



Date
21/4/2017

Dates

2/5 Reception Class
Trip

4/5 Pinsent Class
Assembly

8-11/5 Year 6 SATs

10/5 Tea and See

22/5 Book Week

26/5 House Event

26/5 End of half term
(Normal finish time)

Ellingham Primary School

Our vision is to ensure that all pupils become:

Successful learners—who enjoy learning, use their mistakes positively,
make progress and achieve

Confident learners—who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives

Responsible citizens—who make positive contributions to society

Welcome

Further to my note to you all earlier in the week, I'd like to continue with the positive message of how engaging everyone from the community has been.

I will try to be out and about as much as possible in the mornings to greet you and most importantly all the children. They of course, as some of you may have witnessed, are testing me on their names; I will in time know them all.

Thank you to Zoe Gallimore (Chair of Governors) for accompanying me on the gate each morning. It has been helpful being introduced to you.

Thank you also to Mr Light and the wider 'Team Ellingham' for moving the school forward last term. The work that was done will have a great impact. I was particularly pleased to hear about the move towards reaching our school attendance target of 96%. Thank you to all who have worked hard to improve this, I would say that being at school every day is incredibly important. Children who miss even one day can find it has an impact on their understanding and application of a new concept. Congratulations Owens and Moses classes for achieving 100%.

I also appreciate your support and diligence in supporting us in ensuring that our presentation and standards of school uniform and improving the in-school behaviour. Showing ourselves to be unified in all we do will give Ellingham strength in the way we are viewed by all; locally and further afield.

Congratulations to the football team who won their way to the Borough final yesterday. Whilst their final outcome may not have been their desired place in the tournament, being in the final and showing great team spirit is just as important. Well done guys!

You will have now received the class photos login slip, they are also available to be viewed in the foyer of the school.

Have a fantastic weekend. I look forward to hearing the children's news at the gate on Monday.

Mr Stuart Atherton

Year 5 Library Visit

At the end of last half term Kwan and Cousins classes visited Hook Library and spent the afternoon exploring the books and learning about how the library runs. Safa, the Children's Librarian, explained how the books are organised, how to use the computers to search for a title and how to 'check them out'. We left the library feeling very relaxed and everyone chose a book to borrow and read back at school. In the next few weeks, we will be visiting the library again to return and hopefully borrow more books on our individual library cards.



Kingston Primary Schools Football Borough Final.

The Year5/6 Mixed football team represented the school with pride on Wednesday at the Borough finals, held at Chessington Community College. Only the top 8 of the schools from the possible 36 schools qualified. This was probably the most competitive tournament so far this year.

The Ellingham team, made up of largely Year5 children, did brilliantly to get there! Well done Lilly-May, Rylee, Annalies, Maddie, Louie, Luca, Zak & Leeland.

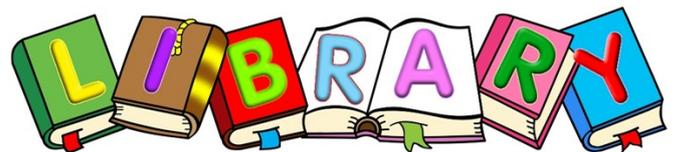
The games were all very close, between all of the teams, we won 2 games and lost the others, each by a single goal.

Lilly-May did very well as a Year4 girl against older children. Annalies was brave and determined in defence and when Louie went in goal, his throwing to restart the play was fast and effective.

Mr Collins and Mr Johnson have expressed their thanks to the great support, for the many teams that we have, from both families and Ellingham Staff.

Please don't forget to follow:

@ELLINGHAMSPORT on twitter.



As you know, Ellingham has been focussing on reading this year and developing children's enjoyment of books. To further encourage a love for reading, we invite you to bring your child to our school library. The library will be open each week from 8:30 on Thursday morning and children from all year groups are welcome. This is a chance for you and your child to enjoy a book together or borrow a new book to take home. So if you and your child want to find out what the hungry caterpillar is going to eat next, where the wild things actually are or if you would really want to eat green eggs and ham then please come and join us on Thursday mornings from 8:30am onwards.

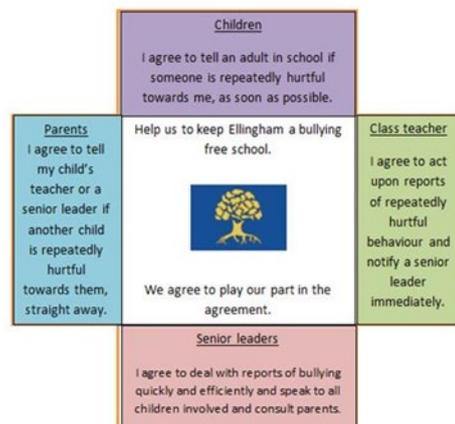
Anti-Bullying

At Ellingham, we are committed to providing a warm, caring and safe environment for all our children so that they can develop into **successful and confident learners** as well as **responsible citizens**. We know that it is very difficult for this to happen if a child feels that he or she is being bullied, although we are fortunate at Ellingham that this rarely happens.

With the input of children throughout the school, the School Council met in the spring term and agreed a definition of bullying as being **behaviour that is deliberate, repeated and intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally.**

To ensure incidences are dealt with promptly, our School Council also developed a list of responsibilities that each of us have. These responsibilities, shown below, involve children, parents, teachers and the school leadership team to work together to ensure Ellingham is a bullying-free school. In particular, children were keen that all groups report any hurtful behaviour, especially when it is repeated, to the school as soon as possible.

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our school and we take all incidents of bullying seriously.



House Points

	Emerald	340
	Sapphire	250
	Topaz	200
	Ruby	210

This week, the following children have earned their star certificates:

Bronze: Matthew Rowe, Giovanni Tonon-Budd, Crystal-Marie Thompson, Olivia Richards and Natasha Ignace

Sliver: Harry Thurston, Rylee Fitzgerald, Sophia Khurshid, Sienna Drinkwater and Layla Walton

Gold: Alyssa Frias-Denim

Platinum: Mary-Ann Rowles, Joshua Glover and Isabelle Dixon

Attendance

This week there were 10 classes over the school target. Well done to both Owens and Moses who both had 100% attendance with no lates!

