



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 14th May 2018



Heart of the Community



We see Ellingham as the heart of the community. We want the children to feel proud of their school, connected to the successes of individuals and teams, feeling part of a large supportive family. This was clearly evident last week when the Reception children performed their first 'class' assembly. There was a fantastic turnout by parents and carers. The children had worked hard to learn a wide selection of poems and songs which were clearly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who helped the children to prepare – wonderful team work!

Dates for Next Two Weeks:



- Mon 14th May** Year 6 SATs week starts
- Mon 14th May** Reception Cake Sale – 3.00 pm
- Thu 17th May** Year 2 SATs start
- Thu 24th May** Parent Book Look – 2.30pm
Reading Workshop for Parents – 3.45pm
GCSE Information Meeting – 5.30pm
- Friday 25th May** Parent Forum Meeting – 9am
- Mon 28th May** Summer Half Term Week
- Friday 1st June Family Gardening Day

We are SO Proud!!!



Go Girls!

Well done to the Year 1 and 2 girls that went to the Year 2 Football Festival last Tuesday. They won all their games and Jess managed to secure the prestigious 'player of the tournament' award! What a great role model for our school.

London Youth Games Here We Come!!!!

Huge Congratulations to our Y3/4 tennis team, Francesca, Morgan, Jack and Issy, who won the borough Mini Red Tennis competition last week. This is a fantastic result and one we should all be very proud of. Our team faced some serious competition at Surbiton Tennis Club: 64 children took part from 16 different schools across Kingston. This win means that Ellingham will now represent Kingston at the London Youth Games competition. Amazing! Go Ellingham!!! Thank you to our wonderful coaches, Mr Collins and Mr Johnson, for organising and hosting the event.



Reading Workshop

Sign up now!!

Remember to sign up for the reading workshop being held at **3.45-4.45pm** on **Thursday 24th May** (pre-booked creche available). Do you have a child who is a reluctant reader? Come and find out practical ways which you can support them at home and make it fun. Children who read at home are more likely to be successful at school.

Book-Look Afternoon



Want to come and see what your children have been up to this term? Join us on **Thursday 24th May** between **2.30-3.30pm**. Sit with your child and ask them to talk you through their work. Find out which piece they are the most proud of. Ask them what made them proud? Did they overcome a difficulty or finally master a skill they had been working on?

Updates and Polite Reminders

All KS1/EYFS children must be dropped off by an adult

Please support us in keeping your children safe – it is essential that all children in the lower school are walked into school and picked up by an adult. KS2 children need to be in class and can only walk from the gate with a sibling if the sibling is in Y3 or above. Thank you.



Walking Home Alone

Children in Y6 and the summer term of Y5 and are only allowed to walk home alone once you have signed a permission slip. If you have not already done so, please collect a permission slip from the school office. Thank you.



Reading Volunteers

Please, please, please let the office know if you can come in and hear readers once a week. After half term we will be running a quick training session and matching parents to small groups of children. Reading empowers our children - together we can make a difference to all children at Ellingham!

We Need Your Help!



Do we have any Bird Experts in our Community?

Mrs Fairweather and a group of very enthusiastic children are trying to solve mystery. After the heavy rain last week there was great excitement when a group of children found a perfectly formed premature baby bird in the playground. The children came up with hundreds of questions – How did the bird get there? What sort of bird would it have grown into? How much longer should it have been in its egg? Did another animal throw it out of its nest or was it the rain?

If you know of any local bird experts who might be willing to help us answer these questions, please encourage them to call Mrs Fairweather to arrange a time to meet with this enthusiastic group of young scientists and help them understand the possible events that led to this poor bird's demise!

Top Tips – How to help with Maths at Home

Quick number recall is essential for all children to feel confident when thinking mathematically and problem solving. Regular practice on [Mathletics](#) will help their maths muscles develop and make maths fun.



Make Maths Real!



- Get your children cooking, measuring ingredients, doubling/halving recipes, calculating quantities.
- Get them to read timetables and plan journey times
- Get them to calculate parking costs – how much will it cost to park for a given time?
- Get them paying for things with cash and checking the change they have been given.
- Get younger children to count – everything! Fruit, coins, sweets, steps....they should be trying to count to 100 EVERY day!!!
- Make sharing sweets, fruit and biscuits a mathematical opportunity to exploit – ask your children to count to check the sharing is fair!

Calling all Artists



A sun safety leaflet will be coming home this week inviting children to take part in the *Garnier Ambre Solaire* hat design competition which could win **£1000** for the school.

Be creative and stay safe!

A perfect combination!

Thank you!

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to help with our gardening day – we need more volunteers to make a real difference. Please let the office know if you are free to help.



House Point Update

Emerald	295	Sapphire	250
Topaz	135	Ruby	290

Talk to your children and get them to think about what they might do to secure a victory for their house. All the staff will be looking out for hard workers, good manners and acts of kindness that deserve recognition by house points.