



# Ellingham Primary School

## Wednesday 9th October

### Ellingham Values

Since the beginning of the term, we have explored the values of respect, excellence and courage. This week, our value is inspiration. Through our curriculum enrichment opportunities, we aim to inspire our children in their learning.

Through trips, visitors, workshops, clubs, assemblies and immersive lessons, inspiring learning opportunities and inspiring role-models are offered to all. Furthermore, we work hard to develop friendships and relationships across the key stages so that children can inspire others in the school. Don't miss our new feature at the end of this newsletter!



### Dates for 2019

- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Friend of Ellingham Spooky Disco  
W/B 21<sup>st</sup> Oct STEM (science, technology, Engineering and maths) curriculum week  
W/B 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Half term  
**Thur 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)**  
**Apply online at [www.eAdmissions.org.uk](http://www.eAdmissions.org.uk)**  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov INSET DAY  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Children return to school  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Individual and sibling school photos  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Individual and sibling school photos  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC  
Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am  
Frid 20<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, this means the Early May Bank Holiday will now fall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Curriculum Updates

#### *Keeping Fit and Healthy*

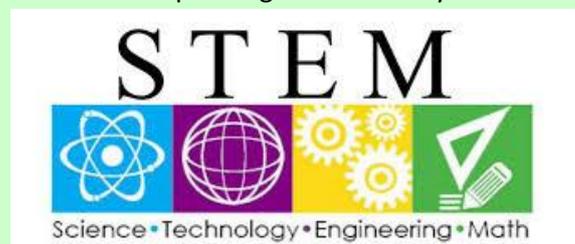
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rN0h6EZd6TM>  
We hope you are enjoying our home-workout links. Workout number 5 is attached above. In achievement assembly, we have shared photos of some of our amazing staff who completed the Edinburgh Half Marathon at the end of September, and with your help, we can share photos of our children completing home workouts. Please email these photos to the school office!

#### *Curriculum Enrichment*

This week, all of our children learned a poem as part of National Poetry Day. On Friday, children from Reception to Year Six used the medium of movement and dance to bring their poems to life.

#### *STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) curriculum week 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Year Two out and about!

Last week, Year 2 visited Kingston where they learnt about local history at the museum, dressed up as an Anglo-Saxon King and went on a treasure hunt. They also visited The Coronation Stone which is from the chapel that is believed to be the place that seven Kings were crowned. The rain did not stop us having lots of fun!

The children were also lucky enough to visit St. Philips' mini-beast garden to hunt for creatures. We spotted lots of creepy crawlies including spiders, woodlice and a furry caterpillar.



## 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.

### Tissue request:

We would be grateful if children could bring in a box of tissues for their classroom. Thank you.

### 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.

### Club Reminder

If your children are not able to attend an after-school club for whatever reason, please inform the office prior to the club. As part of our safeguarding processes, absences from clubs must be followed up in the same way as absences from school. Thank you for your help with this.

## House Points

Topaz – 151

Sapphire - 415

Ruby – 338

Emerald - 256

## **Ellingham Ambassadors out and about!**

***This slot is researched, written and edited by our Year Six Ellingham Ambassadors.***

Welcome Parents and Carers to the newest section of our newsletter. The writers are: George, Dionne and Brianna. The researchers are: Bella, Evan, Isla and Tiffany. The editors are: Hattie, Sam, Matilda and Abbey. I hope you enjoy reading what Ellingham have been learning about though this week.

### **Nursery**

This week in Nursery, they have been having lots of fun by learning multiple activities such as: cooking, creative art and playing in their sandpit, with lots of enjoyable toys.

### **Reception**

In Reception, they have been busy learning their sounds, their letters and learning to count numbers in the correct order, and we think that they are having an amazing understanding.

### **Year 1**

In Year 1, they have enjoyed learning about Biscuit Bear (their class text) and they were lucky enough to bake their own biscuits which raised money for charity.

### **Year 2**

In Year 2, they have been learning about minibeasts and monsters and all sorts of other outstanding creatures. They have also been learning about Islam in R.E.

### **Year 3**

In Year 3, they have been learning about light and dark in science, which they are extremely interested in.

### **Year 4**

In Year 4, they have enjoyed learning about their topic which is Brazil. The year group will be learning about what Brazilian people eat, their language and their culture.

### **Year 5**

In Year 5, they went to Greenwich Planetarium to learn about space. They have also been learning about Roman Numerals and they have been finding it challenging, but love to learn how to understand different ways of writing and saying numbers.

### **Year 6**

In Year 6, they have been learning about World War 1 and designed posters about the home front. Also, in science they have designing electrical circuits and soon they will be making their own electrical board game. In English, as part of National Poetry Day, they have made a wonderful black-out poem.