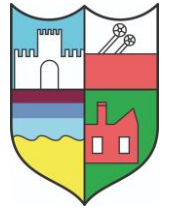




Ellington Primary School



8th September 2023

Charity Events

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic first few days back at school! It has been lovely to see all of the children and hear about their summer holidays. Every single class has settled so well and it has been a pleasure walking around school watching them start their new learning journey.

Our first news bulletin will be shared with you next Friday 15th September, however I wanted to share some dates with you for upcoming events. This year, we aim to support a number of charities. As a school, we have the ability to support amazing charities and help drive positive changes.

Pearl of Africa Choir Visit

On Friday 15th September, 'The Pearl of Africa Choir' are visiting Ellington Primary. This will be an amazing experience for our children to see a Ugandan choir in action. They will perform for the whole school at 9am before doing workshops with children across the school.

The choir's mission is to break the cycle of poverty for Ugandan children by investing in education, health, water and sustainable food programmes. They believe that all children deserve the best possible start in life. We strive for a world where all people have equal access to opportunities that will allow them to reach their full potential. We believe that education is vital to enable people to succeed and lead fulfilling lives.

We believe the choir deserve our support for their fantastic work. We would like to ask that children bring in a £1 cash donation which goes directly to the charity. The choir will also have some crafts for sale, these are for sale from 50p over the course of the morning.

To find our more information, please click here: <https://pearlof africa.org.uk/>



Internet Safety Day

On October 4th, we have an Internet Safety Day. We have Martin Bailey, a leading computing expert who delivers training across the country, visiting school. He will be spending the day at Ellington, beginning with a **free parents' workshop at 8:45am**. This will be followed by workshops across the school and he will end the day training staff.

We would love you to attend the workshop with Martin. He will explain how to help keep your child safe online with lots of tips and advice. We will have tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Martin is also a huge advocate for Mental Health. He has been running events to support Mental Health charities for a number of years and is working closely with Beyond (<https://wearebeyond.org.uk/>) to support the mental health of young people.

Beyond is a youth mental health charity tackling the growing mental health crisis affecting young people in the UK. They address the lack of access to support and create opportunities for early and personalised interventions. They use expertise and resources to help those working with young people access the right mental health support for those in their care.



Martin is a huge football fan and has yearly football charity games to raise money for Beyond. I recently played (poorly!) in his latest charity match which raised nearly £1000. On October 4th, we are inviting all children in school to wear a football shirt (if they have one) or to come in non-uniform for a £1 donation which will go directly to Beyond.

Best Wishes,

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