

Ellingham VC & Woodton Primary Schools Partnership

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Inspire Challenge Nurture



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer holidays are fast approaching and we have had another very busy year. We are very proud of all the children and what they have achieved over the year. The children have been involved in a wide range of activities and events throughout the year and we still have a number to come before we finish.

School Events/Visitors

What an amazing range of events and visitors we have had over the year. Here are some of those we have enjoyed.

Trips:-

- Gressingham Hall – Swallows
- Norwich Castle – Skylarks, Willows
- Time and Tide Pirates – Skylarks
- Time and Tide Romans – Swifts and Oaks
- Flag Fen – Oaks
- Sea Life Centre – Sparrows and Willows
- Holt Station – Swallows
- Kingswood residential – Year 5 and 6
- Yr 6 Maths Day and Science Day at Hobart
- Yr 5 Modern Foreign Language Day
- Yr 6 Crucial Crew
- Play park visits

Events:-

- Norfolk County Music Festival
- Harvest Festival and the Carol Concert
- Christmas Production – Willows, Yr3 Oaks, Sparrows and Skylark
- The Circus
- World Book Day
- Athletes in School
- Sports Day
- Summer Production – Swallows, Swifts, Oaks and Yr2 Willows

Visitors:-

- Staff Sergeant Sayer – Ellingham about Remembrance Day
- Mr Tye – Woodton about Remembrance Day
- Norse catering - Ellingham
- Mrs Barker- Woodton about Shoe Boxes
- Richard Buck – Athlete In School
- The Bungay Rotary Club
- Members of the local Churches
- Mr Vandenberg – Ellingham French Day



Sporting Events

Throughout the year the children have taken part in various sporting events and competitions.

Events/Competitions:-

- Rugby
- Cross Country
- Swimming Gala
- Basket Ball
- Girls Football
- Quicksticks
- High 5 Netball
- KS1 Tennis
- Cycling / Step On It
- Dance Festival KS1
- UEA Athletics



Sports Clubs:- Run by outside agencies

Ellingham

Football
Karate
Multi Sport
Change 4 Life

Woodton

Football
Karate
Gymnastics
Change 4 Life

Ellingham also has a group of children trained as Young Sports Leaders who run lunchtime activities.

Grounds

Both schools continue to develop the grounds.



At Ellingham we have turned the bird hide around and made it into an outdoor classroom. New herbs have been planted in the tyres. The EYFS outdoor area is having a new playhouse, thanks to the PTA. The chickens have a new home, the pond area has been improved and we are having a new fence built around the wind turbine.

At Woodton we have cleared out the old pond area and given it a new lease of life. This is the start of the Nurture garden and we await the final results from Tesco's on our bid for funding to buy the new resources for this. The children have also painted the tyres ready for planting and Oaks are developing the allotment area, with the support of Adnams. We also have a fantastic group of parents who do the gardening each week, which is really appreciated.

We are very lucky to have so many people support and enhance what we do at the schools. Could we please thank all those who give up their time to come in and help with reading, accompany trips and local walks, supporting the PTA and turning up for events. It is everyone working together which makes our schools such great communities.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Whyte
Head teacher

Charities

We believe that it is important for the children to understand about those less fortunate than themselves. Some of the charities we have supported this year are:-

- Jeans for Genes Day
- BBC Children In Need
- Christmas Shoe Boxes
- Save the Children Xmas Jumpers
- Red Nose Day / Comic Relief
- Water Aid



Parents in School

We always enjoy sharing things with parents. Apart from the school plays and half termly sharing assemblies, parents have also been in school for:-

- Phonics training
- Grammar for KS1 and KS2 training
- Tapestry Training
- E-safety training
- Picnic lunches
- Sports day



PTA

With funding of schools always so tight, we are always grateful to the PTA who help to fund for the extra bits.

At Woodton the PTA have held a number of events such as:- a Halloween Party, a Christmas Fair, a Christmas Children's Party, an Easter Extravaganza Egg Hunt, an Own Clothes day for seeds and plants and a Summer Fair.

They have bought for the school:- Lego sets, books for Oaks, a new bug rug and table for Willows, outdoor play equipment, funded coaches for trips and gave a donation towards the Kingswood trip.

At Ellingham the PTA have held:- a Quiz Night, a Christmas Fair, a Children's Christmas Party, a Valentines Disco, an Easter Egg Hunt, a Bingo Night, several own clothes days, Sponsored Run and a Summer Fair.

They have finished paying for the play equipment, are buying the EYFS area a new playhouse, and are busy raising money for the playground to be decorated.