



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 24th September 2018

Building Strong Futures One Day at a Time



Every day, we are thinking of ways to inspire, engage, motivate and empower the children at Ellingham. Last Friday we invited fourteen Y6 children, who had worked hard over the summer holidays to improve their handwriting, to join Mrs Fairweather, Ms Brooks, Miss Wells and Mr Smith in a celebration Tea Party. It was fantastic to hear their tea time conversation - they shared their aspirations and ambitions for the future. We have vets, artists, athletes and female astronauts in our midst! We will be planning additional celebration activities for children who are putting in that extra effort to do their best at school.



Sleep Your Way to Success

In assembly this week, we were thinking about the importance of sleep and the impact it can have on our learning. Children who are at primary school should be getting between 10-12hrs of sleep a night depending on their age. Research shows that children who get enough sleep can improve their grades significantly. Ask your children what we talked about in assembly, why sleep is important and how they can help themselves to settle at night. As you know, we have shifted the homework focus to basic skills – you can improve your child’s chances of remembering these key facts more by encouraging them to get an early night!

Dates for the Autumn Term:



- Mon 24th Sept** Y5 Trip to Greenwich Planetarium
Y6 Fundraising week (cake sale)
- Fri 28th Sept** Parent/Carer Forum – 9am
- Thur 4th Oct** Reading Workshop for Parents – 6.30pm
followed by Friends of Ellingham AGM – 7.30pm
- Mon 8th Oct** Y5 Fundraising Week (cake sale)
- Wed 10th Oct** Y1 Build-a-bear trip
- Wed 17th Oct** Parent Book Look/Meet the teacher
- Thur 18th Oct** Y5 Class Assembly
- Fri 19th Oct** Friends of Ellingham (FoE) Spooky Disco
- Mon 22nd Oct** **Autumn Half Term Week**
- Mon 29th Oct** **INSET DAY**
- Fri 2nd Nov** Mufti Day - Toiletries
- Wed 14th Nov** Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
- Thurs 15th Nov** Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations

E-Safety

It is Never Too Early to Start the Conversation

Last week we welcomed a fantastic visitor, Peter Cowley, to come and speak to parents and carers about how to keep children safe online. He provided us with insights and sensible, practical strategies on how to manage all devices in the household.

The walk away message from the session was ‘enable the parental settings on all your devices’. To help you do this quickly and easily, use the camera on your phone to scan the Q-codes below. Alternatively, you can visit the following link to download the powerpoint and click on the device icon and it will link you directly to the Parental Control page. To access the powerpoint, simply put goo.gl/ZZrLxf in as a web address and it will give you access to the Powerpoint and documents from the evening.





Sports Success Go Ellingham Girls!!



Since [unclear] ago, I have been impressed by the strength of the women I have met. Our Ellingham girls have not let us down. On Wednesday 19th September, 8 girls represented Ellingham at the girls' football competition. They won 4 of their games, coming 2nd overall. The team worked extremely hard, supported one another and displayed a fantastic attitude. They have qualified for the finals that are to be played in April 2019. Well done girls! You have made Ellingham proud!

Art Clubs at Orleans House Gallery



Exciting weekly workshops offer budding young artists the opportunity to explore a broad range of artistic media with their experienced gallery artists. Exciting projects are delivered in group sizes of no more than sixteen in specially equipped workshop spaces allowing participants to try messy and adventurous media!

Booking is now open. All abilities welcome. Suitable for ages 5-15 years. This is a 12 week term costing £132.

www.orleanshousegallery.org/learning/children-families/children/

Morning Interventions

In order to empower children to make accelerated progress, we have started morning skills boosters. These interventions are by invitation only. This half term we are targeting the children who need to make significant progress in basic skills. Each half term we will be reviewing who attends and the focus of the sessions. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the senior team.

Quick Notices and Polite Reminders

Medicines in school – Parents of children who need to take medicine in school **must** fill out the correct forms and drop them off at the school office. All medicines must be clearly labelled with the dose as directed by the pharmacist. If your child is taking a medicine '3 times a day', wherever possible, please calculate times which avoid the school day.

PE Kit – PE is a key part of the curriculum and one that we particularly value at Ellingham as we strive to support the children in making healthy lifestyle choices. It is therefore essential that every child comes to school with the correct PE kit to safely participate in all PE lessons.

Healthy Snacks – Thank you to all parents and carers who have reinforced our healthy snack message with their children. We have noticed a significant improvement during morning playtime.

Safe Scootering – Thank you to all the children who are walking their wheeled vehicles onto the school premises. Together we are making Ellingham safer.

Parent/Carer Forum – If you have something to say about our school, if you want to share an idea or ask a question, please join us at **this week's Parent/Carer Forum – 9am in the Hall**. To add an item to the agenda please email the school office or complete the return slip on the letter that comes home this week. All welcome!

Explorers Job Opportunity - Due to the growing success of our Explorers Club providing morning and afternoon care for Ellingham children, we are looking for someone who is NNEB qualified to join the team. If you know anyone who can work **both** mornings and afternoons, encourage them to check out the advert on Eteach – **www.eteach.com**. Closing date midnight Monday!



House Point Update



Topaz – 185 points
Emerald – 250 points
Ruby – 145 points
Sapphire – 135 points