



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 21st October

### ARE ELLINGHAM CHILDREN THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS?

We are thrilled that we have managed to book so many inspirational and exciting events for this week's STEM activities that will hopefully engage your children in the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in an interactive way. Already today the children have seen self-expanding balloons, popping Pringles cartons and competed in rocket launching with one almost ending up in the neighbouring garden! More amazing experiments and investigations will be taking place over the week, including a fossil workshop hosted by a visiting T-Rex dinosaur.

We believe it is essential that children are exposed to memorable experiences such as these but there is a cost for equipment and to book some of our exciting guests. We have tried to keep the cost down but we are relying on parental contributions of £4 to help us cover all expenses. At present we have received just 10% of the cost. While contributions are voluntary, your help is very much appreciated and if you haven't already contributed, we would be grateful if you could support us by doing so. *Thank you*



### Dates for 2019

W/B 21<sup>st</sup> Oct STEM (science, technology, Engineering and maths) curriculum week

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Phonics Workshop for Reception parents 8.15am

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Year 6 Boys' Football, CCC

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct FOE AGM – School Library 9am

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Festival Assembly

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)**

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**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, 3.40-6.00pm

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent / Carer's eve, 3.40-7.00pm

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Christmas Performance Chessington School 6.30pm

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

### Curriculum Updates

#### *Keeping Fit and Healthy*

We have now shared six home workouts with families and friends. We are keen to involve the community in a different healthy challenge for our next half term. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

#### *Curriculum Enrichment*

Our Year One children worked exceptionally hard on Tuesday to make sandwiches for their Teddy bears' picnic. A great time was had by all – not least the newly acquired class bears; Sandy and Rainbow PJ Sparkle! Photos to follow soon!

On Tuesday 15th October, 9 representatives from Ellingham travelled to Green Lane in the first round of the District Cup. To begin with, Ellingham raced into a 2-0 lead and played fantastic football. Sadly, our opponents dug deep and came out on top with a 6-2 victory. We would like to wish Green Lane all the best for the next round. We will use this as a learning curve to come back stronger in tournaments throughout the year!

#### *Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)*

Over half term, all children from year two to year 6 should be able to log in to Times Tables Rocks Stars. They should all have login details. This is an exceptionally engaging and enjoyable resource which encourages rapid recall of multiplication facts. The application of times-table knowledge is a vital skill life so please encourage your children to log in and partake in a battle of the bands!

## ELLINGHAM'S STEM WEEK FAMILY QUIZ!

Get involved with STEM week by taking on the challenge of Ellingham's family science quiz. All entries are to be handed to **Miss Botham by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** to be added to a prize draw. Keep your eyes peeled for more quizzes coming soon! Good luck!

1. I can be sparkling but I'm not a star....  
I can run but I don't have any legs....  
I can fall but I don't get hurt....  
I'm found in a bath but I'm not a rubber duck....  
I can help you clean but I'm not soap....  
What am I?
2. What is the by-product released during the process of photosynthesis?
3. Electricity is a flow of \_\_\_\_\_ around a circuit. Fill in the missing word.
4. What is the biggest planet in our solar system?
5. The molten rock that comes from a volcano after it has erupted is known as what?
6. True or false: Frogs are cold blooded animals.
7. How many bones do sharks have in their body?
8. True or false: More than half of the bones in a human body are found in the hands and feet?
9. What kind of eclipse do we have when the moon is between the sun and the earth?
10. Earth is located in which galaxy?
11. What is the first name of the famous scientist who gave us Newton's three laws of motion?
12. What is the earth's primary source of energy?
13. Electric power is typically measured in what units?
14. Metals expand when heated and do what when cooled?
15. When a solid changes to a liquid it is called what?

## Quick Notices and Polite Reminders



### 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.

### FoE Spooky Disco Success

A huge thank you to our Friends of Ellingham for organising Friday's spooky disco. The school hall was alive with many a frightful ghost, ghoulish and gruesome creature and a great time was had by all. Our Friends of Ellingham will be on hand at the end of the day today (Monday 21<sup>st</sup>) selling prizes and treats which are still in stock.



## House Points

Topaz – 301

Sapphire - 291

Ruby – 270

Emerald - 415

Welcome Parents and Carers to week 2 of the School Ambassadors News Report! We hope you enjoy reading about what the children of Ellingham have been learning.

### Nursery

In Nursery, the children have been acquiring the knowledge to understand different weather and they have been making their very own streamers. They have been talking about all their feelings to their classmates. They also had a fun time making fruit kebabs on Thursday.

### Reception

In Reception, they are learning how to count to 20. In English they have been learning the alphabet and also enjoyed learning phonics facts. They enjoyed going to Woodland Park last Thursday for their school trip.

### Year 1

In Year 1, they learned how to write in full sentences in English. In maths, they have been ordering numbers. They are also enjoying playing the circle game so much!

### Year 2

In Year 2, they have been learning about place value, adding and subtracting. Their main book is *Emily Brown and the Thing*, a book they really enjoy reading.

### Year 3

In Year 3, they are writing fantastic stories about the woods. In addition, they are also learning the complexity of place value.

### Year 4

In Year 4, they have been writing their own persuasive text about Mexico and they are improving their vocabulary in the process by editing.

### Year 5

In Year 5, they have been writing about cosmic stories. In maths they have been learning about exchanging and subtracting.

### Year 6

In Year 6, they have been learning about living in the Western Front. They have made diaries pretending to live the life of a soldier in World War One and in maths, they have been learning about the long division method.