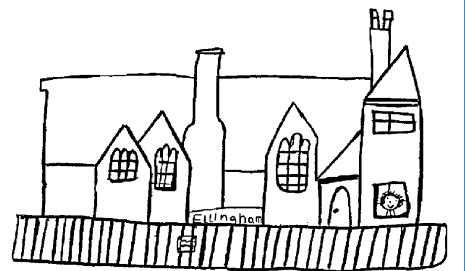


Newsletter

Friday 8th March



Ellingham VC Primary School



Values for Life - Forgiveness

The theme for next week is 'Amazing Grace.'



Class Attendance

We will be putting the class attendance for each week on the newsletter from now on. The class with the highest attendance each week will have a little in class treat from their teacher. This will run from the previous Friday to the current Thursday. Let's see which class can get 100% attendance every week.

Sparrows - 87.5%

Skylarks - 98.4%

Swifts - 96.33%

Swallows - 98.39% Well done Swallows ☺



Maths Whizz

Amazing Usage: Isabelle McDonald, Sam Elliott, Tyler Shippee, Lilah Marsham, Katie Page, Finley Watson, Rosie Giller, Ellauise Ball, Jessica McDonald and Thomas Page.



Most Improved: Isabelle McDonald, Lola Vass, Liam Vincent, Lilah Marsham, Toby Bishop, Jamie Cave, Rosie Giller, Oliver Pickering, Jessica McDonald and Jacob Bishop.

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

Sparrows

This week we have continued our theme of 'Our Local Area'. 

We have started to look at local historical figures and talked about Edith Cavell and her contribution to nursing. We also had Pancake Day and World Book Day this week, so as well as our theme, we have also learnt about Pancake Day and talked about aliens! In literacy this week Year 1 wrote about why we have Pancake Day, they designed an alien on the laptops and wrote about it and then compared the type of hospitals that Edith Cavell worked in to modern day hospitals. In phonics, Reception have been recapping phase 2 and 3 sounds and using these to practice segmenting, blending and letter formation. In maths, the whole class looked at subtraction using number lines. Y1 used numbers to 20, while reception used numbers to 10 and solved the problems using pancakes.

Next week, we have show and tell on Monday. Please bring in an old family photo (it would be really helpful if you could note who is in the photo please.)

Swifts

During English Swifts have been learning about prepositions and metaphors. We also learnt about World Book Day and used our comprehension skills to answer questions about what we had learnt. World Book Day was a great success! Swifts wore some amazing costumes and enjoyed a science fiction themed day listening to stories about aliens and making a sci-fi themed collage. Swifts also made some terrific alien antennae to wear.

This week in maths Swifts learnt about equivalent fractions. Furthermore, they have been adding and subtracting fractions. Last week, as part of our Jurassic Coast topic, Swifts had great fun learning about the fossilisation process and making some fantastic fossils of their own. Additionally, Swifts have been investigating different types of rocks. 

Skylarks

We have had another fun packed and busy week. We began by learning about why we have pancake day and read all about it. We sequenced the steps for cooking them and also discussed our favourite toppings and used our knowledge of fractions to show this. In maths we began looking at measuring length using standard and non standard units and learning the correct vocabulary. World Book Day was 'Out of this world' well done to everyone for producing the costumes!

Thank you to everyone for attending parents evenings, it's always a pleasure to share how well the children are doing. Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Ward ☺ and Mrs Rix ☺.



Swallows

Maths

This week we have learnt how to find the range, mode, median and mean of a set of data, and have solved problems involving finding these averages.



World Book Day

We had great fun and the children made such an effort to come dressed in the Science Fiction theme.

During the day we discussed the features of the genre, watched a short animated Sci-Fi film and wrote short Sci-Fi stories. We also read The Iron Man and made printing boards of robots or aliens.

Special commendation goes to Seth Ruthven for making excellent progress with his writing, and Lucy Forwood for continual hard work in maths.

Eco Committee Meeting

The next Eco Committee meeting will be on Monday 11th March at 12.15 in Swallows classroom. Please can all children on the Eco Committee bring in a packed lunch on this day. Thank you.



Maths Whizz Cup

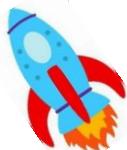
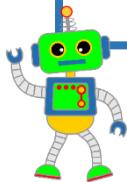
This fortnight the cup has been won by Swallows class again!



Let's see who will win it next fortnight.

World Book Day

The children (and staff!) all looked amazing in their Sci-Fi themed costumes. The day was spent doing various activities based on the Sci-Fi theme and the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to have a photo for next week's newsletter to show you how fantastic everyone looked!



Veggie Tub Tuesday - 19th March

We will be having another veggie tub Tuesday on 19th March. Please can you donate a vegetable (already prepared, if possible), so that the children can enjoy a tub of veggies at break time. If you can volunteer to help prepare the vegetables, please speak to the school office, thank you.

Sparrows Reading Challenge

A reminder that children can earn their star badge and certificate for reading regularly with you. Please don't forget to write in their reading records every time they read.



Dunwich Beach Clean Up - Saturday 30th March 2019

The Eco Rangers would like to help keep our beaches clean and so have decided to do a beach clean up at Dunwich Beach. Please come along on Saturday 30th March at 10.30am and join in. You are welcome to bring family, friends and even your dogs. Just come along wearing suitable clothing and please bring a bag to put your rubbish in. Please note that all children must be supervised and have an adult with them at all times. It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible.



Walking Wilbur

Walking Wilbur will be coming home with Sparrows again this half term.



See if you can improve on the amount of steps you achieved on Wilbur's last visit.

Walking Bus

The walking bus runs every Wednesday, meeting at 8.15am in the Olive Tree Car Park. We will operate every week, unless there are adverse weather conditions, in which case, a message via the Whatsapp group will be sent out.



Cross Country Finals

Well done to Otto and Faith, who competed in the cross country finals at Holkham Hall yesterday. Despite poor weather conditions they both did really well. We are very proud of them for getting to the finals, well done!



Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Children are invited to wear something red on Friday 15th March in exchange for a £1 donation to Comic Relief.



Litter Update

March's litter pick was a little disappointing, with 350g of litter being collected. Please remember to use the bins provided to keep our school grounds tidy.



Eco Rangers

The Eco Rangers responsible for Global Citizenship would like to Hold a DVD sale to raise funds for Victor's sponsorship.

The sale will take place after school on Thursday 28th March. Please bring any unwanted DVDs into the school office before this date, thank you.

We have an eco board in the school corridor which has an eco suggestion section. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please do come in and add them to our board.

Swifts & Skylarks Sharing Assembly

Assembly

Swifts and Skylarks sharing assembly is next Thursday at 2.30pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come along.



Change of Dessert on Friday 15th March

As it is Red Nose Day next Friday, the kitchen are changing the dessert to 'Red Nose Buns' on this day.

IMPORTANT

Ollie Day's Road Safety Magic Show

Ollie Day came into school this morning to perform this road safety magic show to the children. We were really excited to have him come into school as he puts on a really fun show, whilst also teaching them a really important lesson on road safety. The children all really enjoyed watching him and have brought home a leaflet today with further information.



Dates for the Diary

- ***New Date*** - Monday 11th March - Eco Committee Meeting at 12.15. Children on Eco Committee to bring in a packed lunch please
- Thursday 14th March** - 2.30pm - Sharing Assembly for Swifts & Skylarks
- Friday 15th March** - Red Nose Day - **Children can wear something red**
- ***New Date*** - Tuesday 19th March - Veggie Tub Tuesday - Parent helpers needed please
- Thursday 21st March** - 2.00pm - Parent Stay & Share Sessions - More details to follow
- Thursday 28th March** - Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards Ceremony
- ***New Date*** - Thursday 28th March - Eco Rangers DVD Sale after school
- Friday 29th March** - PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for a boxed Easter Egg
- Saturday 30th March** - 10.30 Dunwich Beach Clean, organised by the Eco Rangers
- Monday 1st April** - Swifts Class Trip to the Time and Tide Museum
- ***New Date*** - Friday 5th April - Last Day of Term
- ***New Date*** - Tuesday 23rd April - First Day of the Summer Term



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