

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available  
on our website.

## **Gymnastics Competition**

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Gymnastics Competition on Saturday. It was an amazing event and Ellwood took home 15 medals! It was a great day and all the children were fantastic. We were so proud of them all. It was a very competitive and professional competition and the standard was so high. We were particularly proud of our children as some of them were relatively new to gymnastics and were competing against children who are in gymnastics squads, who train for up to 6 hours a week and are coached on a 1:1 basis. So we did exceptionally well. Thank you to Miss Abbott for giving up hours of her free time coaching and preparing and sorting tickets. Many thanks also to Mrs Laura Beard and Mrs Clare Bishop for all their support and expertise. Photographs of the competition will be available to view on the website shortly.

## **Rags2Riches Collection**

Many thanks to everyone who brought in bags for the Rags2Riches collection. We had a great response and collected 118.6 kg of clothing which equates to £59.30 which is amazing!

Thank you!



## **Debating Competition**

Mr Gallop and Miss Thornley took a group of children to Dean Academy, to take part in a debating competition on Wednesday afternoon. The Ellwood team did a great job and argued the case really well and came runners up to Tutshill School.

Well done to everyone who took part and to Miss Thornley for preparing the children for the competition.

## **Gymnastics Medals Awarded**

### **Year 1 level 1 girls**

*Gold - Esmee Pritchard*

*Silver - Darcie Childs*

*Bronze - Isabelle Roberts*

### **Year 2 level 1 girls**

*Silver - Poppy Ulyatt*

*Bronze - Tianna Williams*

### **Year 2 level 1 boys**

*Gold - Alfie Pritchard*

*Silver - Seth Morgan*

### **Year 3 level 1 girls**

*Gold - Ruby Hampson*

### **Year 4 level 2 boys**

*Silver - Aiden Beard*

### **Year 5 level 2 girls**

*Gold - Emily Smith— who was also the overall winner of the girls' level 2 competition across all age groups scoring the highest points on floor and vault combined.*

### **Year 5 level 2 boys**

*Silver - Noah Giles*

*Bronze - Kiyan Aston*

### **Year 6 level 2 boys**

*Bronze - Harry Lister-Chiswell*

### **Boys' level 2 Open**

*Silver - Leo Childs*

### **Year 3&4 Level 3 girls**

*Bronze - Ellie-Mae Blewitt*



### Weekly Attendance

Well done to Beech Class who achieved the highest 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	95.0%
Chestnut	96.2%
Beech	99.2%
Sycamore	96.6%
Willow	99.0%

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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



*Oak Class - Aimee Hancock and Oscar Edge*

*Chestnut Class - Rory Aston and Riley Nixon*

*Beech Class - Alesha-May Ellis and Elsie Thomas*

*Willow Class - Melissa Bishop*

*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:

*Oak - Poppy-May Burford*

*Chestnut - Isabella Pegler*

*Beech Class - George Bishop*

*Willow Class - Zhia Akers*

*Well done!*

*We are proud of your writing achievements!*



### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

*Oak - Amelia Aston*

*Chestnut - Harry Hurcomb*

*Beech - Leo Childs*

*Sycamore - Noah Giles*

*Willow - Lucas Roberts*



*Well done!*

### In the News

With recent events happening in New Zealand and the Dutch City of Utrecht, Gloucestershire County Council have sent us a useful link for parents/carers that you may like to have a look at.

[https://educateagainsthate.com/teachers/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIquH-1OqD4QIVbrvtCh3TnA2IEAAYASAAEgLrZPD\\_BwE](https://educateagainsthate.com/teachers/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIquH-1OqD4QIVbrvtCh3TnA2IEAAYASAAEgLrZPD_BwE)

### Welsh Birds of Prey Centre Visit

We had a visit this week from the Welsh Birds of Prey Centre. They brought along with them a selection of seven birds, including an owl, hawks and falcons, native to this country and other parts of the world. All of the birds are captive bred and not taken from the wild, they were not in cages but displayed in traditional falconry style. The children had the opportunity to handle one of the birds which was an amazing experience for them. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the birds and the Falconer commented on how wonderful the children at our school were. What a great morning!



### **Mrs Morris**

As you might be aware Mrs Morris is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave in the Easter Holidays. We have appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Jones, who will replace Mrs Morris whilst she is on maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Jones to the Ellwood team.

We would all like to wish Mrs Morris our best wishes for her maternity leave and look forward to meeting her new baby.

### **Mrs Rice**

Mrs Rice is also expecting a baby in June. Miss Hek will be taking up the morning teaching for the remaining weeks of the Summer Term. The children already know Miss Hek from when they were in Reception Class last year, which will mean there will be a smooth handover. We look forward to welcoming her to the Ellwood team.

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Rice later on in the term.

### **Dementia Awareness Training - Year 6**

Our Y6s have been fortunate to participate in a training session about dementia. They learnt about how the number of cases of dementia is rising and will probably have an impact on their lives at some point in the future. They took part in activities and games to help learn about the effects the disease has on people and how they may be able to help.

We would like to thank Mrs Kim Lloyd and Mr Roger Pickett (from the fire and rescue service) who came into school to deliver the training.

If parents are interested in finding out more, they can contact Coleford Fire Station

### **Staffing Structure for September**

A number of parents have been asking staff about the staffing structure for September. This information will not be available until June and is dependent on staff changes, recruitment and the needs and priorities of our children and the school.

We will inform you all in due course of the staffing arrangements.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### **Easter Raffle**

Soon we will be selling tickets for our Easter Raffle. If you work for any companies or organisations that would be prepared to donate an Easter egg for the raffle, they would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your support!

Raffle tickets will go on sale after school towards the end of next week.  
Please look out for further information!



### **Bunch of Keys - Handed in**

A bunch of keys has been handed into the office that were found by the log circle in the forest. If anyone has lost them please come to the office to collect them.

Thank you.



### **Tesco—Blue Tokens**

Just a reminder that if you are shopping in Tesco in Lydney and receive a blue token, please put it into the Ellwood Collection box. The more tokens we collect, the more money the school receives.

Many thanks for your support.

### Internet Safety Talk (Years 2,3,4 and 5)

PC Darren Peters and two other community police officers came into school this week to talk children about internet safety. The Year 2 children watched 'Digiducks Big Decision' which was about treating people kindly on the internet. Years 3, 4 and 5 children all had individual class assemblies, learning how to stay safe on the internet and what to do if they feel unsafe or have any concerns over what they see on the internet.

### NATIONAL LEARN TO PLAY DAY hits Gloucestershire Saturday 23rd March

Yes folks, our LEARN TO PLAY DAY is back.  
Learn to play a musical instrument for FREE.

Gloucestershire Music (GM) has teamed up with the national organisation 'Music for All' ([www.musicforall.org.uk](http://www.musicforall.org.uk)<<http://www.musicforall.org.uk>>) to bring you the chance to play a musical instrument.

You can attend one of three centres in Coleford, Gloucester or Stroud on the morning of Saturday 23rd March. The event invites children aged 7+, including adults, to learn various brass, string and woodwind instruments. You will also be able to find out more about or free FAME sessions, how to hire an instrument and their adult Learn As You Play programme.

Once you have registered for a place simply reserve the date in your diary and Gloucestershire Music will be in touch closer to the time with final details. There are only 100 places and they are going fast.

To register visit [www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)<<http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk>> and click on F.A.M.E./BBC where there is a short survey to complete



### Easter Playscheme

Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre are running a playscheme during the Easter holidays.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9th, 10th, 11th

16th, 17th, 18th of April

9.30—3.00 p.m

£18 full day or £9 half day

Contact [playscheme@childoc.org.uk](mailto:playscheme@childoc.org.uk) or telephone 01594 837552 for a booking form and further information.

Transport is available. Playscheme is for all children aged between 2-7

A black and white photograph of three young boys in Bream Juniors Rugby Club kit. One boy in the foreground is holding a rugby ball, while two others are behind him. The background is a red and black striped pattern.

**BREAM JUNIORS**  
**U7s U8s U9s**

**PLAYERS WANTED**  
**FOR ALL AGE**  
**GROUPS**

**TEAMWORK**  
**RESPECT**  
**ENJOYMENT**  
**DISCIPLINE**  
**SPORTSMANSHIP**

**RUGBY'S VALUES**  
**MAKE US**  
**WHO WE ARE**

Contact  
[Breamjuniorsrugbyclub@gmail.com](mailto:Breamjuniorsrugbyclub@gmail.com) or  
Tel: 07783043113  
for more details

Come join us at Bream  
RFC games on a Sunday  
morning.

All Coaches DBS checked

ENGLAND  
RUGBY

### Musical Wall

We have recently had a new exterior door leading from Chestnut Class to an outside enclosed courtyard. We are really pleased to have this extra space. It will enable Chestnut children particularly new Year 1 children, to access more outdoor learning in the Autumn Term when they transition from Reception.

We are currently in the process of developing this area and would like to make a musical wall for the children to use outside. This is great opportunity for children to have a go at making music and exploring sound.

In order to provide this wall, we are asking if anyone has any old items to donate such as; old pots and pans, metal tins or anything that will make a noise and not break when hit that would be great!

We plan to make this during the Easter holidays so if any parents/carers are able to offer any help in putting this wall together we would love to hear from you.

If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them into school.

Many thanks for your support.



### Oak Class Teepee

We would like to thank the Friends of Ellwood for providing the funds to purchase our wonderful wooden teepee to enhance the outside space for Oak Class. The children will really enjoy this extra space and will be using it as a communication friendly space.



## **Diary Dates**

### **March 2019**

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| <b>Tue 26th Mar</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>Swimming Y3/Y4</b>                  |
| <b>Fri 29th Mar</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>Whole School Spelling Challenge</b> |

### **April 2019**

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| <b>Mon 1st April</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>ONLY SATS CLUB THIS WEEK</b>               |
| <b>Fri 5th April</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>Easter Raffle</b>                          |
|                        | <b>-</b> | <b>Easter Assembly 2.00 p.m. KS1</b>          |
|                        |          | <b>Easter Assembly 2.40 p.m. KS2</b>          |
|                        |          | <b>Break up for Easter - 3.15 p.m. finish</b> |
| <b>Tues 23rd April</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>Summer Term Begins</b>                     |
| <b>Fri 26th April</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>Y6 Leavers' Photographs</b>                |

### **May 2019**

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| <b>w/c 6th May</b>                     | <b>-</b> | <b>SATs - Y2</b>            |
| <b>w/c Mon 13th May</b>                | <b>-</b> | <b>SATs -Y6</b>             |
| <b>Fri 17th May -<br/>Mon 20th May</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>Manor Adventure - Y6</b> |

### **June 2019**

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| <b>Mon 3rd June</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>Inset Day</b>                                    |
| <b>w/c 10th June</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>Phonics Screening / Retest Phonics Screening</b> |