



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 25th November

Inspiring Opportunities at Ellingham!

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 children were lucky enough to work with the successful, published children's writer, Lexi Rees. Lexi kindly gave up her time to come and talk to our children about her journey to becoming a published author. She spoke about the process involved in creating her novels, the printing process and she gave an insight into the daily life of an author. Our children asked pertinent questions and showed great interest in the writing process. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to see the real possibilities which reading and writing open up for them. We hope to arrange for Lexi to come back to talk to our Year 4 children soon.



Curriculum Updates

Reading Bus

Don't forget, we will have the visiting Book People Bus driving into Ellingham on Wednesday 27th November from drop off time. This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up some reading bargains from a unique shop on wheels!! You can get bargains for Christmas and help the school too, as your purchases help fund books for school. Take a look on line at <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/>



The children will visit the bus during the day. If you would like your child to bring some money in to purchase a book during school time, the recommended amount is £5.00. Please bring your children's money in a clearly marked envelope with their name on. This will then be given to the class teacher during registration to look after until it is time to visit the Book Bus.

Athletics Success for Ellingham!

A huge well done to our wonderful athletics team, who achieved great things last week and are now through to the Kingston and Richmond semi-finals. This means they are one step closer to the London Youth Games!



E-Safety Updates!

#DITTO is a free online safety (safety) magazine for parents and carers to keep up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online. A new edition is released approximately every six weeks. This month they are looking at: Deepfakes, AI Influencers, Project Evolve, IWF NoSuchThing and GoBubble. We hope to host a link to the magazine on our school website soon.

In the meantime, please use the link below:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>



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.

Misplaced Jumpers and Packed Lunch Boxes

Please have a look through bags and check clothes labels to see if your child may have inadvertently taken home items which belong to someone else. Mix-ups with clothes and lunch boxes happen frequently, so please help us to get items back to where they belong by checking what you have at home! Thank you.

Calendar

Wed 27 th Nov	The Book People bus shop visit
Thurs 28 th Nov	Meet the Teacher Felix Class 3.30-4.30
Frid 29 th Nov	Mufti day – Bottle donation
Frid 6 th Dec	Friends Of Ellingham Christmas Fair 3.15-5.15
Thur 12 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance Chessington School 6.30pm
Tue 17 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance in hall 9.15am
Thur 19 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance in hall 9.15am
Frid 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term

Christmas Fair

Don't forget, our annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 6th December, from 3.15-5.15. This is a wonderful start to the festive season, with raffles, gifts, games and treats. Money raised at the fair helps the school to buy resources to enrich the curriculum and with school funding at an all-time low, such activities as these are vital. Please tell friends and family to come along with you to start the festive season with a bang!



House Points

Topaz – 185

Sapphire - 391

Ruby – 155

Emerald - 235