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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

Dear Families of Ellingham,

This week the children and staff have been knuckling down and frankly, getting on with some great teaching and learning.

It was brilliant to see Owens class reaching 100% attendance again this week, accompanied by Redgrave class. It was also great to see that, last week, Adlington had the most improved attendance. Keep it up everyone and thank you for your efforts.

I'm looking forward to Pinsent Class assembly on Thursday morning; I do hope all Pinsent Class parents will be able to attend.

Today I have met with the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Friends of Ellingham to discuss future events. Fundraising for the school is becoming even more important these days given the financial climate for school budgets. I look forward to working closely with them as the years play out and thank them in advance. The work of a parent, teacher association is hard work but highly rewarding as the children are the beneficiaries.

Please note the term dates including inset days for 2017-18 in the boxes below. Have a wonderful long weekend and I look forward to hearing of your adventures on Tuesday morning when we return.

All the very best,
Mr Atherton

Term dates 2017-18

Autumn term:

(inset days 4th & 5th September)

Children return on Wednesday 6th September.

6th September - 20th October

Half term 23rd - 27th October

(inset day 30th October)

children return on the 31st October

31st October - 21st December

Christmas Holiday

Term dates 2017-18

Spring term:

(inset day 3rd January)

Children return on Thursday 4th January.

4th January - 9th February

Half term 12th - 16th February

Children return on the 19th February

19th February - 29th March

Easter Holiday

Term dates 2017-18

Summer term:

Children return on Monday 16th April.

16th April - 25th May

Half term 28th May - 1st June

Children return on the 4th June

4th June - 20th July

(inset day Friday 13th July)

Summer Holiday

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids promotion is coming to an end on Tuesday 2nd May. If you have any vouchers, please place them in the Active Kids vouchers box, which is next to the school office. These vouchers really help us with purchasing new sports equipment.

A special thank you to Mr Messenger, with the support of colleagues that he works with, has collected 600 vouchers for the school.



Fruit and Veg at break times

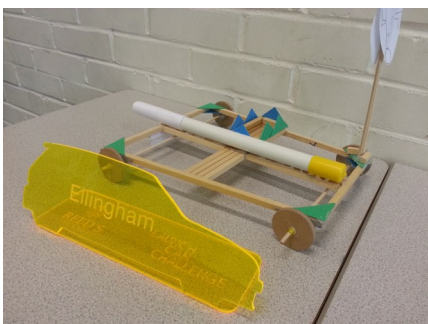
Please remember that children should only be bringing in fruit and veg as a snack to eat during break. Recently we have had some children bringing chocolate biscuits and so we would appreciate your support in this matter.



Launch Car Event

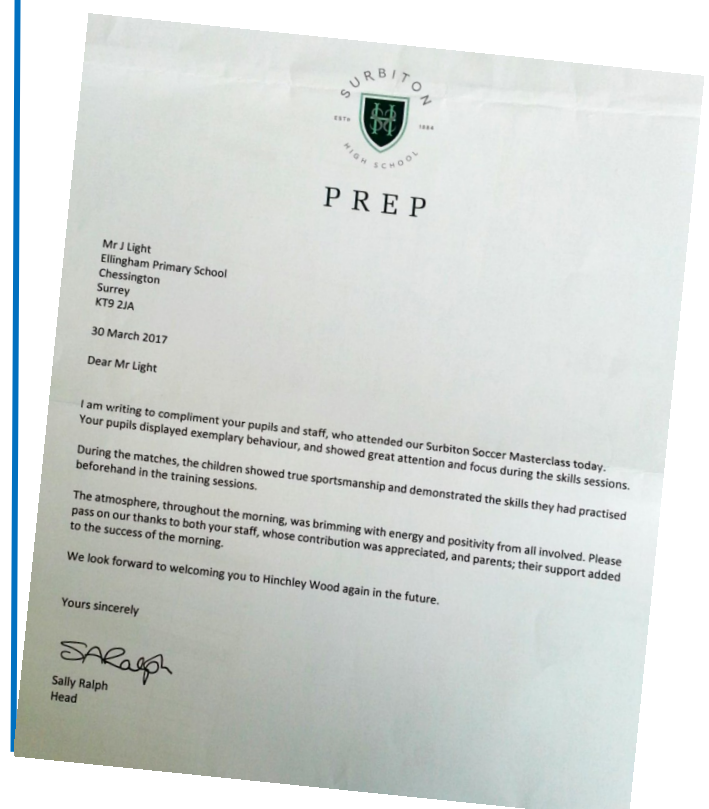
On Monday, Charlie, Mary Ann, Sienna and Alfie competed in the final of the Launch Car Event at Reeds. This was following this team winning the Year 5 heat, during the spring term.

The children have been making their own model car over the last week as well as creating a poster about how they had constructed the air-powered vehicle. During the event, cars were judged on design, distance covered and straightness of the run. The Ellingham 4 did extremely well and developed lots of team work and DT skills throughout the preparation phase at during the event. Well done to all involved.



We are very proud!

It was lovely to receive the following letter from Surbiton High School following our children attending the Surbiton Soccer Masterclass. Well done to all that attended.



Year 2 Girls Football Festival

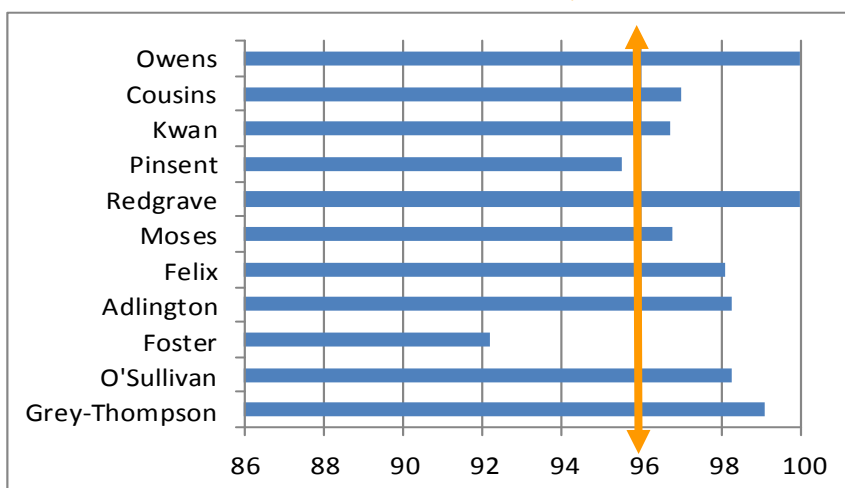


Well done to the Year 2 girls football team; Gracie Sergant, Maisie Johnson, Sophie Craven, Caitlyn Parkin, Lily Bristow and Leelani Fitzgerald who played exceptionally well in all of their matches at yesterday's football tournament. The girls managed to win all of their matches, and showed fantastic teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Another sporting success for Ellingham!

Attendance



We have had our best week this year with regards to attendance. 9 classes surpassed the school target of 96% and 2 classes achieved 100%. Well done to Redgrave and an extra well done to Owens class for achieving 100% for the second week in a row.



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

Bronze: Dinusha Kariyawasam Galoluwage, Bella Bainbridge, Isabel Owens, Francesca Perry, and Brianna Taylor

Sliver: Maisey Barfoot, Benjamin Morris, Adam Khan, Tyler Brooks, Holly Jones, Emilia Vieitez, Harry Wilson, Aadon Grzybkowski, Muhammed Bilici, Jade Edwards, Shaan Rajkumar, Prince Tati, Oraib Farooqi, and Jiya Chopra

Gold: Dawan Kader, Dominik Skuza, Layla Walton, Ellie-May O'Keefe and Harry Thurston

Superstar Award: Brandon Taylor

House Points

Emerald	340
Sapphire	250
Topaz	200
Ruby	210

