



Ellington Primary News

Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to News Bulletin #16 of the 2023-2024 academic year!

This week, we had a photographer in school taking photos for our website and to display around school. We have worked hard in recent years to improve the appearance of the school and we will continue to develop both inside and outside over the coming months. We share lots of information on our school website and hope to improve the design for the next academic year.

Trim Trail

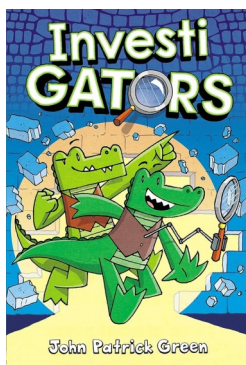
We have had two accidents before and after school with children playing on the trim trail. We want the children to enjoy this but we also need to make sure that children using the trim trail are always supervised by staff. Therefore, we would kindly ask that you do not allow your children to use this before or after school.

Book Recommendations

Miss Brooks

“One of my favourite books is ‘The Lost Island of Tamarind’ by Nadia Aguiar. I read this book as a child with my mum, and we both were in love with the story. I love this book because it is based on a fun adventure following three children shipwrecked on a mysterious island. In this story, Nadia Aguiar takes Maya, Simon and Penny on an adventure that they will never forget. After a terrible storm blows their parents overboard the Pamela Jane, Maya, Simon and Penny find themselves on the mysterious island of Tamarind, an island not on the map.

In the story, the island of Tamarind is very similar to Neverland (Peter Pan), they both have a similar magical feeling. The tropical island is so beautifully and realistically described yet giants, mermaids and intelligent parrots are integrated into the tale. During the story, the children use great resilience as they face tough challenges on their way. I would definitely recommend reading this fantastic story.”



Leo H from Year 2, has recommended InvestiGATORS:

- “After hearing a story in school, I really wanted to read the books! I have a pack of four books and in each one they go on different adventures and solve mysteries!” You can find more information here: <https://investigatorsbooks.com/>

“Les Olympiques des Animaux”

We are delighted to be welcoming back Théâtre Sans Frontières, who visited us in 2022 and performed a play entirely in French! They are returning on the afternoon of July 2nd to perform again for Years 2 to 6. Prior to the show, the children will learn some French songs to enable them to take part in the performance and the related workshops on the afternoon.



This year's play focuses on the Paris Olympics and I have no doubt the children will love this! We host three plays each year in school, giving children invaluable experiences as part of our curriculum enrichment.



Transition

We have made a slight change to our Move Up Day due to having the French Play in school on the afternoon of the 2nd July. Years 1 to 6 (current Reception to Year 5) will have a Move Up Morning on July 2nd but then have a further Move Up Day on July 11th when they will spend the day creating our new art gallery. This will further help with transition and enable more time to produce some more fantastic displays.

- Year 6 children are visiting their new secondary schools over the coming weeks.
- Our new Reception intake, have a welcome to Reception meeting on Monday July 1st at 9am followed by a morning in their new classroom with their new teacher.
- Information confirming teaching arrangements for 2024/2025 will be shared with you on Friday 28th June.

Wear Yellow Day -21st June

On Friday 21st June, the children can come to school wearing something yellow (or something else which is bright if they don't anything yellow) for a £1 donation which goes directly to the [Cystic Fibrosis Trust](#). Children can bring their cash donation to school or alternatively, we have a fundraising page if you wish to donate online.

[CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST ONLINE DONATIONS](#)

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**



On Saturday 22nd June, we will be holding an open day for Early Years (Nursery/ Reception) between 10am and 1pm. This is for parents/carers with young children who would like to see our Early Years provision. Please spread the word and encourage as many people to attend as possible! Our forecasted numbers for Nursery are quite low and we would love more children to be joining Ellington!

New PE Kit / Uniform Reminder

We shared information on April 19th 2024 regarding changes to our uniform supplier. This is just a reminder of that information:

Following feedback received at parent/carer consultations and through parent/carer questionnaires, we would like to inform you that we are changing uniform suppliers.

We will be using Emblematic who are stocking our uniform in their Morpeth shop. In store, you will find a variety of sizes to try on. We would advise ordering new uniform as early as possible.

You can view the uniform here: [EMBLEMATIC—EPS](#) / [EMBLEMATIC -MORPETH STORE DIRECTIONS](#)

We are not changing our school uniform but are offering high quality and more variety for PE kits.

For PE, we were informed that the quality of PE kits was inconsistent. We were also informed that white T-Shirts were not great for PE due to staining.

We have changed the colour of our PE kits to navy blue and there is a choice of a polyester T-Shirt, Polo Shirt, Quarter Zip top, Hoodie and also shorts available. Children may wear a plain navy or white t-shirt or polo top if they wish.

As always, you are not required to purchase branded uniforms

Price list:

	Cloud 9	Emblematic
Polo Shirt	£8.50	£8.50
Jumper	£11.50	£10.00
Cardigan	£13.00	£11.00
Book Bag	£9.50	£6.00
PE T-Shirt	£6.50 (cotton)	£9.99 (polyester)
PE Polo Shirt	N/A	£10.99 (polyester)
Zippered Hoodie	£17.50 (cotton)	£13.99 (cotton)
Overhead Hoodie	N/A	£21.99
1/4 Zip Top	N/A	£19.99

We have a selection of pre-loved uniform available, please contact the office if you would like to see what we have.

A parent has also kindly shared some information regarding shops that have uniform sales coming up.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2024

Aldi £5 School Uniform Bundle	Thursday 4th July
M&S 20% off All School Uniform	Tuesday 2nd July
Sainsbury's 25% off School Uniform	Wednesday 19th June
Tesco 25% off School Uniform	Tuesday 23rd July

Diary Dates

Non Uniform for Summer Fair Donation	Monday 17th June
Wear Something Yellow Day	Friday 21st June
EYFS Open Day	Saturday 22nd June 10am-1pm
Sports Day	Friday 28th June - AM
Summer Fair	Friday 28th June - PM
Welcome to Reception Parents Meeting	Monday 1st July 9am
New to Reception move up morning	Monday 1st July
Move up morning (New to Y1 - Y6)	Tuesday 2nd July
Les Olympiques des Animaux (Y2 - Y6)	Tuesday 2nd July
Move up day	Thursday 11th July
Summer term reports	Friday 12th July
Summer Holidays	Friday 19th July
Staff Training Day	Monday 2nd September
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3rd September
Return to school	Wednesday 4th September

More details about events will be shared closer to the specified dates. Further events are being planned and more information will be shared in future news bulletins.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is strictly for logged-in users (requiring the verified age of 18), but children can still view social, inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, swearing, and more.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube recommends videos viewed to what the user has previously watched on their account, often to provide content to be watched later. This also leads to binge watching and screen addiction, especially if the user is an active gamer without an account or those accessed via the last 24 hours search history. It can always be disabled.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact. Other users can leave comments on any video they have access to, or chat with strangers online can potentially lead to online grooming, cyberbullying and - in the worst case - contact with predators. This can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which can be so dangerous that it's best to avoid them. These include anything and everything that could lead to self-harm, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm. Children also watch or challenge "the point" and "the challenge" where people use their bodies to learn their "skin" - is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
The comments sections of popular content creator regularly have comments posing as their influencer, requesting for followers and looking on their profiles. Scammers impersonate YouTube by adopting their names and profile pictures. They often offer gifts or get high quality videos or items for free. Be very careful when you click on these links.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
For older children, Restricted Mode is an advanced content filter that prevents YouTube from showing up inappropriate material. (Such as drug, alcohol, tobacco, gambling, weapons, and violence) from showing up on their screen. Parents can also restrict their child's access to YouTube at month also turn on the "Safe Search" feature. This will help YouTube algorithm recommend appropriate content.

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS
It's possible to identify most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android, iOS and Kindle. This app is designed for children under 13 and has a "parental supervisor" (ages 18+) and "child" (ages 13-17). This lets the parent supervisor, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows parents and others to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos in general. Google Family is available in 21 countries where the child's user age like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube also uses the option of uploading videos as "private" or "unlisted" so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends. For example, comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as "private", they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for millions of people, and their child is watching, uploading, and sharing others' content. Older children or teens may want to keep an eye on how they engage with their content - or not. Engage with content creators - you understand what they're interested in. However, don't share or click on content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence attached.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you limit their access to online payment methods, many parents have discovered that their child is only uploading videos set as "private", they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

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