



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 30th September

Black History Month

Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month both in assemblies and in classes. This is an international occurrence, recognising and valuing the inspirational individuals and events from within the BME communities. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from our past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. The school value we will be exploring this week is determination, and in today's assembly we will use Simone Biles, the world record-breaking gymnast as a role-model for this.



Dates for 2019

- Fri 18th Oct Friend of Ellingham Spooky Disco
W/B 21st Oct STEM (science, technology, Engineering and maths) curriculum week
W/B 28th Oct Half term
Thur 31st Oct Secondary School admission cut-off
Please ensure that you read the complete Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools brochure online at www.kingston.gov.uk
Apply online at www.eAdmissions.org.uk
Mon 4th Nov INSET DAY
Tue 5th Nov Children return to school
Mon 11th Nov Individual and sibling school photos
Tue 12th Nov Individual and sibling school photos
Tue 12th Nov Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC
Thur 14th Nov Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC
Tue 17th Dec KS1 Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am
Thur 19th Dec EYFS Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am
Frid 20th Dec Last day of Autumn term

IMPORTANT:

Change of Bank Holiday

Following the Government's announcement to move the early May Bank Holiday from Mon 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day, this means the early May Bank Holiday will now fall of Friday 8th May 2020

Curriculum Updates

Keeping Fit and Healthy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAUckPMJKSY>
We hope you are enjoying our home-workout links. Workout number 4 is attached above. If you have photos of your children working out at home to share with us, we would love to share them in Friday's celebration assembly.

Curriculum Enrichment

This week, our Year 1 children will be making biscuits and selling them in order to raise money towards their trip to Build-A-Bear. This work is inspired by Mini Grey's book, Biscuit Bear.

STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) curriculum week 21st – 25th October

Thank you to those parents who have offered to come in and talk to our children during STEM week. We are still looking for volunteers; especially those with a technology or engineering background. Our children love learning from visitors so please get involved if you can!

STEM



Science • Technology • Engineering • Math

Reading at home

Fluent reading is the key to unlocking learning. Furthermore, reading for pleasure opens up limitless possibilities and fuels the imagination. Please support us in embedding this life-skill by ensuring your children read at home regularly. Whilst you are reading with your children, ask them questions about the text and share opinions about characters and plot. Please don't forget to sign reading diaries so that teachers can track this.

Before and After School Expectations

After the first bell in the morning, could you please say goodbye to your children and leave the playground?

This will help us manage congestion and blockages when trying to get the children into class.

Please help us to keep all of our children safe by ensuring your children don't use the trim trail before or after school. These areas are not staffed at these times. Furthermore, please do not allow your children to climb on the planters before or after school. These areas are an asset to our playground and we want to keep them in the best possible condition.

Thank you for your support.

Homework Excellence for Evan!

As part of Year 6's WW1 topic, Evan S constructed this creative and intricate model of a trench. The attention to detail is exemplary and we are very proud of him!



Quick Notices and Polite Reminders



Parking:

During the summer holidays, yellow lines were painted outside of the school gates to prevent parking. Please note that we have been notified that enforcement officers will be issuing tickets over the next few weeks for those contravening the parking restrictions. They will be in attendance at points during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times

Name Labels:

Please make sure all clothes, shoes, water bottles, lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled.

Medicines:

If your children require medicines to be kept in school, it is vital that they are brought in ASAP and the correct documentation is filled in. Documentation is available in the office. Please ensure medicines are in-date.

School Gates – Important!

As part of our drive to ensure our school site is secure, we will be opening the main gates into the building at **8.30am** in the morning. The side gate into the playground will be unlocked from **8.35am**. All gates will be locked at **9.00am**.

At the end of the school day, main gates will be open from **2.55pm** and all gates will be locked at **3.30pm**. Access to the site at other times throughout the day will be via buzzer entry. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Volunteers Wanted!

Local charity, Kingston Carers' Network, is looking for Admin Support Volunteers to lend a hand at their offices in Tolworth for a couple of hours a week. Term-time only volunteering is available. If you would like to find out more, please contact Lyndsey at volunteering@kingstoncarers.org.uk / 020 3375 8226 or go to <http://www.kingstoncarers.org.uk/volunteering/>.

House Points

Our Year Six House Captains have started their roles with professionalism and commitment. We hope to have more house events throughout the year.

Topaz – 151 Sapphire – 415 Ruby – 338 Emerald – 256