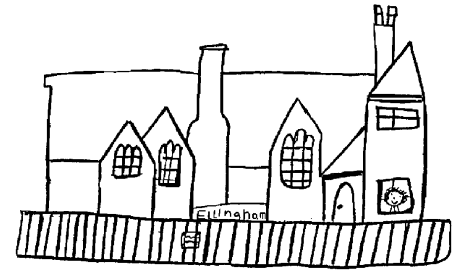


Newsletter

Friday 9th February



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Perseverance

The theme for next week is 'God's Perseverance And Self-Belief.'



Math Whizz

Best Usage: Lilah Marsham, Charlie Cave, Molly Giller, Otto Wathen, Annabella Rackham, Jamie Cave, Finley Watson, Josh Palmer and Riley Smith.

Most Improved: Rosie Mower, Lola Vass, Molly Giller, Annabella Rackham, Sam Elliott, Otto Wathen, Daisy Filsell, Riley Smith and Nathaniel Power.



Well done to all those children, another fantastic effort. Please keep up the good work. Another special mention to Annabella Rackham who once again has made fantastic progress!

Maths Whizz has asked the children to carry on with their fantastic efforts over half term. This is a message from them; **Let's see if you can help to get Norfolk the top county by doing at least 60 minutes with the Tutor next week.**

Go! Go! Go!

Sparrows Reading Challenge

This week our **Daily reader** is Morgan Mulhearn and our **Bookworms** are Olivia Collins, Lucy Helliwell, Charlie Lovick and Rowan Smith.

Well done to all of those children. Keep reading and you will earn your star badge.



100% Attendance

The following children have attended 100% of sessions since the start of the school year in September;

Ruby Taylor, Ruby Roos, Megan Forder, Charlie Cave, Cadence Calver-Brown, Emily Haward, Holly Beveridge, Jamie Cave, and Nathaniel Murphy-Stone.

Well done to all of these children. Good attendance is very important and means your child doesn't miss out on their learning.



Sparrows

This week we have been thinking about some of the celebrations that will be happening during half term, particularly Pancake Day and Valentines Day. We made, topped and ate pancakes on Wednesday. For maths we looked at weight. We used balance scales to find things that were heavier or lighter than a pancake and tried to find exactly how many cubes it would take to balance the scales with a pancake on the other side. Thank you for coming to our sharing assembly this morning, the children love sharing their work with you. Have a lovely half term!



Skylarks

In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division and using vocabulary such as groups of, arrays, sharing and grouping.

For English we have concentrated on learning sounds for reading and some spelling, punctuation and grammar rules.

It has been wonderful to see the children bringing things in from home to do with our topic. I am so proud that they always take a super interest in our learning. Thank you everyone for supporting them at home.

I hope you all have a restful half term, best wishes, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.



Swifts

Maths

In Maths we have worked on scaling problems.

English

In English we have done a piece of assessed writing. This was a (fictional) persuasive letter asking the council not to build on our school field and to find somewhere else.

We have also done some assessments and a lot of work on computing and art this week.



Swallows

Maths

This week we have found the range, mode, median and mean averages of sets of data and have carried out assessments.

We have been finishing our Science experiments and our work about The Hajj in RE.

We have learnt about the Suffragettes and had really interesting debates about whether boys/girls, men/women are treated differently, and also how much has changed (or not!) since 1918 when women got the vote. The children also enjoyed a Lego challenge with a Viking theme.

Well done to everyone in the class for their great achievements in swimming.



Maths Whizz Cup

This fortnight the cup has been won by Swifts class again as they have made the most progressions.

Well done Swifts!



Chickens

We are very sad to be losing our chickens after many years of having them in school. Mrs Wright is very kindly going to take good care of them. I am sure she will keep us up to date as to how they are.



Piano Lessons After Half Term

After half term, the piano lessons will change from a Friday to a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child has their piano book in school on a Wednesday, thank you.



Guitars

Can we ask that all guitars are taken home each week following guitar lessons. We do not have the space to store them safely. Can we also ask that you **name your guitar cases** so we can easily identify the guitars. Thank you.



Lost Property

All items left in lost property which have no name will be donated to the clothes bank after school today. Please come and have a look if you have lost an item of uniform. Please also remember to label everything with your child's name so that we can return lost clothes, thank you.



Data Protection - IMPORTANT

We still have a lot of outstanding consent forms for photography. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so ASAP as this is a statutory requirement. **Until we have all the forms in, we cannot allow any photography to take place at any school event, unless you have been informed that you can.**



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to these children who have achieved the following levels in the Times Tables Olympics:



Holly Beveridge - Finalist

Edie Vass and Finlay Young - Bronze

Isaac Wren, Dexter Burlingham and Peter Hirst - Silver

Tyler Shiplee, Molly Giller and Isabelle

McDonald - Gold

Sam Elliott - European

Bradley Lambert - Upper Level 3

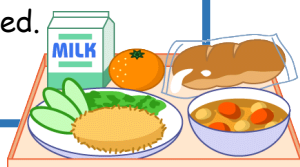
Banham Zoo Trip - Sparrows & Swifts

A reminder to return your consent form and money to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



New Norse Dinner Menu

The Spring/Summer menu which starts after half term has been sent home this week. Please check this carefully with your child and inform us on a Monday which option your child would like if they are having school dinners. The new packed lunch menu is attached.



World Book Day - Thursday 1st March - *PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year. Children are invited to dress up as something to do with a non-fiction book. During the day there will be lots of activities based on World Book Day.



Valentines Cake Stall - Thurs 8th Feb

Thank you to all of you who baked for the PTA cake stall yesterday, and also those who came along and brought some lovely goodies. A whopping £80.30 was made so once again, thank you.



Foxy Lodge Money Boxes

We will be collecting in the Foxy Lodge money boxes after half term. Please return your filled money box if you haven't done so already. If you didn't make a money box but would like to donate, Foxy Lodge are always in need of tins of cat food (not fish) for the hedgehogs. More details can be found at <http://www.foxylodge.yolasite.com/>



Valentines Disco - Kirby Cane Village Hall

There will be a disco in the village hall on Wednesday 14th February. Children aged 4 to 7 years can attend from 2pm until 4pm at £3.50 per child and children aged 8 to 11 years can attend from 5pm until 7pm at £5 per child. This is being organised by Sarah Hanlan (Stanley's Mum) so please see her or the village shop for more details and tickets.



Year 4s Cycling Course

Please remember to return your consent forms ASAP. We still have forms outstanding and without consent your child will not be able to take part.



Sports For Schools Tokens

Sports for Schools is a competition which involves schools and communities collecting tokens for a chance to win a share of a £20,000 sports kit cash pot.

Special tokens will be printed in every edition of the Archant group of newspapers, and parents, school staff and the local community can collect and donate them to our school.

The three schools with the most tokens - calculated on a pro rata basis based on pupil numbers - will receive prizes of £5,000, £3,000 or £2,000.

Schools which collect 1,000 tokens will receive a free sports pack which is worth over £60.

Tokens will be printed in the following papers:

- Eastern Daily Press
- Norwich Evening News
- Great Yarmouth Mercury
- The Lowestoft Journal
- Beccles & Bungay Journal
- Dereham Times
- Fakenham & Wells Times
- North Norfolk News

From Monday, February 5, a token will be printed in every edition of the newspapers up until April 14.

There will be one token a day but watch for bonus tokens and two tokens every Saturday (one token a week plus bonus tokens in the weekly publications).

Please help us to collect tokens, we will be collecting them in the school office, thank you.

Well done!

Well done Lilah for being a runner up in a Competition in the Wild Explorer magazine. Children were asked to decorate a cartoon of Mike Dilger, wildlife expert. He then picked his favourites to be featured in the magazine. We think your 'Rainbow Dilger Owl' is amazing Lilah, well done.



Bird Feeders

Thank you to those who sent in yoghurt pots. The children enjoyed making their bird feeders with the Eco Rangers. We still have some which haven't been collected. Please check outside the office if your child still hasn't taken theirs home.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - Back to School

Tuesday 20th February - Y4s Cycling Course - Bikes and helmets required

Thursday 22nd February - 09.15 - 11.45 - Joy of Food in school hall

Thursday 22nd February - Swimming Gala 2nd round at UEA for those who qualified

Tuesday 27th February - Forensic Science Day at Hobart High School - Letters have come home this week

Tuesday 27th February - Y4s Cycling Course - Bikes and helmets required

Change of Date **Thursday 1st March** - World Book Day - Dress up as something to do with a non-fiction book

Friday 2nd March - Banham Zoo Trip for Sparrows and Swifts

Tuesday 6th March - Parents Evening - More details nearer the time

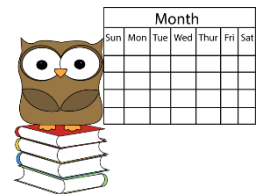
Wednesday 7th March - Parents Evening - More details nearer the time

Friday 16th March - Non uniform day in exchange for a boxed egg for Easter Bingo - More details to follow

Friday 23rd March - PTA Easter Bingo - More details to follow

Tuesday 27rd March - 14.30 - Swallows & Swifts sharing assembly - More details to follow

Wednesday 28th March - Last Day of Term



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