

Ellingham Primary School Newsletter

24th September 2021

Dates for the diary

**Prospective Reception Parents
Open Morning**

14th October

Other dates to follow

Halloween Disco:

Friday 22nd October

Half term:

Monday 25th October – Friday

29th October

Parents Consultations

w/c 1st November

End of Term:

Friday 17th December

Garrison Lane Pathway

We have booked contractors to clear the pathway from Garrison Lane next week. It is tremendously overgrown after being closed since March 2020 and we want to ensure that it is safe for our families.

When it opens, children will be able to use the gate into school. Adults will not be able to enter the school grounds unless they are dropping off a Reception child.

Ellingham Road entrance is still very quiet compared to Harrow Close so please use this entrance if possible.

Beautiful Behaviour

Our value this week has been *friendship* and the children are so good at demonstrating this value. Every visitor we have had to the school since opening after the summer holidays has commented on the beautiful behaviour of children around school. They hold doors open without being asked, move around the school quietly, pay attention in class and most notably, look after each other.

Please let them know how proud we are of them.

Year Group Curriculum Virtual Meeting Links

If you were unable to attend the Year Group Curriculum meetings, please take a look in Google Classroom for your child's class. The teachers recorded their session and will have covered key information about the curriculum and school routines.

Open Mornings

Open Morning for prospective Reception and Nursery 2022 will take place on 14th October. Other dates will follow.

We will be running tours of the school so please book now via the office so that we have an idea of numbers.

**Due to a timetable clash,
Reception's PE day will
now be on a Tuesday.**

Come and Help to Spread the Joy of Reading

We are looking for any volunteers to come and read with the children during the school day, usually during the afternoons. If you are interested, please can you email office@elp.rbksch.org for the attention of Miss Wells, stating your name and availability and we will add you to our rota.



Year 6 Application to Secondary Schools

Please note the closing date for applications to secondary school is 31st October 2021. Please take the time to visit local schools with your child. Check the link below for dates and times.

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/open-events-secondary-schools-september-intake/1>

School Councillors Badge Up



Our school councillors were presented with badges in Celebration assembly today and will proudly wear them on their school uniform. They were voted in by their class mates and have been meeting with Mrs Furlong to come up with plans to make our school even better.

School Council helps increase student voice: we always want to listen to what our children have to say.

What is a School Council?

A school council is a group of pupils who get together to represent all pupil's views on school related issues.

What does Ellingham's Primary's school council look like?

Ellingham Primary's School Council consists of two students per year group (from Year 1 upwards) who work to discuss affairs and to achieve change in school. School council meetings will be held once every fortnight.

School Council Values

Responsible

We are responsible for change in our school. We will represent the viewpoints of our peers.

Reliable

We are mature and trustworthy. We will speak on behalf of our peers. Others can depend on us to make the necessary changes to our school.

Inclusive

We respect the views of others. We value diversity.

Teamwork

We work together to achieve change at our school.

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Attendance Awards

5B class was the proud recipient of Ellie the Owl with attendance at 97%. The national target is 96%. Unfortunately many classes are way below this and we need your help to address this.

While we don't want children to come in if they are really poorly, slight sniffles or minor complaints can be managed in school. Our medical team will always call you if there is something more extreme.

90% absence equates to one day off a fortnight and really disrupts learning for children, who need the regularity of teaching input.

Please call the school by 8.45am if your child is sick to notify us before we officially close our registers.



Cricket Stars of the Future

Year 4-6 children will have the opportunity to get a taste of cricket through six sessions with Chance to Shine. These start next week and classes have been notified to bring in trainers on those days.





LEARNING TOGETHER



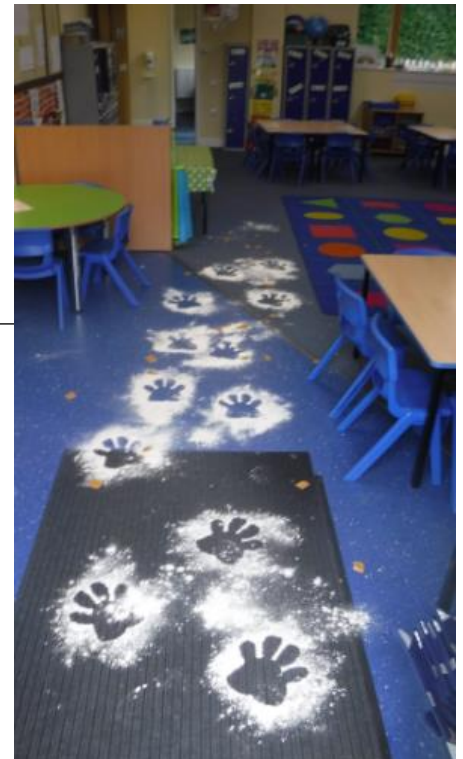
Welcome to our Reception Children

The first full week for Reception has been a joy. They have all settled really well and are enjoying making new friends and trying new experiences.



Lots of Fun in Year 1

The footprints are a clue, we are still looking for Bongo the dog! The children wrote a letter to Horace (owner of the dog) and made missing posters to help find him.



Crazy about Computers

They also really enjoyed their time programming our computer bots.

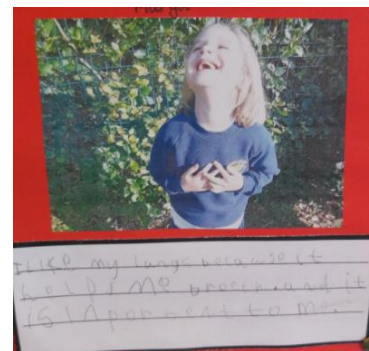


Celebrating Children's Good Work



As well as our Celebration assembly, which is held each week (*winners are pictured*), we have put up display boards outside of every classroom to celebrate the fantastic work and achievements of our children.

Year 3 are celebrating the huge efforts that children are making with their presentation. Year 1's display showcases children's amazing ideas and writing about their favourite part of their body in science. In this case - her lungs!



A Warm Welcome for Reception Parents and Carers

It was lovely to meet the families of our new delightful Reception children. They had an opportunity to meet the headteacher and other members of the school team, plus sampled our delicious school lunches.



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Join our open evening & morning events

New Headteacher's speeches at 5pm & 5:45pm Book on our website

OPEN EVENING
 TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2021

OPEN MORNINGS
 8th TO THE 18th OCTOBER 2021

Visit our website at www.hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk to book talks and tours

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Under 1's Stay & Play

Friday 9.45 - 11.15am
 Booking essential 020 8397 2006

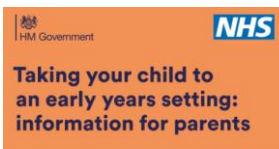
Play, learn and have fun together. Meet other parents, share experiences and have lots of fun, sensory, and discovery play. Session includes messy play and singing time.

Chessington Children's Centre, Buckland Road, Chessington, KT9 1JE
 020 8307 2006 option 5



[Leaflet for parents of children in Reception or Nursery](#)

The link includes general information about the importance of early years provision alongside Covid questions and answers



Saturday music club at Hook Centre

Saturday Music School at the Hook Centre for KS2 children offering a FREE trial class(es) so that children can try before they buy! Parents should sign up online to register their interest.

- Ukulele club - no experience of playing required; bring your own ukulele or hire one from KMS
- Kingston Youth Choir South
- Hook Music Project - a multi percussion group - no experience necessary and all instruments provided during the session.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Stay & Play Sessions for under 5's

Thursday 9.30-11.30am
 Booking essential 020 8397 2006

Play, learn and have fun together. Lots of indoor and outdoor activities. Sessions include messy activities, toys, games, books, singing and snack time. Come along and have fun, make new friends, gain ideas for activities to do in your home.

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