



Ellington Primary News

Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a brilliant start to the new half term with the children starting new topics and studying new texts in English. This is always a very busy half term with the build up to Christmas, but Christmas in a primary school is the best time of year!

This news bulletin does not contain class news as you will instead be emailed your child's topic overview for this half term. We do this every half term to ensure you are kept up to date with what your child is learning in school. Our school website is also filled with information about our curriculum.

This year, we are using X (Twitter) more frequently and each class will post at least once per week. If you are not already following us, please do so: @Ellingtontweets

Inter-faith Day

On Monday 13th November, we celebrated Inter-Faith week in school. Reception up to Year 6 spent time learning about different religions and sharing this information through a celebratory assembly.

Reception focused upon Christianity and Christian celebrations. This involved a fabulous Christian wedding.

Year 1 focused upon Judaism and the life of Jewish people. The children explained what Shabbat is and how Jews worship at a synagogue.

Year 2 focused upon Islam and shared their findings about the five Pillars of Islam.

Year 3 compared Islamic and Jewish festivals. Explaining the similarities and differences between Eid and Hannukah.

Year 4 focused upon Hinduism. They looked at what Hindu's believe God is like and shared pictures and information about Hindu Gods and Goddesses.

Year 5 compared and contrasted the holy books the Bible, Torah and Qur'an.

Year 6 focused upon Christianity and retold two stories from the bible through drama.

At Ellington, we learn about and celebrate the beliefs of others. Our curriculum driver, The Wider World, is vitally important to the development of our pupils.

Children in Need



Today, we have raised funds over £150 for Children in Need, thank you for your support. You can see the work we do in supporting charities by clicking [here](#).

Following our visit from The Pearl of Africa choir, Ava from Year 4 took it upon herself to help the charity. She baked some delicious cakes and sold these to friends and neighbours. She raised a total of £65! What an incredible thing to do, Ava!



The Glasshouse (Formerly known as The Sage)

Today, Year 3 and children in our mini-band have been performing at The Glasshouse. They have spent time during the day rehearsing and preparing for a performance on the main stage. Year 3 have been working with Mrs Chinnery from the Music Service learning to play the cornet this year. The mini-band rehearse every Wednesday. All children at Ellington will have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument through our music curriculum.



Mr Hodgson—Headteacher

Sports Leaders

A group of Year 6 children are now fully trained sports leaders after taking part in some training through the Ashington Sports Partnership at Ashington Leisure Centre. The children have a rota system which sees them working between the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two yard, leading games and activities.



Zones of Regulation

As a school we believe that it is important for children to understand their feelings and how to manage them. As a result, we have introduced a whole school programme called the 'Zones of Regulation'. This is a simple, common language to understand, talk about, and teach regulation. We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to attend a parent workshop to find out more about this approach. The workshop will be led by staff from the Northumberland Inclusive Education Services on Tuesday 21st November at 3.15pm. The session will be free and refreshments will be provided. The workshop will last for about an hour, and you will be able to leave your children with school staff whilst you attend. We hope you can attend.

Reading for Pleasure

We have a very pro-active School Council at Ellington Primary School and they requested that our reading areas were improved further.

So, every class in school now has their very own amazing reading area!

These areas have been carefully created by the staff to develop spaces where the children can relax and read for pleasure. You can find everything about our English curriculum on our website by clicking [here](#).



School Photographs

This year, we are having school photos taken on Monday 12th February.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, we need to know. Please telephone the school office

Attendance 06/11–17/11

Reception– 95.3%

Year 1–98.2%

Year 2–93.8%

Year 3–95.3%

Year 4–97.5%

Year 5–96.7%

Year 6–92.5%

Whole School–95.5%

Up from 93%

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Zones of Regulation Parent	21 st November (3:15pm)
Flu Immunisations	22 nd November
Cinderella Pantomime	4 th December
Film night	6 th December (4:15pm - 6:00pm)
Nursery Parent Consultations	7 th December (1:30pm - 5:50pm)
Christmas Jumper Day	8 th December
EYFS Performance	13 th December (9:30am)
KS1 Performance	14 th December (9:30am)
Christmas Dinner	14 th December
KS1 Party	18 th December
EYFS Party	19 th December
Year 5/6 Party	20 th December
Year 3/4 Party	21 st December
Carol Concert	21 st December (9:15am)
Carol Concert	22 nd December (9:15am)
End of term	22 nd December
Return to school	9 th January

Nursery News

What a start to Nursery, Mrs Milne has had! The children have been very welcoming and made me feel at home straight away.

Our Topic this half term is 'Sparkle and Shine' which we will cover in our mini topics:

*Festivals

*Light and Dark

*It's Christmas!!

In our first week, we talked about our experiences with Bonfire night and compared it to the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children showed good listening skills when we were learning facts about the Festival of lights.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we used a new material to create clay Diva lamps. The children used their finger muscles to shape their lamps and decorated them using cotton buds. We hope you like your finished products.

This week, we introduced our key story 'Owl Babies'. The children explored how the owl babies felt during the different parts of the story. They were able to talk about how we could care for the Owlets. The children thought they'd like a cosy nest so we built one! The next day, to our surprise, Mummy Owl had gone missing. We created missing posters to help find her. We played a listening game to find her in the garden, if the sound was louder we knew we were close to her.

The children have enjoyed exploring the guttering outside within the water area and thinking of new ways to create water paths. They even worked as a team to create their own car washing service.

Fantastic job Nursery!

