

# Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May



Ellingham VC Primary School

## Values for Life - Justice

The theme for this week is 'Including Others'



### Maths Whizz

**Best Usage:** Oscar Chapman, Ruby Taylor, Molly Giller, Otto Wathen, Maisie Lay, Katie Page, Finley Watson, William Curtis and Rosie Hirst.

**Most Improved:** Ruby Taylor, Ruby Roos, Rosie Mower, Otto Wathen, Katie Page, Maisie Lay, Rosie Hirst, William Curtis and Ralph Putman.



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

### Sparrows

This week in Sparrows we have been looking at seeds as part of our living and growing theme. We did an investigation using cress seeds. We planted some in the sunlight with water, some in the sun without water, some in the dark with water and some in the dark without water. We made predictions about what would grow and discussed why. We have been keeping track of how they are growing. In literacy we designed seed packets and wrote the instructions of how to grow the seeds on the back of the packet. We will be continuing our seed focus next week, looking particularly at sunflowers. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!



### Skylarks

This week we have been immersed in lots of creative jungle activity! Our visit to the Sainsbury Art Centre was a great success. The children were all engaged when looking for and sketching animals in the gallery, making clay water vessels adorned with animal heads, and finding their panther warriors when making rainforest headdresses. We have been writing our own recounts of the day as well as beginning to make up our own jungle stories. In maths the year 1s are practising their problem solving and reasoning skills and year 2s have been solving arithmetic problems. A big thank you to all the adults who came along - your presence was valued 😊. Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.



## Swifts

### Maths

This week we have been working on subtraction and addition. We have focused on word problems and missing number problems. When working with word problems we have identified the key information and used this to solve the problem. With the missing number problems we thought carefully which operation we needed to do to work out the missing number and used our addition and subtraction skills to work it out.

### English

This week we have begun a unit on adventure stories based on 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. We have begun by deciding on some settings for our stories, planning what we will write, then writing detailed setting description using lots of lovely descriptive language.



## Swallows

### Maths

Y5 have been finding the perimeter and area of rectangles and composite shapes and have also carried out practical activities. Y6 have continued with SATS revision, including finding the volume and surface area of cuboids and solving missing number problems.

### English

After reading a poem entitled 'A Martian Sends a Postcard Home', we have been describing everyday activities as an alien might see them. We have also started writing our own postcards, written as if we were aliens from another planet, visiting tourist attractions on Earth.

The children have come up with excellent imagery and metaphors and have written really humorous accounts.

For example, can you guess what this group are describing?



## Sports For Schools Tokens - Last Chance to hand in your tokens

Please bring any last vouchers you have at home into school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** as we need to count them up and send our numbers to the organisers. Thank you to all who have helped collect tokens. Regardless of the results, we will receive £60 worth of sporting equipment for the school.



## Car Free Friday

A reminder that today is 'Car Free Friday'. Please try and walk to school every Friday, even if you park a little further away and walk the last bit of your journey.



*Five days out of seven, the earthlets come to the box of torment.*

*The large earthling injects smartness into their memory box.*

*The large earthling tells the earthlets to sit and watch the screen of whiteness.*

*Some use their hearing holes, while others use their noise holes. When this happens the knowledge-giver turns red and explodes.*

*They use a black marker-maker to record their thoughts.*

*Next, they get released into the wild.*

*They kick a sphere of moohorn into a stretchy web.*

*Then, they are captured by the guardians of dinners with the ding-a-ling.*

*They march back into the box of torment, where they suffer once again.....*

### 'Fruit Kebab Friday' - 11<sup>th</sup> May

We will be having another 'Fruit Kebab Friday' on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please bring in a piece of fruit (if you can chop it beforehand, that would be great) so that the children can enjoy a fruit kebab at break time. In order for this event to take place we need parent volunteers to come in and help chop fruit and prepare the kebabs. Please let the office know if you can help.



### Phone Lines

We are still experiencing problems with our phone line. We are hoping that this will be resolved next week. In the meantime, please email the school office [office@ellingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ellingham.norfolk.sch.uk)  
In an emergency, please call Woodton on 01508 482294.

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Royal Wedding 'Street Party' Lunch

Norse will be providing a special lunch to celebrate the wedding on Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Letters will be coming home today. The lunch will consist of;

*'Selection of Sandwiches'  
(Ham, Cheese or Cucumber)*

*Pizza Bites*

*Chipolata Sausage*

*Carrot and Cucumber Batons*

*Decorated Cup Cake*

*Fruit Cuplet*

**Please return your slip by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** If we do not receive your form by this date then we will be unable to order your child a lunch on this day.



### Headlice

Please check your child frequently for headlice and treat when necessary.



### PTA News

The PTA would like to let you know about upcoming events for your diary.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Quiz & Cheese night, 7.30pm, teams of 6. Tickets are on sale at £5 per person from the PTA.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Non uniform day in exchange for an unloved teddy. Please bring in a teddy which is no longer wanted (in good, clean condition please) which can be used on the tombola at the summer fete.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - 'All the Fun at the Fair' summer fete - **Time change - 2pm until 5pm** - Come along and have fun on traditional stalls as well as enjoying a cream tea.



### Road Safety

A reminder to all park safely and considerately when dropping your children off and collecting them from school. The yellow zig zags should not be parked on at any time, even for dropping off quickly.



Children using bikes should be wearing a helmet and know the basics of road safety, including which side of the road to be cycling.

## Neurofibromatosis Fundraising Event - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is the general name for a number of genetic conditions that cause tumours to grow along your nerves. Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) is the most common type, affecting about one in 3,000 births. Mrs Taylor's niece, Alivia who is 4 years old, was born with NF1 and has many complications as a result. The symptoms of NF1 develop gradually and severity of the condition can vary considerably from person to person. Alivia is currently dealing with general learning difficulties, autistic tendencies and ADHD. It is also causing movement difficulties and curvature of her spine and as a result she often needs to use a wheelchair. The main issue for Alivia though is her tumours. She has many, but there are currently 3 which the doctors are concerned about. She has two on her brain and one at the base of her spine. If any of these grow she could go blind, be unable to walk or suffer further learning difficulties. She has MRI scans every 3 months to check if they are growing. There's currently no cure for NF1.

Treatment involves regular monitoring and treating any problems as they occur. This can involve surgery to remove tumours and improve bone abnormalities, medication to control secondary conditions and therapy for behavioural problems. In May there is a 'World Neurofibromatosis Day'. We will be holding an event to raise money for the Neuro Foundation, which is a UK charity that aims to improve the lives of people with Neurofibromatosis. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding an 'Accessorise your Teacher' day! This means the children can bring in any accessory for any member of staff to wear for the day. We ask that the children bring in £1 for each accessory that they would like the member of staff to wear. All of the £1 will go to The Neuro Foundation.





## Houses

As we develop our sports in the school, each child has been put into a house. These houses allow us to do intra and inter sports competitions to see which house will be the winning team. This information will help us to apply for a higher sports award.

We are also using the points to reward certain behaviour in addition to the 'great day' bees, as a collective behaviour reward. Part of being on a winning sports team includes sportsmanship, respect, careful listening, team work and cooperation.

The houses are - Benjamin Britten (Red), Stephen Hawkings (Blue), Beatrix Potter (Green) and Kelly Holmes (Yellow). All the children have now been given their badges to wear in school each day and over the coming weeks they will learn more about each of the people the houses are named after.



## Warm Weather

As the weather is now improving, please can you ensure that your child has a sun hat (with a brim) and sun cream, both clearly labelled. We cannot apply sun cream to please make sure that you provide your child with sun cream that they can easily apply. This bank holiday is the perfect time to practise applying sun cream with your child.



## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - 'Fruit Kebab Friday' - **Parent helpers needed please**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Royal Wedding 'Street Party' special lunch

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Neurofibromatosis Day - Accessorise a member of staff for £1

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception Hearing & Vision checks

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Last day of this half term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Back to school

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - PTA Quiz and Cheese night, 7.30pm, tickets £5

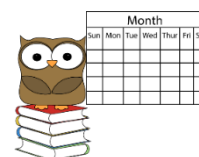
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Tempest Photography Class and Y6 leavers photos

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - PTA Non uniform day in exchange for preloved (good, clean condition) teddy.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Fete - 2pm until 5pm - 'All the Fun at the Fair'

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term



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