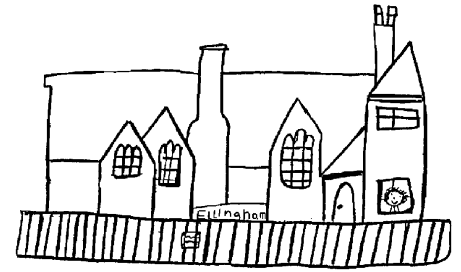


# Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January



Ellingham VC Primary School

## Values for Life - Perseverance

The theme for next week is 'Persevering to the End'.



## Math Whizz

**Best Usage:** Thomas Page, Dulcie King, Cadence Calver-Brown, Theo Roos, Annabella Rackham, Sam Elliott, Finley Watson, Amy Gilliatt and Molly Giller.

**Most Improved:** Finley Watson, Daisy Filsell, Amy Gilliatt, Ruby Tipple, Sam Elliott, Annabella Rackham, Rosie Mower, Cadence Calver-Brown and Molly Giller.



Well done to all those children, another fantastic effort. Please keep up the good work. A special mention to Annabella Rackham who had the most progressions across both schools.

## Sparrows

This week we continued our dinosaur theme. The children have written facts about different dinosaurs for literacy. Next week will be our last dinosaur week and we'll be making dinosaur biscuits!

In phonics we have learnt oo, ar, ur, ao and ee and practised writing these in words and sentences.



## Skylarks

This week we have been looking at what keeps humans fit and healthy. We have focused on having a balanced diet and what the different food groups are - can your child name them over dinner? (hint - fat/sugars, dairy, proteins, fruit/veg, carbohydrates).

In Maths we have looked at the strategies to help us. In English we have started to learn about Neil Armstrong and the Y2s have written acrostic poems.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.



## Swifts

### Maths

This week in maths we have continued to work on addition and subtraction. We have worked on our problem solving skills, using estimation and inverse operations to check our answers. All children have used column methods for addition and subtraction and have done amazingly well.

### English

In English we have planned and written persuasive letters. These letters are all about environmental and animal matters such as: animal testing, deforestation, circuses and pets. We have also received letters from our partner school in the USA, which we have read and will respond to soon.



## Swallows

### Literacy

We have continued with our character portraits, editing and redrafting, and have presented the Spring poems we have learnt to the class.

### Maths

This week we have been reading and plotting coordinates in 2 and 4 quadrants, and have translated and reflected shapes on a grid.



## Lost Property

Once again our lost property is overflowing. We currently have 17 jumpers/cardigans which are all unnamed, amongst other items of clothing. Please ensure that all items are named so that we can return them to their owners. Pen fades quickly so please check and remark when necessary. We will be donating all items that are left at half term to the clothing bank.



## Y6 SATS Club

We still have outstanding permission slips for the Y6 SATS club. Please return these ASAP. Can you also please provide your child with a snack for whilst they are at the club, thank you.



## Joy of Food

Thank you to those who took part in the first session this week. The smell in the dining hall was delicious and everyone who took part really enjoyed it. We hope you enjoyed tasting your first meal!



## Maths Whizz Cup

The Maths Whizz cup is now going to the class who has achieved the most progressions. This fortnight the cup has been won by Swifts class. Well done Swifts!



## Earsham Cubs

Do you have a child aged 8 to 10 who would be interested in joining a Cubs group? Earsham Cubs currently have spaces for new members. They run a varied program of activities and enjoy a rural setting. Please see Mrs Cave in the office for more information if you are interested.

## Parent Code of Conduct

As a school we do our utmost to support the children and deal with any issues they have in school. It is really important to bring issues your child is having with another child to the school's attention. The school can then tell you what has been happening or investigate the problem further. We often find that children have not got all the facts and parents are only given part of the story. It is therefore **NOT** appropriate for parents to try and deal with issues outside of the school independently when you are not fully aware of all the facts. This can create confrontations, which can be seen as threatening behaviour, and could have been solved for you in school. Parents should **NOT** approach children, either on the school grounds or out of school as this could be seen as a safeguarding issue.

Can we also remind you that parents need to check if a teacher is free to see them after school and not just turn up. Staff are more than happy for a quick chat but sometimes they have meetings or clubs to run. It is also important to remind **ALL** parents that they should speak to staff with respect. Parents that are aggressive to members of staff can be refused access to the school.

Please refer to the school's parent code of conduct on our website under the policies section.

## 'Fruit Kebab Friday' - 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

We will be having another 'Fruit Kebab Friday' next Friday. The children really enjoy having their fruit kebabs at breaktime. Please can you provide a piece of fruit on that morning, if you can chop it first, that would be fantastic. Parent/carer helpers are needed to prepare the kebabs. Please speak to Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the office if you are able to help.



## Year 4s Cycling Course

Year 4s have been sent home information regarding a cycling course on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember to return your permission slips. Children must bring along their bike and helmet to both sessions.



## The Big C Charity

We have had a letter from Big C to thank us for the donations received at the Christmas Carol concert. Our donation of £123.73 was part of a total of £3,387.48 which will go towards improving the lives of those affected by cancer in Norfolk and Waveney.



## Data Protection

Today we have sent home the school's privacy notice and a new photo consent form. Please can you read both of these carefully as they contain very important information. We require the photo consent form to be completed and returned to the school office **no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

