



Ellington Primary News

Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the academic year. Although we are reaching the end of term, we still have a number of events happening and so much to celebrate. We hope you can join us for upcoming events.

Mrs Pirie

After more than 30 years working at Ellington, we are sad to announce that Mrs Pirie will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Pirie has been a part of the Ellington community for generations and has touched the lives of many families. Although she will be missed by all at Ellington, she will remain part of the school and will be volunteering next year so you will still see her regularly.

happy retirement

School Games Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that we, Ellington Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year, for the first time!

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sport, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



We are holding our Summer Fair tomorrow, Saturday 8th July from 11am till 2pm. We have a huge number of games, stalls, attractions and much, much more. All money raised at the fair goes directly back into the school to benefit the children.

Thank you for your generosity in donations for the fair. All of our events in school really do rely on the support of our families.



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 was scheduled to begin on July 10th but this will now begin on July 17th.

End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report on 14th July. This will be sent by email, if you have any questions or concerns when this is received, you are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.



We were delighted to welcome The Dogs Trust into school yesterday. All children were involved in an assembly where they learnt about safety around dogs including how to approach them, how to interact with them and how to act if they felt scared.

This was followed by workshops in Reception, Years 1 and 2, and then Years 3 and 4.

Attendance 26/06–07/07

Reception— 93.6%

Year 1—94.6%

Year 2—95.0%

Year 3—95.6%

Year 4—94.8%

Year 5—94.3%

Year 6—98.6%

Whole School—95.1%

Up from 94.2%

Diary Dates

Summer Fair 11am–2pm	8th July
Summer term reports	14th July
Years 4 and 5 at Cresswell Beach	17th July
Years 1 and 2 at Cresswell Beach	18th July
Year 3 at Alnwick Gardens	19th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.30am)	21st July
Summer Holidays	21st July
Return to school	6th September

Mr Hodgson—Headteacher

Nursery News

Well I never! I leave our little class for one week and come back to find that they had a Shark in the Park!! And what about the day that our ice-cream van had REAL ice-cream for sale! Here are some of the amazing things they got up to:



This week we are finishing off our exploration of the seaside and sea creatures and have had such good fun, as well as enjoying activities and games that are helping us to reinforce what we have learned so far in our number and phonics journeys. We practised our touch counting, to accurately check the number of spots on our ladybirds, and match them to their leaf; we chose the correct letters to spell our names with snorkel air bubbles; we fished for mermaid pearls and placed them in their matching sound dishes; we found baby letter shells in the sand and matched them to their mummy letter shells, and we practiced tracing and writing our names, and many more activities.



We have been sharpening our gross and fine motor skills too. We have been colouring; threading; cutting; pouring; sorting; following mark-making patterns; weaving-although it wasn't just the crates that were tangled with 'seaweed'. We have been diving with mermaids and have taken such good care of our plants that we now have lovely, big peapods to look forward to eating very soon.



Oh, and let's not forget how well we cared for our tiny caterpillars-this week they finally hatched from their cocoons and became beautiful butterflies which we released into their new, free world. How exciting was that?!



Reception News

We have had a very fun filled and busy two weeks in Reception. In Literacy, we have been reading and learning about the story *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We wrote a postcard pretending to be the snail in the story. We have also been learning about an artist called Henri Matisse. Henri was a French artist, known for colourful art and collage. We created our very own snail art work inspired by Henri Matisse.



In PSHE, we have been learning about what it means to be a safe pedestrian. We went for a walk around Ellington and crossed some busy roads. We talked about road safety and the importance of keeping safe. Mrs Cook was super proud of our Reception children for their fantastic behaviour and listening skills!



In Maths, we have been continuing our learning on number bonds, doubles, addition and subtraction. What brilliant mathematicians we are in Reception!



We had a fantastic time at our sports day.



I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter for the academic year. What a year that we have had together in Reception. We have made some wonderful memories and I am so proud of the children for all that they have achieved. I am going to miss this brilliant class! A big thank you to our fantastic parents for all of your continued support.

I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Cook

Year 1 News

What another busy fortnight! Thank you to everyone who supported and spectated at this year's sports day. The children had a lot of fun and thankfully the weather stayed dry. What a fantastic opportunity for all children to compete in sporting activities and have fun.

This week the children had a fantastic 'moving up day' with Miss Gray. They created some spectacular paintings inspired by Georgia O'Keffe. We look forward to welcoming you into school to view these next Thursday and Friday. Miss Gray was impressed by how the children behaved and is looking forward to teaching them and having lots of fun in Year 2.

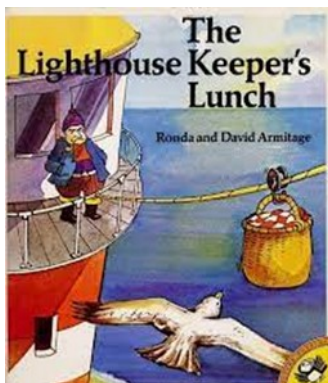
In English, we have been studying the book 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' by David and Ronda Armitage. We have sequenced the story, acted out the beginning, middle, and ending, and have nearly finished producing some fabulous diary entries. Mr Hodgson has been particularly pleased with the writing Year 1 have produced this week.

In Maths, we have been recapping time. We have carried out lots of time activities and a class favourite was seeing how many things they could do in a minute. Please continue to help your child learn to read the time. In year 1 we focus on o'clock and half past and making sure they can identify the clock hands.

The children are continuing to work so hard in all subject areas and I am so proud of their resilience and determination to succeed even though we are so close to breaking up.

10 more days to go Year 1, we can do this!

Mrs. Horsley



Year 2 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the last newsletter of the academic year, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for doing so brilliantly this year! I personally have had a fantastic year teaching this class and as they are my first class whilst working at Ellington Primary School they are particularly special to me. I also want to thank all the parents and carers who made me feel so welcome this year and for all the support you have given the children with homework, reading, spelling, attending performances, parent teacher conferences etc. Obviously, I will see you before the summer holidays, but I hope you all have a brilliant six weeks and I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Preparations for next year are well on the way. The children really enjoyed their transition day on Tuesday with Mrs Morris and Mrs Richardson. We are introducing the Zones of Regulation across the school and the children did some valuable groundwork in preparing for this. As we are now a 'UNICEF Rights Respecting School', the children worked with Mrs Morris on creating a class charter of shared rights that will apply to the classroom next year.

On Thursday, we had a visit from The Dogs Trust. The children had a workshop where they were taught 5 important safety rules when being around dogs. These included: not going near dogs when they were asleep or when they were eating.

- In English we have been reading *The Bear and The Piano* and we have been writing a recount as the bear that left the woods for stardom in the city.
- In Maths we have completed our work on money and we are now looking at measures including mass and capacity.
- In Science we have been working on plants, we have been naming the main parts of plants, we have set up a cress growing experiment and we have been looking at the lifecycle of various flowers.



Year 3 News



This half term seems to be absolutely whizzing past, and has been jam packed with activities!

Sports day was great fun and we were so proud of our efforts and how hard we all worked.



Last week, we also got to see the results from the tie-dying that we had done the previous week as part of our art unit. We think they are fabulous!



Thursday last week was a special day as we had Carol visiting us from Northumberland County Council, who is leading some projects on keeping children safe on the roads and asked us to be involved. We learned how to program a little Micro:Bit computer to display instructions for crossing the road safely, tested this out and then went out around the village to practise what we had learnt.



Somehow, we have also managed to fit in some fabulous work in English, writing diaries as Shakespeare's famous character Macbeth as he describes meeting three mysterious witches! In maths, we have been finding out all about 2D shapes and doing lots of practical work to draw and investigate the shapes. We have been enjoying learning all about Roman life in our topic work and continuing with our mountain compositions in music. What a busy time!

Year 4 News

We're nearing the end of what has been a brilliant year and needless to say we have been as busy as ever.



Sports day was a huge success and all the children were great competitors, cheering each other on and challenging themselves to take part to the best of their ability.

- The children also spent a day with their Year 5 teacher, Mr Todd, and created some beautiful art inspired by Pablo Picasso. This will soon be displayed in the hall for you to come and admire.

- Not only that but a mini concert was held showcasing the children's musical talents after all their hard work learning the cornets this year. They have come such a long



way with these instruments and performed very well. Don't forget they have the opportunity next year to join the Mini Band.

In addition to all these wonderful events, they have been working hard in their usual lessons and are very much enjoying some Shakespeare. We are exploring *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which is a very chaotic story, but the children have done incredibly well understanding it and even getting to grips with Shakespearean language in order to create mini-performances in class. We're also getting to grips with some work on decimals in maths and exploring electricity in science.

Year 5 News

Sports Day was a huge success this year; thank you to everyone who spectated and cheered the children on, they all had a wonderful day!



The children had an amazing time with Mrs Sanders for their 'move-up day' where they got a little insight into what life will be like in year 6 next year. They also explored Banksy's extravagant talents including spray painting graffiti.

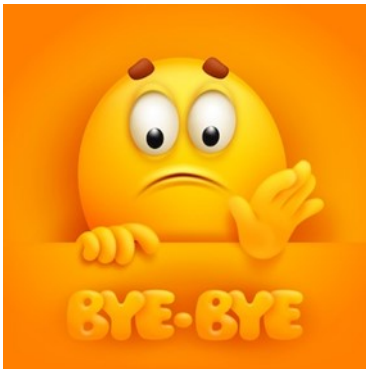
In English, we are focusing on the book *Yusra Swims* by Julie Abery which explores the extraordinary story of a young refugee. We are writing to discuss where the children are preparing their balanced argument as to whether the Yusra Swimmers should use their platform to raise awareness of the refugee plight

In maths, the children have been developing their problem-solving skills involving addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts and deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

Well done year 5 on another busy week!

Mr Todd

Year 6 News



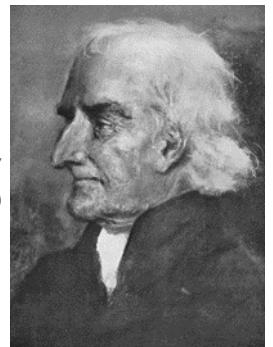
I can't believe that this is our last newsletter entry of the year! This year has truly flown by and Year 6 are ready to move on to pastures new. They have enjoyed transition days at their new schools and are very excited about the new opportunities they have coming their way in September.

Despite the excitement, we are still working hard on our learning. We are busy exploring the short film 'Francis' - a spooky story which we are very much enjoying. Next, we will be writing journal entries from different points of view.



In art we have been exploring the work of the surrealist painter, Rene Magritte. We used his work called 'The False Mirror' as inspiration for our own 'transition' themed art. The finished pieces will be displayed digitally at our Ellington Art Gallery.

We have found out about more historically significant people in our history lessons. This week, our focus has been on William Tuke who pioneered changes in the treatment of mental health.



We are completing project work in maths to consolidate our learning throughout the year. Our theme is 'The Bakery' and we have been using ratio and algebra to scale up cupcake recipes. We have also been working out how much the ingredients cost and which shops offer the best value for money.

We had a lot of fun at Sports Day too and the class tried their best in their races but showed sportsmanship in cheering for others too.

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to our 'Leaver's Assembly' on Friday 21st July at 9:30am.

Goodbye and farewell from Y6 class of 2023!