

Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available
on our website.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Beech class who have 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	N/A
Chestnut	95.9%
Beech	100%
Sycamore	97.2%
Willow	95.0%

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Autumn term, hopefully the children had a nice relaxing break and are ready for the new school year!

Everyone seems to have settled in well and attendance has been high this week so well done everyone.



Young Poets Competition

Some of you may remember Leo Childs was runner up in the Young Poets competition. He was invited to perform a reading of his poem on Radio Gloucestershire. Below is a copy of his poem along with the other winners and some photos taken of him in the studio at Radio Gloucestershire.

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Young poets shine at poetry spectacular



UP IN THE SKY

By Leo Childs
from Ellwood Primary School
runner up in the five to eight age group.



Butterflies soaring in the sky
Using their colourful wings to fly
Turquoise, red, pink and blue
patterned, spotty, circular too.
Gracefully floating between the trees
Carried along by the gentle breeze.



THE FOREST ARIAS

By Verity Taylor, Ann Cam Primary School, winner of the five to eight age group.



Weeping worlds are crying in pain.
The sad clouds are still in my brain.
Trees are leaking within the rain.
Crying clouds are weeping again.
Wounded worms wander in the sticky mud.
Pitter patter goes slippery rain.
Howling swirls are bounding in the air.
Willow tree branches are weeping with the rain.
Blue birds are blending with the blue sky.
Weeping willow trees are twisting with the wind.
The leaves in the trees are wobbling like red jelly.
The breeze is in the trees, it won't come out.
As the sun comes out the flowers come out.
A yellow sun is light like a light!

BLUEBELLS IN THE FOREST

By Phoebe Jones, from Wydean School, winner of the 12-year-old age group category.



A mattress of blue covering the forest floor,
An empowering scent of gratifying fragrance
spreading through the air -
Bluebells of the forest,
Bluebells of the forest.

Raindrops falling, being caught in the petals
Like a mother hugging its child
Bluebells of the forest,
Bluebells of the forest.

The flowers grow like a family:
Each section is huddled together,
And then they spread like wildfire.
Winding their way through trees and plants.
A faint rustle as the wind rushes past them
Bluebells of the forest,
Bluebells of the forest.

WHERE ARE ALL THE TREES?

By Tayah-Mae Pegler from Mitcheldean Primary School, runner up in the nine to 11 age group.



Where are all the trees
that grew inside the wood?
I wonder where they are
I'd change it if I could.
Where are all the birds
that flew through the sky
I look up and think
Oh why, oh why.
But animals are vanishing
at an outstanding rate.
Human need to stop
before it is too late

Where are all the flowers
that hid amongst the trees?
Where have they all gone
its like they were made to leave.
Where are all the buzzing bees?
I never hear a sound
They should be by the flowers
but they're nowhere to be found
I wish people could see
the damage to our earth.
Time to recycle to see what
life is truly worth.

GLOBAL WARMING: THE PRICE WE PAY

By Ethan Fennell from Wydean School, runner up in the 12-year-old age group category.



The sun cannot stop burning
While wind blowing here and there
we could stop deforestation
and plant a new tree population.
These trees would take carbon dioxide out
of the air
All we need is a few people that care
and soon the woods will be blazing
the fire will spread and spread,
these trees that took long to grow
stand black and are now dead.
It seems harmless at first
but the effects will build and build
and become like a thirst.
Birds will fly,
Beetles will crawl,
Flames will rise high
The fire will spread and spread
The trees that took long to grow
stand black and are now dead.

MY FAVOURITE FOOD IS PIZZA

By Harry Jones from Mitcheldean Primary School, winner of the age nine to 11 age group.



My favourite food is pizza
I eat it for my tea
I'll keep on eating pizza until I am 83.

My favourite dog is Boris
He lives with me at home
He sleeps a lot, he eats a lot
And howls when he is alone

My favourite thing is scootering
I do it when I can
I try to whip and hop the spine
My mum is not a fan.

My Favourite game is Rocket League
It's brilliant you see
I'd like to play it day and night
But I'd miss pizza for my tea.

My favourite teacher is Mrs Moore
She never makes me bored
(I should get extra pink pups now
And get my bronze award).

My favourite socks are stripy
I keep them in my drawer
They keep my feet nice and warm
'Cause that's what socks are for.

My favourite cake is chocolate
All goody is the best
I'm very fond of others too
But chocolate beats the rest

My favourite time is bedtime
When I can close my eyes
I dream of tasty pizzas
Falling from the skies

My favourite food is pizza
I eat it for my tea
I'll keep on eating pizza until I am 83.



Bream Show

Over the Summer Mrs Rees and Mrs Wright entered the Garden club's wheel barrow and Beech classes seashore Art/DT at Bream show.

Both exhibits got 1st place! The prize was £25 which will be spent on items for the garden. The wheelbarrow is situated at the front of the school so do come and take a look.



Chess Competition

Well done to Charlie, Ryan and George for coming 1st(Charlie) 2nd (Ryan) and 3rd (George) in the chess competition.



Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Beech - Millie Hancock, Arlen Davies & Esme Wilkins

Chestnut - Renee Pegler & Dexter Butler

Sycamore - McKenzie Harris, Frankie Jones

Willow - Melissa Bishop & Tia Edey



Look for a book

As we continue to promote our love for reading at Ellwood, we wanted to draw your attention to a new initiative that has been set up in the local area. Anyone who has access to Facebook may have already seen a new group called Look for a book Forest of Dean. The purpose of the initiative is to take a book that you no longer require and hide it around the Forest of Dean, for others to find, read, enjoy and then re-hide. This is a fantastic opportunity to add a fun element to reading and also help to contribute to the required four reads each week for school.

We have some books surplus to requirements and would like to offer them to anyone who wishes to join in, who have no books to spare at home. They will be placed in a box by the reading shed, in the playground. Please help yourself.

Let's spread our love for books around the local area!



Roald Dahl Day

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl day on 13th September.

During the day we will be completing activities about Roald Dahl. We are asking children to bring in a Roald Dahl book from home if they have one.



Beach Trip

Here are some photos from our whole school trip to the beach before the summer break.



School Office Hours

A reminder of the school's office hours are below. As we are a small school, financially the office can't be manned fulltime. We are fortunate enough to have an Administrator and Admin assistant working in the office.

Office hours:

Monday 8:30—3:30

Tuesday 8:30—3:30

Wednesday 9:30—2:30

Thursday 8:30—3:30

Friday 9:30—3:30

Please note these hours may vary if we have training courses running etc.

Medical Condition Changes

If there are any changes to your child's medical conditions then please ensure you inform the school office and complete an updated health care plan as soon as possible. We need this information in order to ensure we are delivering the correct and necessary treatment in an emergency.



Cycling Proficiency

Cycling proficiency will take place on Monday 16th September for year 6 students. You should have received a letter with further details on this sent home yesterday.



Universal Free School Meals

Please note that once in year 3 children are no longer eligible for universal free school meals.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council for further information on eligibility and how to apply.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Inhalers

Can parents whose children have inhalers please check that they are in date, please see the class teacher if needed.

Newsletter Changes

We have decided to change the Regularity of our newsletters to 3 per term. Therefore we will now produce one at the beginning of the term, one at half term and one at the end of term. Important dates will still be sent out via email for you as and when new dates are added. We hope that this will make the newsletters more informative for you.



Meet the teacher

An opportunity to meet your child's class teacher. Days and classes are listed below. Please go to your child's class for 3:25 on the appropriate day.

Monday 9th—Willow
Tuesday 10th—Beech
Wednesday 11th—Chestnut
Thursday 12th—Sycamore

The class teacher will do group talk that will last around 15 to 20 minutes and will be happy to answer any questions. Attending these meetings enables you to help your child with their learning and also with their personal development. We want every child to be as successful as they can be and leave primary school with all the skills, knowledge and understanding in place to join their secondary school.

Uniform Reminder

The children are looking very smart, however just a reminder that the children need to be wearing proper school shoes, no open toes or trainers. No extreme hairstyles are allowed in school and no earrings are to be worn.

Swim Caps

The leisure centre at Cinderford have confirmed that all children swimming should wear a swimming cap. They can be purchased at a high street store or online at a reasonable price.



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Diary Dates

Sept 2019

Fri 13th	-	Roald Dahl day
Mon 16th	-	Cycling proficiency
Thurs 19th	-	Forest Adventures (Beech class) continuing for 5 weeks.
Weds 25th - Mon 30th	-	Travelling Books book fair
Thurs 26th	-	European day of language

Oct 2019

Tues 22nd Oct	-	Parents evening
Thurs 24th Oct	-	Parents evening
Friday 25th	-	Inset day
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	-	Half term

November 2019

Mon 11th Nov	-	Remembrance service 10:45 Sycamore & Willow class
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December 2019

Thurs 12th Dec	-	Nativity Reception class - Year 3 Whitemead
Thurs 19th Dec	-	Christmas pantomime at Monmouth savoy (Whole school)
Fri 20th Dec	-	Inset day
Mon 6th Jan	-	Back to school