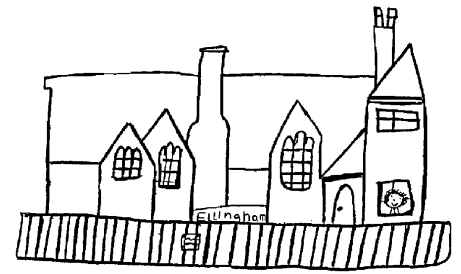


Newsletter

Friday 10th November



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Humility

The theme for next week is 'Humility to Take Advice.'



Math Whizz

Best Usage: Lucy Forwood, Lilah Marsham, Charlie Cave, Isabelle McDonald, Harrison Lambert, Otto Wathen, Finley Watson, William Forwood and Ilithya Lambert.



Most Improved: Lilah Marsham, Cadence Calver-Brown, Rosie Mower, Annabella Rackham, Isabelle McDonald, Otto Wathen, Archie Walker, William Forwood and Adam Ford.

Well done to all those children, another fantastic effort. Please keep up the good work.

Sparrows

This week our theme has been 'Wizards and Spells'. We have been looking at stories about witches and wizards. In literacy we have been writing and reading rhyming words to make our own rhyming spells. So far we have learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll and ss. The year 1s have been focusing on ng, e and ai this week.



Skylarks

In English we used our senses to write our own fireworks poems. In maths we have been revising, including counting, place value and we have used the correct mathematical language of greater than/less than. We have begun the 2nd part of our Fire and Ice topic by finding out about the Antarctic. Do ask the children about how penguins stay warm in icy waters. We conducted an investigation, made predictions and wrote up our results.



Swifts

English

This week in English we have focused on writing play scripts. We looked at the layout and the key features and then planned our own. We are going to write play scripts that are news reports about famous Tudor events.



Maths

In our maths work this week we worked on fractions. We started by looking at equivalent fractions and then also worked on adding and subtracting fractions, ordering fractions and finding fractions of things and comparing fractions and decimals.

Swallows

Maths

This week we have been problem solving and finding multiples, factors, prime numbers and prime factors.

English

We have written poems about war, peace and remembrance. We have also started to write balanced arguments using formal speech and including persuasive and emotive language and rhetorical questions. Next week we will be making Ancient Egyptian death masks. The process involves putting Modroc (plaster of paris) on the children's faces. The face will first be covered with cream to protect it. (A text message was sent out on Friday to inform parents who do not wish their child to take part to inform Ms Kenyon by today). Many thanks.



Children In Need - Friday 17th November

We will, once again, be supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to come into school on Friday 17th November dressed in non-school uniform 'Inside out & Back to Front' in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity. The charity will also accept your old 'round pounds' so if you have any at home, send them in.



Tempest Photography

The school photos came home on Friday. In order to get the photos back in time before the end of the term, we need your orders back in before **Friday 17th November**.



Road Safety

Thank you to Mrs Whyman, Vicky Dowe, Tessa Ford and Dannielle Palmer who very kindly came in to help with the road safety training on Friday.



Goodbye

We said goodbye to Mrs Wright on Friday, one of our midday supervisors. We are very sad to see her go, but wish her all the best in her new job.



Sickness

Please can we remind parents that children should not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting your children. Thank you.



Beccles & Bungay Harriers

Well done to Caitlin and Cadence who participated in a sportshall athletics event representing the Beccles & Bungay Harriers Athletics Club. The team that they were in came third so well done girls.

PTA Christmas Bazaar - Sat 2nd Dec

There is now a hamper list in the school office. Please pop in and sign up for an item or two for the hampers which will be raffle prizes at the Christmas Bazaar.

The PTA are also in need to full bottles of wine as well as empty bottles for their water and wine stall at the Christmas Bazaar.

They are also in need of helpers on the day. Please speak to one of the PTA ladies if you are able to help.

Twitter

We are now on Twitter. We will be tweeting updates, reminders and celebrations from the school regularly. It's quite simple to follow our twitter page,

- Download or find twitter on the internet
- Sign up by just filling out your full name, mobile number or email address
 - Then type in the search bar 'EllinghamVC'
 - Our page will appear and then just click 'Follow'
 - You will then receive our regular news and updates



Piano Concert

On Saturday 4th November some of the children from Ellingham School performed in their first piano concert in Norwich. These children took their piano exams at the end of the summer term and all passed. They all performed extremely well considering this is the first time they have played in public. Well done.

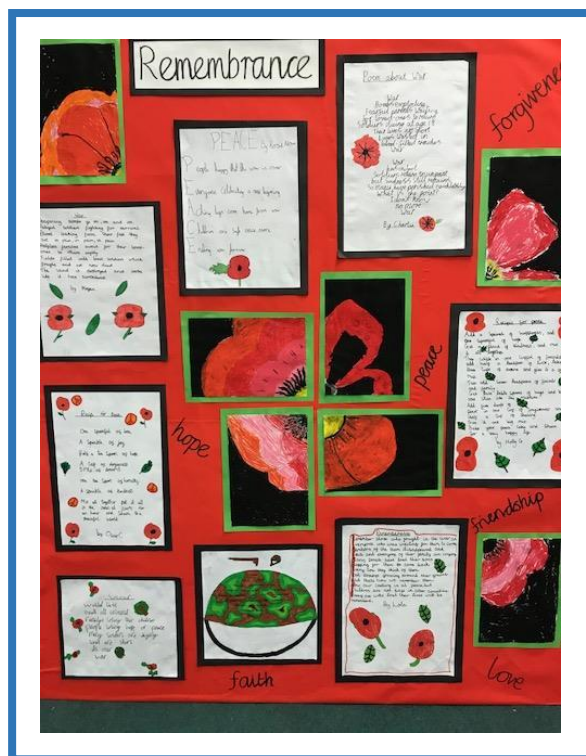


Remembrance

Some of the children's work has been put on display in the village church. As you can see it is a lovely display with some beautiful poems and pictures.

A Visit from Staff Sergeant Sayer

On Friday we were very lucky to have a visit from Staff Sergeant Sayer to talk to the children about Remembrance. The children were lucky enough to try out some of his kit.



Maths Whizz Cup

The Maths Whizz cup this week has gone to Swallows class again! That's the fourth fortnight in a row, so well done Swallows. Let's see if another class can win the cup from them next time.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15th November - Swimming Gala - Letters have been sent home to all those participating

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day - **Wear non-uniform 'Inside Out or Back to Front'**

Tuesday 21st November - 3.45pm until 5.30pm - Football League Tournament at Hobart High School - Letters have gone out to those participating

Wednesday 22nd November - Solihull Drop In at 2.15pm

Saturday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Bazaar 12pm - 2pm - Helpers needed, as well as wine

Wednesday 6th December - Solihull Drop In at 2.15pm

Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Sparrows Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Christmas Performance

Friday 15th December - KS2 Carol Concert at the Church 6pm - More details to follow (Please note this year it is for KS2 only)

Tuesday 19th December - Last day of the autumn term

Tuesday 19th December - PTA Christmas party 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 4th January - First day of the spring term

