



# Ellington Primary News

*Believe and Achieve*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed sports day today, the staff and children certainly did. It was great to see the children taking part in all events with a huge smile on their face. We also have some very competitive parents!

We have four weeks left this academic year but lots to fit in before a well-deserved summer holiday!

## Cystic Fibrosis Trust—Wear Yellow Day

On Friday 16th June, we had a wear something yellow day. This was a hugely successful day, enjoyed by all of the children and most importantly, we raised over **£270** for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. One of our amazing pupils has cystic fibrosis and she gave the most incredible speech in our assembly. What an absolute superstar. My wife is a cystic fibrosis nurse and the trust does so much good work, you can find out more [here](#).

## Summer Fair

We are holding our Summer Fair on **Saturday 8th July**. Last year, the weather was fantastic and we had a brilliant day. Hopefully, this year will be as successful. Everyone is welcome at our Summer Fair so please tell everyone you know!



We are going to repeat many events that were successful last year. This includes having two non-uniform days to help us with prizes for the tombolas. On **Friday June 30th**, the children can come to school in non-uniform in return for a chocolate donation. On **Friday 7th July**, the children can come to school in non-uniform in return for a bottle or another donation for the tombola.

There will be so many activities happening for children of all ages:

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| * Bubble football | * Bouncy castle                            | * Penalty shoot out | * Hook a duck       |
| * Coconut shy     | * Face Painting                            | * Tombolas          | * Raffles           |
| * BBQ             | *Tea/Coffee                                | *Cakes/Biscuits     | *Tuck shop          |
| *Ice Cream        | *A Police Car and Fire Engine (hopefully!) |                     | *A number of stalls |

## Transition

On July 4th, we are having our 'Move up Day'. Last year, all children spent the morning with their new class teachers. However, this year, the children will spend the full day with their class teacher. All classes will spend part of the morning and all afternoon focusing on a specific artist and developing a class display in the school hall.

There are alternative arrangements in place for children who are moving into reception.



## Open Afternoons

We would like to invite you into school on either Thursday 13th July or Friday 14th July to join your child/ren in their class and see the progress they have made this year. You are welcome to attend school on either day from 2:30pm, entering via the usual side entrances, and look through your child's books with them. You can then view the artwork that the children will have produced during the move up day, in our school hall.

## Summer Works

As previously mentioned, we have some major work taking place in school in the coming weeks/months. The flat roof is being replaced, this covers the whole of Key Stage Two. This work will begin on July 10th and last until September 25th. There should be no disruption for the children.

During the summer holidays, we are refurbishing the Key Stage One toilets, decorating classrooms and adding new doors to areas of school that have been separated previously with curtains. The school will look fantastic in September!

## RNLI

We recently had a visitor from the RNLI in school who did assemblies with the children, looking at the dangers of water and how to keep safe. During the summer months, more children play in open water and unfortunately there are more cases of drowning. Advice and safety tips can be found [here](#).



Mr Hodgson—Headteacher

## Attendance 12/06–23/06

Reception– 91.7%

Year 1–93.6%

Year 2–95.1%

Year 3–94.2%

Year 4–95.8%

Year 5–93.9%

Year 6–95.6%

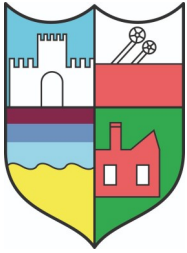
Whole School–94.2%

**Up from 94%**

## Diary Dates

Summer Fair	8th July
Summer term reports	14th July
Year 3 Alnwick Garden	19th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21st July (9.30am)
Summer Holidays	21st July
Staff Training Days	4th & 5th 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.*



## Academic Year 2023/24 School Term & Holiday

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
Summer 2022	Friday 21st July 2023	
Teacher Training Day	Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday 5th September 2023	Wednesday 6th September 2023
October Half Term 2023	Friday 27th October 2023	Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas/New Year 2023/24	Friday 22nd December 2023	
Teacher Training Day	Monday 8th January 2024	Tuesday 9th January 2024
Spring Half Term 2023	Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter 2023	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024	
Summer Half Term 2023	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2023	Friday 19th July 2024	Monday 4th September 2024

## Nursery News

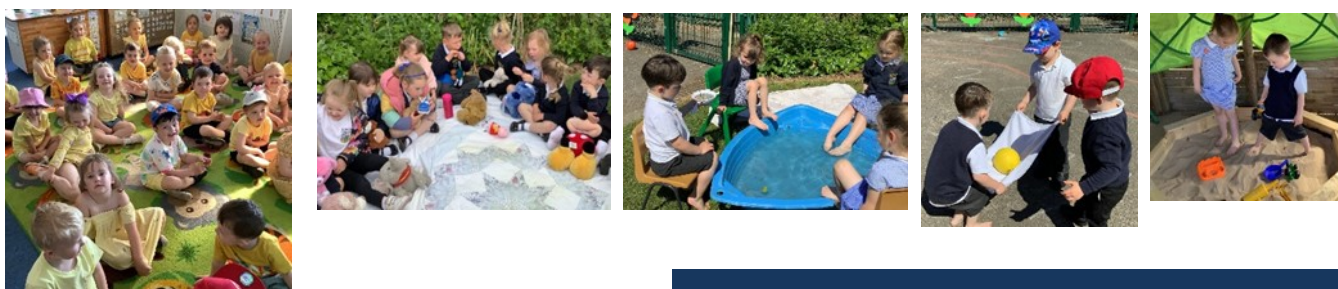
Here we are, just 4 weeks from the end of another school year! These last two weeks we have been learning all about holidays, and what we love about the summer, as well as practicing hard to recognise our names, numbers, colours and looking at size and shape. We have been writing our names and numbers and, when it comes to practicing our mark making, why stop at pens and pencils when you can do it in ice-cream?!



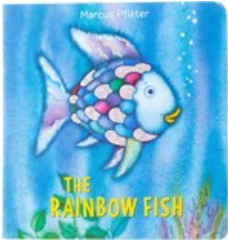
We learned how to stay safe in the sun and even designed our summer outfits. Of course, holidays mean that we need to wash, iron, and pack our clothes before we can head off - and we mustn't forget to take our cars and bikes to the car wash. You also need a trip to the summer salon to be summer ready...but have you ever tried a haircut by numbers? Mila and Emilia were two of the last children to visit the salon before it turned into an ice-cream van and shop.



Once the holiday is under way, there are so many things to do. We had a beach feet day and a water paddling day, as well as a trip to the fairground to play games, build and colour in the fresh air. . . and, in between all of this, we have had a teddy bear picnic day, a Kids' Brake Walk Day (followed by ice lollies in the garden), and a wear something yellow day. How's that for a good summer holiday?!



## Reception News



We have had another busy two weeks in Reception. In Literacy, we have been reading and learning about the story The Rainbow Fish. The children created a fantastic story map and retold the story to Mrs Cook. At the beginning of the story, the Rainbow Fish is not a nice friend but by the end after some help from others he is. We have been talking in Reception about the importance of being a kind friend. We have also been writing about the different things that can be found under the sea.



In Maths, we have been learning all about doubling numbers and automatic recall of number bonds. The children have been doing lots of different activities in their play.



Last week, we enjoyed a walk around our school grounds looking for signs of Summer. We also talked about the importance of staying safe in the sun including wearing sun cream, wearing a sun hat, staying hydrated and spending time in the shade.

Robin from the RNLI visited our school to talk all about water safety. Our nursery and reception children showed fantastic listening skills and enjoyed looking at all of the equipment!



In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of exercise and we explored how exercise affects different parts of the body. We have also been learning how yoga can help our bodies to stretch, relax and stay healthy. We did lots of different yoga poses. We also did mediation and breathing exercises.



## Year 1 News

We have had a fantastic few weeks since returning from half term. The children have impressed me so much with how keen they are to try their hardest even in

In English, we have produced some excellent published writes all about butterflies. The children have been so engaged with this unit of work and loved finding out facts about butterflies. They have worked really hard to try and incorporate as much information as possible whilst continuing to promote their neatest handwriting and all year 1 grammar requirements. Fantastic work Year 1!

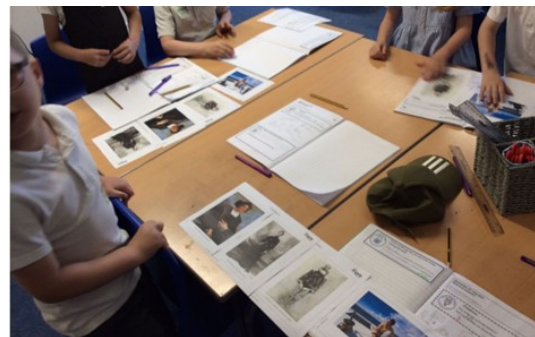
We have now moved on to our next whole class text 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch.' We are currently exploring the text and we will be building up to write a diary entrance by Mr Ginling.

In maths, we have been revisiting place value. We have been working with numbers within 100 working out how many tens and ones are in each 2-digit number. We have also been working with pictorial representations and working out which number they represent. We have continued to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s and are working hard at using our knowledge of these for our times tables. Please continue to use times tables rock stars at home, just 5 minutes a day will show huge improvements!



In Science, we have started our final unit of work on Plants. For the past fortnight, we have been looking at the structure of plants and trees and the function of each part. We have labelled pictures and even disassembled a cress plant to see the roots, stem, and leaves.

In History this term, we will be learning all about explorers, what they do, and how they have changed the world. We will be studying some key explorers in history like Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson.



Finally, what a brilliant end to the week with our fantastic sports day. Thankfully the weather was good and the children could showcase their fantastic skills.

Mrs Horsley.

## Year 2 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe the children are now only four weeks away from finishing Year 2! When I think back to when I first met them on Move Up Day, the amount they have grown and matured over the past year is really amazing. It has been a privilege to have this class as my first class at Ellington Primary School.

Obviously, Friday was Sports Day so thank you to all parents that could attend. We also took part in the Break's Kids Walk in the first week after half term to raise awareness of road safety. The children were walking with the rest of the school and they really stood out in terms of how sensible they were and how careful they were when walking near and when crossing roads.

In English we have written explanation texts based on *The Dragon Machine* by Helen Ward. We have also started work on our new book *The Bear and The Piano* by David Litchfield. In Maths we have completed a tricky sequence of lessons on telling the time. If you can continue to practice telling the time on an analogue clock to O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, that would be very helpful.

In Science, we have completed our unit on Living Things and their habitats. We have looked at different habitats including a microhabitat in the school grounds. We have also looked at how animals are adapted to live in their habitat.

In Geography, we have started to learn about what it is like to live at the coast. As part of this, we have learned to name and locate the bodies of water surrounding the UK

In PSHE we have been studying finances. We have been looking at the difference between wants and needs.





## Year 3 News

We've had a great start to the final half term of the year in year 3 and we have certainly been busy! We have just finished writing instructions for building junk model robots in English, after building our own robots one afternoon!



This was all based on a lovely animation that we enjoyed called 'Girl and Robot'.

We are continuing to enjoy reading 'How to Train Your Dragon' and we are all rooting for Hiccup and Toothless!



In maths, we are now coming to the end of our work on fractions. This has been a challenging unit of work but we are starting to really get to grips with fractions now, and have been learning how to compare, add and subtract them this week using a range of practical equipment and different models and diagrams to help us.

Afternoons have been fully packed as well! We have started some topic lessons on Roman life. This week we were inspired to make cardboard shields and weapons when we learnt about the Roman Army.



In music, we are focusing on composing this half term and we are going to be creating pieces of music based on a mountain animation. We hope to be able to share the musical works with you towards the end of the half term.



In science, we have started learning about plants, and so far have learnt about the jobs of different parts of plants and flowers. Each table group has been given a little marigold plant to look after so we will see which table has the healthiest flower by the end of this half term!

We are looking forward to delving back into coding work in computing, as we revisit Scratch, this time working on moving the sprites around maze puzzles and using the pen tool.

## Year 4 News

We've had a very practical few weeks back in Year 4!

In science, we have been continuing with our unit of work on sound and creating an experiment to investigate whether it is possible to block sound. Some of it didn't quite go as we expected but we used our scientific brains to adapt the experiment and notice variables that would affect the results.



We've now finished our Viking unit of work in history and we've had great fun examining artefacts and using them to deduce what Viking life may have been like. We also had lots of fun being traders and discovered the different Vikings trading points around the world.

- DT has given us a taster of our next science unit as we have been exploring circuits and are building up to design and create a torch.

- In English, we have written some fantastic letters to King Charles to persuade him to help prevent deforestation. We had to do some good research as well as practise the features of a formal persuasive letter. The facts and persuasive devices that we have put into our work have been absolutely fantastic - even if we do say so ourselves!



## Year 5 News

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Brake's Kids Walk! As a school, we walked 1 mile around the village of Ellington to shout out for our children's right to make healthy journeys every day.



In English, we are currently revisiting the story of the Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie. The time travelling shop offers wonderful and magical opportunities to those around the world. We will be creating a character description of the story's evil antagonist - Vindictus Sharpe!

In maths, we are focusing on converting units where we are using our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 to convert between mm, cm, m and km. We will soon be progressing to volume using millilitres and litres and mass using grams and kilograms.

In science, the children created a time line to display their understanding of the stages of a human life. We recently explored the average height of boys and girls from 0-12 months. The children worked extremely hard to display this data in a line graph and a bar chart.

Well done year 5 on another busy week!

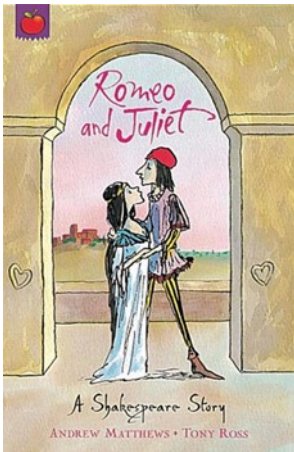
Mr Todd

## Year 6 News

It has been a packed start to the half term in Year 6. We are starting to prepare for our transition to secondary school and have already had some of our new teachers pay us a visit. We had lots of questions and we now have a much clearer idea of the expectations in our new settings.

Miss Gray has been so impressed with how quickly we have grasped 'algebra'. We have broken our learning down into small steps and we have even ENJOYED grouping like terms and creating formula.

We have continued reading 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. Before we began reading, we made predictions based on the book cover. We are now able to look at how accurate these predictions were and to answer any questions we may have had. We have studied the character of Felix and discussed how he has changed over the course of the story. We totally recommend the book for adults to read too. Look out for our book reviews on Twitter, next week.

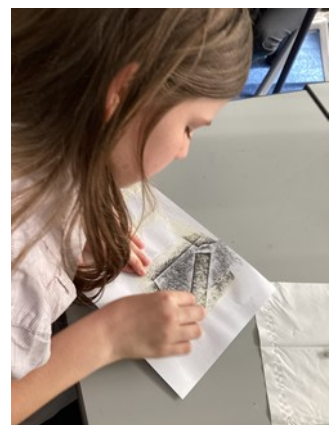


In our writing we have started to explore the story of 'Romeo and Juliet'. So far, we have sequenced the plot and discussed the themes of the play too. Next, we will be planning a piece of persuasive writing based on the story. The QR code will take you to a Padlet page where you can read our 100 word summaries of the plot.



Science has seen us experimenting with voltage to see what effect it has on a circuit. We are now proficient in drawing circuit diagrams and troubleshooting our circuits too.

Art has been very exciting. We are creating impactful pieces which showcase the different skills and techniques we have studied in this unit. Our work is designed to spread the word about an area we care about watch this space for some examples.



We have been active over the last few weeks too and enjoyed taking part in our whole-school mile walk in the sunshine. We are very excited about Sports Day too.