

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Honesty

June 15th 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 95.6%**

Well done to Oak 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	97%
Chestnut	95.7%
Beech	94.2%
Sycamore	96.2%
Willow	95%

We have the following spaces available in our busy school.

SPACES:

Year 2 - 3 spaces

Year 3 - 1 space

Year 4 - 2 spaces

Year 5 - 1 space

Year 6 - 1 space

It is very rare that we have spaces at our lovely school. If you know of anyone that might be interested in a space in one of the above year groups, please ask them to contact the school office:

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.



Counselling, Support and Care for Young People and Families

CONTACT US

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Email: admin@ticplus.org.uk

Website: www.ticplus.org.uk

Feeling...
Sad? Confused?
Angry? Worried?
Stressed? Afraid?

Need someone to talk to?
Want someone to listen?

Curriculum

Year 2 really enjoyed their science topic learning about plants. They were so excited to track the growth of their individual bean plants, as well as our flowerbed in the school garden each week. We were able to taste some yummy radishes and strawberries and hopefully the bean plants they've now taken home continue to thrive!





Picture News

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



What is the best way to show your support?

Let's look at this week's story

13-year-old Max Woosley - also known as the 'Boy in the Tent' - has recently set a Guinness World Record for the most money raised by camping. Inspired by a family friend, the young teenager has raised over £750,000 for North Devon Hospice. Max spent every night in a tent since he began his challenge three years ago in the garden of his home in Braunton, Devon. 'It's been the best three years of my life,' he said, describing the challenge.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).

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



British Values



Reflection

There are many ways we can show our support and raise awareness of things that are important to us. By challenging ourselves and pushing our limits, we can accomplish incredible things!



Individual Liberty

We all have the right and freedom to raise awareness of the things that are important to us. We should consider how we choose to do this and the impact it may have on others. We can all make a positive difference!



UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to share freely with others what we learn, think or feel unless it harms other people.



Protected Characteristics

Max was 10 years old when he took on his challenge. We can all set ourselves goals and challenges and achieve amazing things. Nobody should judge, underestimate or treat anyone unfairly because of their age.



Useful vocabulary

- Accomplish**
To finish something successfully or to achieve something.
By challenging ourselves and pushing our limits, we can accomplish incredible things!
- Challenge**
Something difficult that requires a great effort to be achieved. It tests someone's ability.
'It's been the best three years of my life,' he said, describing the challenge.
- Inspired**
Made to feel we want to do something and we do it.
Inspired by a family friend, the young teenager has raised more than £750,000 for North Devon Hospice.
- Disturbance**
Something that blocks the way or prevents activities or progress.
Other other obstacles or distractions might slow down your progress.
- Praised**
Expressed admiration or approval for the achievements or characteristics of a person or thing.
Max has been highly praised for his support for his hospital, this.
- Terrified**
Feels very very scared and in great pain.
Through events, we can help ourselves and our friends and families to feel safe and secure.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law; involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want to keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior advisory expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/pressroom/04-05-2023/parents-and-guardians-protect-their-child-from-money-mules

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Keeping children safe online

www.skipssafetynet.org

Reminders

Pyjamarama day - Tomorrow is Pyjamarama day, donations of 50p are welcome for the books trust.

Parent pay lunches - Please remember to keep on top of debts for lunches.

Hopewell trip - A reminder that years 4, 5 and 6 are going to Hopewell Colliery on Monday. Parents are dropping off and picking up (drop off 9:15am and pick up 2:45pm) Please ensure you have paid the £8 on parent pay.

Book Fair - It is also our Books for Bugs Book Fair tomorrow, please send £3 in to school in a named envelope if you would like your child to purchase a book, as the children will be visiting the Book Fair from 1:30pm tomorrow.

Sports Day - Sports day is on Wednesday 21st June. Please send children in to school wearing their P.E kit with a top that matches their house group colour.

Red - Robin

Yellow - Goldfinch

Blue - Kingfisher

Green - Woodpecker



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Are you looking after your health as the cost of living rises?

Are you reluctant to seek the care you need because of the costs involved?

Prescription costs - Dental fees - Transport expenses - Digital healthcare charges (e.g. phone and broadband)

Share your experience to help improve support

Complete our survey by
30 June 2023:

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GloucestershireCostofLiving



Scan the QR code

 healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

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Diary Dates

JUNE

- 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 - packed lunch required
- Monday 3rd July - Year 4 trip to Viney Hill
- W/C Mon 3rd July - Five Acres transition week
- Thursday 6th July - Dean Academy Y5 taster day (transport and lunches provided)
- Friday 7th July - Golf taster day Y1-Y6