



Ellington Primary News

Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of a busy but excellent half term. We hope that you found the parent consultations useful and enjoyed looking at the children's progress in their books.

Thank you for your support with everything we do in school. We hope that you enjoyed the harvest assemblies today and we look forward to welcoming you for various events in the next half term. Thank you for the donations for the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank, they will be delivered today. We hope that you all have a fantastic half term!

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is happening from Monday 14th - Friday 18th November and has the theme 'Reach Out'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children's Bureau. Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But if we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out. It doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a part to play. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone if you know they're being bullied. Reach out by being the change you want to see. It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In 2022 it will take place on Monday 14th November. We are all encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness!



Halloween Disco

When we return on October 31st, we have our Halloween discos. This Halloween we are having two separate discos for EYFS/KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and for KS2 (Years 3 to 6). EYFS/KS1 will have their disco from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. KS2 will have their disco from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The discos are for pupils only and tickets cost £3 each, which includes entry, a hot dog, crisps and juice. Tickets can be purchased on the morning of the 31st October until 12noon, but children cannot pay on the door as we need to pre-buy the food and drinks. Children can bring the £3 into school in a named envelope and hand this in to their teacher.

Change to Training Date

Although this was in the last news bulletin, I just wanted to remind you that the scheduled teacher training day for January 9th has changed to January 13th. This is due to whole staff training which needs to take place from an outside provider and they were unable to provide the training on the 9th. Children will return to school on Monday 9th January but school will be closed on Friday 13th January.

Safeguarding

Online safety is something that we cover in school every half term as part of our Computing Curriculum. During school holidays, children tend to spend more time online. Please click [here](#) to find out how you can help keep your child safe online.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, we need to know. Please telephone the school office each day they are absent on [01670 860769](tel:01670860769). Please do not message class teachers or the office for absences.

Diary Dates

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| Break up for half term | 21st October | EYFS Christmas Show | 19th December (9.30am) |
| Return to school | 31st October | EYFS Christmas Party | 19th December |
| Halloween Disco | 31st October | Year 1/2 Christmas Party | 20th December |
| Armistice Day | 11th November | Year 3/4 Christmas Party | 21st December |
| Anti-Bullying Week | 14th November | Christmas Carol Concert | 21st December (9.15am) |
| Odd Socks Day | 14th November | Year 5/6 Christmas Party | 22nd December |
| Children in Need | 18th November | Christmas Carol Concert | 22nd December (9.15am) |
| Christmas Film Night - EYFS/KS1 | 7th December (4.30pm - 6.30pm) | Break up for Christmas | 23rd December |
| Christmas Jumper Day | 8th December | Return to School | 9th January |
| Christmas Film Night - KS2 | 8th December (4.30pm - 6.30pm) | Teacher Training Day | 13th January |
| Christmas Dinner | 14th December | | |
| KS1 Nativity Performance | 15th December (9.30am) | | |
| KS1 Nativity Performance | 16th December (9.30am) | | |

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.

Mr Hodgson—Headteacher

Nursery News

We have been very busy this week. We have really enjoyed reading “We’re Going On a Pumpkin Hunt.” We acted out the story and had fun going on our own hunt around the school grounds.



We counted all of the pumpkins and ordered them by size. The children talked about which ones were the heaviest and which were the lightest. We did some baking and rolled out the dough to cut out our pumpkin biscuits.

We have been busy looking after our environment. We weeded the garden and planted some cheerful new plants. We all worked together. We are still finding out all about ourselves and this week we looked at our bodies and how to look after them. We had a hospital role play area and everyone had lots of fun finding out about different jobs that we could do to keep people safe. We have enjoyed learning our new songs for Harvest and we are looking forward to seeing you all at our Stay and Play morning on Friday 21st of October between 9.00 and 10.00. Thank you for all of your continued support.



Reception News



We have had a busy time in Reception over the last two weeks. In Literacy, we have been reading and learning about the story 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. The evil pea character in the story gets up to all sorts of mischief. He has even been causing mischief in our classroom when we have not been at school. We created wanted posters and painted pictures of the evil pea to see if we could catch him.

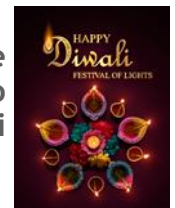
In maths, we have continued our learning on subitising, composition and comparison. Mrs Cook is super impressed with the maths work that has been happening in Reception!



An activity that we have really enjoyed was looking at photographs of ourselves from when we were babies. We played a game where we had to look at each photo and match them up with the person each baby has grown into. We then took it in turns to talk about any memories that we could remember from when we were little.



We have been learning about a special celebration called Diwali. Diwali is the festival of lights and many rituals and traditions in the event include light so we made our own paper plate lamp craft. We have also been doing Rangoli patterns and hand art crafts.



We have also been learning about harvest. We talked about how harvest festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land and looked together at some different pictures that link to harvest.



We had a great time exploring in our new library. We looked through the different books and chose one to share at home. We then listened to a story and had a biscuit... mmmm!



Year 1 News

What a fantastic first half term Year 1 have had. They have settled brilliantly into their new environment and routines.

In these final weeks we have been learning how to write letters particularly focusing on letters of apology. The children have all written an apology letter to Bear from Rabbit for taking his red, triangular hat. I am so impressed at how the children have done especially when they wrote these up using the correct format.

In Maths we have continued our counting forwards and backwards within 100. They are struggling with the bridging 10 when counting backwards so please continue to work on this at home.



The children have also worked so hard this term on their topic work. They have particularly enjoyed learning their new continent song (I am sure you will all know the song by now too!).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

We also had a surprise visit from a lovely little hedgehog this week, all of the children enjoyed seeing the hedgehog and making up their own name for it.



Thank you so much for your continued support this term. If you have any questions/queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Enjoy your half term!

Year 2 News

It has been a lovely last week in Year 2 with all of our Harvest preparations. Thank you so much to all of the parents who came to see our either of our two performances. The children performed really well and the fact that all children had a designed headpiece was amazing! They all looked brilliant. In the end I got all of the children a prize as it did not seem fair to only pick three winners. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped the children to create their wonderful headwear.

Also, thank you to all the parents that came to the Parent Teacher Interview sessions on Wednesday. It was lovely to be able to talk to you all about how well the children are doing. It has been an incredibly busy half term and it is hard to get to speak to parents at the start and end of a day, so it was great to have ten minutes to have a proper conversation.

As well as getting ready for the harvest festival, in English we have also planned and written our first draft of a diary entry based around the short film *The Cloudmaker*. The children are definitely building their pace and stamina for writing.

In Maths, we have been learning to add three addends. We have been using our knowledge of bonds to 10 to help with this.

- In computing, we have been learning to use a mouse and we practised this skill by making marks on Paintz.app.

- In History, we started to look at how London changed after the Great Fire.

- I have stuck a letter into the children's homework books with a piece of optional holiday homework and instructions on using Times Table Rockstars as the children now have their log in details in their books. Thanks, and have a lovely half term.



Year 3 News

Time has flown past, and it is hard to believe that we are already at half term! It has been great to get to know the class better and they have impressed us every day.



The last two weeks of English have focused on a fantastic animation called 'Once in a Lifetime' which really captured the children's imaginations, and they have written some excellent news articles about the events. I wonder if they can recount them to you? We also loved our hour in the beautiful new school library and we're looking forward to next half term's slot!



In maths, we have continued to focus on place value, and using this to help us do a range of additions and subtractions without the need for formal written methods! I have been impressed every week with the children's arithmetic skills and they are getting so good at explaining their reasoning.

- Computing this half term has involved learning about digital devices and how they are connected to networks. The children enjoyed designing toys demonstrating their understanding of input and output devices, as well as drawing their own personal networks and even role playing the different devices in a network!

| Devices | Invention name: cookie | Process |
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| Inputs | | <p>Write about your invention in this box! when you press the button on its tummy it lights up and says I am a little bear and my name is cookie</p> |
| Outputs | | |



In music, we have been working towards a performance of the original song 'Reach the Skies' and have particularly enjoyed learning some initial skills on the glockenspiel. We are very hopeful that we will record and share this performance with you on Class Dojo very soon.

Have an enjoyable and restful half term break!

Year 4 News

In the run up to our half term holiday, the children have continued to impress and many adults around the school have commented upon how excellent Year 4 have been! Well done Year 4!

During our English lessons, we finished and published our persuasive leaflets for the Grand High Witch's new academy and they were thoroughly enjoyable to read. We used features such as the "rule of three", rhetorical questions to engage our readers and conjunctive adverbs to create cohesion within our work. In the run up to our harvest assembly, the children have been working on their performance poetry, which we very much hope you enjoy on Friday morning.

In maths, the children have continued with place value and looking at thousands as well as exploring the use of Gattegno charts, part-part-whole models and bar models to apply our understanding in different ways.



We also had a lovely visit to our new library last week. The children were very excited and enjoyed a book (or three) in the comfort of the new bean bags and reading corners.



Year 5 News

After 6 weeks, the children have completed their myth and legend stories! They have worked tremendously hard on this piece of writing and should be very proud of themselves. Throughout each published writing piece, the children have included setting descriptions, character descriptions, fight scenes and speech between characters.



Our 5-week maths topic of decimal fractions tenths and hundredth is now complete and the children have progressed really well from where they started in September to now having a secure understanding of tenths and hundredths.



In geography, we have been learning all about how tourism can have positive and negative effects on specific mountain regions around the world. We then explored how these effects can be categorised into social, economic and environmental impacts.



In RE the children have been learning about special places around the world that are very important to Christians. We have been learning how to say the days of the week and months of the year in French. In art, the children practised their sketching skills in the form of a house before learning how to 'mono-print' a piece of work.



I have been super impressed with all the children this half term; their attitude to their learning, their behaviour and their willingness to try their best has collectively made this half term very enjoyable for everyone.

Have a great half term!

Mr Todd & Mrs Mallaburn

Year 6 News

How on earth is it half term already?! I have really enjoyed my first half term at Ellington and I have been really impressed with the way most of Year 6 have settled in and risen to the challenge of the Year 6 curriculum - it's tricky! Thank you to those parents who came to parent's evening. It was lovely to meet you.

In English, have been busy rehearsing for our Harvest Festival assembly. We have learned various readings and poems linked to food, farming, autumn and harvest. At the time of writing, we are almost finished reading *The Land of Roar* - it's a great book and we would recommend it to children in Key Stage 2. Our versions of the opening are now published too.

In history we have been learning about life as a Victorian child during the industrial revolution. We all agree it was a hard life! We have explored the work of Lord Shaftesbury and the reforms he brought in to protect children and make sure they were educated and well treated.

In art we have been using macro lenses to take close up photographs of everyday objects. Can you guess what they are?

