

Ellwood School News



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Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas break, hoping you all had an enjoyable time. This New Year promises to be full of exciting times for our children and we will be keeping you posted of the up and coming events.

Christmas Reading Competition

Congratulations to all of the children who completed the competition. We have been very impressed with the children's efforts. Pupils will receive their certificate and prize in our first whole-school Assembly of the new term which is Monday. How exciting!

Vision and Hearing Screening for Reception Children

The Vision and Hearing screening test for Reception children has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 28th February. If parents wish to opt out of screening, please call 03004218225

Kingfisher House Team Winner

Congratulations to Kingfisher House for becoming the overall winning House Team for the Autumn Term. Every member of the Kingfisher House will receive a certificate and reward in assembly next week.

Well done Kingfisher House Team!



100 % Attendance Last Term

Congratulations to all those children who received 100% attendance last term. Certificates and prizes were given out in assembly last term.



Local Authority Visit

We had a visit from a Local Authority advisor yesterday who had a look around the school and also visited classes. He commented on how hard the children were working, staying on task and how well behaved they were in lessons. He was also pleased to see how well the teachers and TAs were working together to support learning and was really impressed by the lovely classroom environment, leadership and the improvement in our standards. Thank you to the children and staff for working so hard. We are so proud of our pupils, staff and of our school.

Young Voices

Our School choir will be off to the Genting Arena in Birmingham on Tuesday 9th January to represent the school in this national singing concert.

All the children involved have been busy practising for the event and they sound wonderful!

We would like to thank all the staff, parents and pupils for their enthusiasm and hope they have a wonderful time!



Amazing Aladdin

Our whole school enjoyed a fantastic start to our English Week at the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth on Wednesday. OH YES WE DID!

At the theatre, we laughed, sang, danced, cheered and occasionally hissed when the baddie, Abanazer, appeared. Our children were superb members of the audience and the staff at the theatre praised their impeccable behaviour and huge enthusiasm.

There was a lot of dancing in the aisles! The pupils were especially enthralled as the company, Spontaneous Productions, had joined with the local youth theatre academy, The Savoy Youth Theatre. This meant that the chorus and smaller roles within the pantomime involved children and young people. Their singing, dancing and acting has inspired many of our pupils!

We are very grateful to our fabulous 'Friends of Ellwood School' who donated towards the cost of the trip so that costs could be lowered for families. We also feel very lucky that our staff members (including our wonderful lunchtime supervisors) are always willing to attend these occasions so that trips can go ahead.

We had to wake lots of happy, tired children as we arrived back at school and we were all very excited that it was dark upon our return. We hope the children slept well that evening! Thank you for your support and for allowing your children to experience the magic that was Aladdin.

Please view some of our photographs from our trip on the 'News' page of our website. The children will be creating written texts over the next few days that will be uploaded soon!

'Books for Bugs' Book Fayre: Wednesday 10th January.

We are excited about hosting a wonderful local company, who will be selling all of their books at £2.50 each. Reduced books will cost just £1. We appreciate that this has been a very expensive time of year but we hope that you will be able to enjoy browsing the books. All purchases must be made after school on Wednesday 10th January as the fayre will only be with us on that day. 'Books for Bugs' have explained that the school will receive one free book for every five books purchased. What a fantastic offer for our children!

Bedtime Story

As part of English Week, we would like to invite our pupils to return to school at 5:15pm on Wednesday 10th January, wearing their pyjamas and slippers, for a bedtime story! We will provide hot chocolate and a biscuit for all who attend and there will be a free raffle to win books to take home.

If you would like your child to attend, please sign the permission slip and return it to school. Many thanks.

We will provide a full write-up of our English Week next week. We have many more activities planned!

Mrs S Breakwell



Clubs – Spring 2018 (Term 3 and Term 4)

All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Term 3 & 4 Club dates: Monday 8th – Friday 23rd March

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class
Chess Club – Learn to play chess Mrs Sheppard	Monday 3.15 – 4.15 8th January – 9th February	Years 3,4, 5 and 6
Chess Club – Chess for all Mrs Sheppard	Monday 3.15 – 4.15 19th February – 23rd March	Years 3,4, 5 and 6
Creative Textiles Mrs Rees and Mrs C Bishop	Monday 3.15 – 4.15 8th January – 9th February	Same children as last term
Gardening Club – Weather Permitting Mrs Rees	Monday 3.15 – 4.15 19th February – 23rd March	Letter will be sent home with further information
Gymnastics Mrs Bishop and Miss Abbott	Monday 3.15 – 4.15 (Beginners)	Same children as last term
Gymnastics Mrs Bishop and Miss Abbott	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15 (Advanced)	Same children as last term
Football Prostars	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Years 4, 5 & 6
Multi-Sports (Sutton Soccer)	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15	Years 1 - 4 £1 per session
Golf (Bells Golf Club Pro)	Thursday 3.15 – 4.30	Same children as last term
Bujinkan NinJutsu Andrew White	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15	Children will be informed by letter, if they have a place, in response to the previous letter.
Construction Club Miss Chisman	Friday Lunchtime	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3
Drama – (Beauty and the Beast) (Miss S Rickards and Mrs Charles)	Friday 3.15 – 4.15	KS2 only – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Only 20 places available £1 per session

Attendance

As a school we have a statutory right to inform you of the Local Authority's and school's attendance procedures. Schools no longer need to issue a warning letter to parents who are at risk from fines. If parents choose to take their child/ren out of school in term time, they could receive a fine without a pre-notice letter warning. We would endeavour to be in discussion with you prior to it getting to this stage to hopefully work out a solution to any poor attendance and offer support.

A separate email will be sent out with attached leaflets from the LA regarding attendance. Please note there are the above mentioned changes e.g. no warning letter needed.

Information is also available on the Gloucestershire County Council website.



Please note diary dates will be available next week—thank you!