education is to help us protect the environment. Learning more about World Environment Day can help us do this.



Protected Characteristics

Our concern for the environment can affect how we live our life. This can form part of our beliefs. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



Useful vocabulary

Alternative

Available in another possible or choice. The first strategy mentioned in the report is to use alternative materials.

Dramatically

In a large amount, notably and noticeably. The report has revealed how much plastic production levels increase dramatically.

Best

A person or organization that provides the best or other resources that are required. The report's best is Life Events, a partnership with the Government.

Protect

Keep safe from harm or injury. World Environment Day is a great opportunity to learn more about our world and what we can do to help protect it.

Significantly

In a way that is easy to see or by a large amount. The report offers a plan of action for governments and businesses to significantly cut levels of plastic pollution.

Strategy

A plan or method that is intended to achieve something. The report offers a plan of action for governments and businesses to significantly cut levels of plastic pollution.



Reminders

Parent Pay debts - all debts on Parent Pay need to be cleared by the end of June, this is particularly important for year 6 who are leaving in July.

Dinner debts - thank you to those parents that have paid off outstanding dinner debts on Parent Pay this week. It is Caterlink who provide the lunches and therefore meals can't be ordered if they are not paid for in advance. As a reminder if your dinner debt rises above £25, we will not be able to order a child a lunch until it is cleared.

Outstanding trips and activities - we need a contribution from all parents for trips and activities such as swimming to go ahead. Unfortunately we would have to reduce trips/activities next year if we don't receive contributions from everyone, we really don't want to do this as they are great enriching experiences for the children.

Online safety - please make sure that children aren't accessing devices for more than an hour a day. New information has come out about children being addicted to devices and phones and it is drastically impacting on children's behavior, sleeping patterns and friendships. Social skills are being lost as children are not having face to face contact with peers and therefore are not able to cope when interacting in social situations and struggle with resilience when they have minor disagreements. Please monitor this carefully and the age restrictions of games and apps. Thank you.

Year 4 - keep practicing timetables for your statutory end of year 4 times tables test next week.

Hot weather - please remember as the weather is getting warmer the children may need hats, suncream and must always come to school with a water bottle.

Diary Dates

JUNE

- Friday 9th June - Fund raising Friday - this week we will be selling drinks, snacks, ice pops and sweets ranging from 25p to £1
- W/C Mon 12th June - Year 1 phonics screening
- Year 4 multiplication check
- Friday 16th June - Pyjamarama day (wear pjs into school to donate an optional 50p to books trust)
- Books for bugs book fair
- Monday 19th June - Hopewell Colliery trip years 4, 5 and 6
- Wed 21st June - Sports day 1:15pm - 3:15pm
- Friday 23rd June - Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations for the school fair
- Tuesday 27th June - Rags2Riches collection
- Friday 30th June - Mrs Marshall memorial walk