

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Resilience**

**March 31st 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 95.2%**.

Well done to **Sycamore 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	91.3%
Chestnut	96.1%
Beech	92.9%
Sycamore	97.8%
Willow	97%

## Free school meals

Please remember to apply for free schools meals if you think you might be eligible. If you have applied previously and have been rejected, it is always worth reapplying as they do sometimes change the criteria that needs to be met. For any help or support with the forms, please contact Mrs Charles or Mrs Rowley.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

This term has gone so quickly and we can't believe we are nearly in the summer term already and making plans for September. This term will also go by quickly and is an important term for children and staff, particularly as a lot of year groups have their national statutory assessments to carry out. Everyone is working at full capacity! There are lots of assessments which take place this year: EYFS end of year profile, phonics screening for year 1, times tables check for year 4 and SATs for year 6. The children and staff have been working incredibly hard. Staff have been supporting the children to ensure they are prepared for their next transition in September. Please keep supporting your child with their home learning to ensure they are able to keep up with their peers and access the curriculum with ease. Support with home learning really makes a difference and helps your child practise things taught in school and gives the opportunity to work one to one with an adult.

We have some fantastic events this term: lots of clubs, success in sporting events, Easter raffle, parents evening, visitors in school and the Easter service. One really enjoyable event that happened this term was inviting parents in to school to spend time in classes, this was wonderful. The children enjoyed having parents in their classrooms and from the feedback, parents enjoyed it too! Thank you for your wonderful comments. It is lovely to hear positive feedback and the staff really appreciate it too!

Next term is a busy one and staff will be planning over Easter to ensure the children have a fantastic summer term full of wonderful opportunities and of course some learning!

We have recently had two reviews from external consultants. One on reading and one on maths. When we receive the final feedback we can share some more of it with you. However, it was so positive and we are so proud of the pupils, staff and leadership of the school. Lots of comments about the wonderful atmosphere, behaviour, relationships, environment, and teaching- both for teachers and teaching assistants, pupil feedback, range of fantastic reading material, lessons pitched at the right level, good assessment, staff knowledge, targets support, range of problem solving and reasoning in maths, to name but a few! Very pleasing indeed.

Thank you all for supporting the Easter raffle. We haven't got a grand total yet but it is likely to be about £350 which will go towards helping subsidise the whole school trip in the summer. Thank you to Mrs Genner-Morris for organising this, she does a fantastic job!

We hope you have a lovely Easter, enjoy some rest and spend time with your family. We look forward to another fantastic term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Milford



## Gymnastics Competition

Well done to those children that took part in the mini Gymnastics Competition this week between Ellwood and Clearwell. Ellwood did amazingly well!

Level 1 Girls - 1st place Mercedez Merrett, 2nd place Layla Roberts, 3rd place Poppy Burford and 4th place Emie Wakefield.

Level 2 Girls - 1st place Isabella Caruana, 2nd place Edith Beard and 3rd place Darcie Childs.

Level 3 Mixed - 1st place Esme Wilkins, 2nd place Maisie Sayce and 3rd place Seth Morgan.

A big well done to all of you! Thank you to Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Milford for their help and involvement and also to Mrs Beard for her help



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# Free Workshop!

## Calling all gardeners

**Easter Holiday Activity**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2.00 - 3.30pm**  
**At Bream Community Library**  
**For primary children and above**

**Come along and find out how to grow a  
new houseplant & make your own pot**

**Places are limited so..... Booking is essential**

If you'd like to join us, email  
[breamgardeningociety@gmail.com](mailto:breamgardeningociety@gmail.com)

and tell us your name, age and contact details





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



How do communities support each other in difficult times?

### Let's look at this week's story



Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents. Teachers in the affected areas are making certain children's education continues, despite the difficult circumstances. Many school buildings were affected in the earthquakes at the start of February, leading to all educational institutions nationwide being closed for over two weeks. Although many learning centres have since reopened, lessons have had to also continue in tent schools, set up by volunteers and authorities in the worst affected areas.

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



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Community groups can be formed by people with similar interests or characteristics. Not everyone shares the same interests or characteristics as each other but we can respect that.



### UN Rights of a Child



We can join or set up groups or organisations and form our own communities. We can meet with others as long as this does not harm other people.



### Reflection



A community is a group of people living in the same place or who all have similar interests or characteristics. When everyone in a community works together and supports each other, they can achieve their shared goals.



### Protected Characteristics



Some communities can be formed based on people's characteristics. These nine characteristics are protected so nobody should be treated unfairly because of them.



### Useful vocabulary



#### Circumstances

Events that make a situation the way it is. Teachers in the affected areas are making certain children's education continues, despite the difficult circumstances.

#### Devastating

Causing a lot of damage or destruction. Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents.

#### Earthquake

A sudden violent shaking of the ground resulting especially with the Earth's crust or volcanic action. Many school buildings were affected in the earthquakes at the start of February.

#### Establish

Setup as a firm or permanent basis. The United Nations of National Education, not England, helped establish a tent school in one of the areas affected.

#### Makeshift

Temporary and of low quality but used because it's suitably needed. Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents.

#### Salvaged

Items saved from damage or destruction. To do this, they had limited resources and used items which were salvaged from destroyed buildings.

## Curriculum

Sycamore forest adventures - We have really enjoyed our time at Forest Adventures with Mrs Rees. Take a look at some of our great learning.



Gymnastics Year 4 - Our last week of gymnastics! We have enjoyed our lessons so much. It has been a pleasure to see the children's confidence grow every week and to see their skills developing.



## Out of school achievements

Bella has enjoyed horse riding for the first time. Well done Bella!



Well done to Leia for scoring lots of goals in football and for being a super star!



## Year 1 regular readers

Well done to those children who have been reading 4 or more times each week!

Here are our Year 1 regular readers enjoying biscuits and squash.



## *Diary Dates*

### **MARCH**

- Friday 31st March - Easter Celebration assembly  
R, Y1, Y2 and Y3 2:00pm - 2:30pm  
Y4, Y5 and Y6 2:30pm - 3:00pm

### **APRIL**

- Monday 3rd April - HALF TERM
- Monday 17th April - First day back
- Thursday 20th April - Photographer in school
- Tuesday 25th April - Y3 Gymnastics

### **MAY**

- Tuesday 2nd May - Y3 Gymnastics
- Friday 5th May - Coronation day celebrations - wear red white and blue  
Tea and cake on field 2:00pm-3:15pm - Parents/Carers invited
- Tuesday 9th May - Y3 Gymnastics
- Tuesday 9th—12th May - KS 2 SATS
- Monday 15th—18th May - KS1 SATS
- Tuesday 16th May - Y3 Gymnastics
- Tuesday 16th May - Class photographs