



Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



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A Word From The Headteacher

What a busy term we're having with so many different events and activities that help to enrich our curriculum. Every day I have the pleasure of seeing pupils engrossed in learning. Colleagues work immensely hard to plan exciting and vibrant lessons using innovative creative approaches to engage and inspire children; building a curriculum that meets the requirements of the statutory curriculum, raise standards and enthuse children. Our curriculum prepares children with the skills they need to for the future. We believe children learn best when faced with challenges and have to apply what they know.

At Elloughton our creative curriculum is at the heart of teaching and learning. The more real the learning experience, the more likely it is that children will engage. Science week, World Book Day, Holi and Diwali Day, the Eurovision, our Olympic games, Everest Base camp, Royal Tea Parties, European morning are just a few prime examples of how we seek to making learning memorable and to ensure learning really sticks.

In his report to government, "Creativity - all our futures", Sir Ken Robinson defined creativity as purposeful, imaginative activity with value. Creativity is vital to enable children to achieve high standards. By being creative children learn to think for themselves, become adaptable and learn key skills for life. It plays an important part in the curriculum by motivating and engaging the children and enabling them to become more independent and confident learners. Walking round school this week I've found myself being a reporter for the Elloughton Echo, involved in a debate about school uniform, hunting for frogs, studying forensic evidence to solve a crime, tasting chapatis, watching volcanoes erupt, creating graffiti art, digging for fossils, playing on the beach, cracking mathematical codes to name but a few. All in all a typical week!

Lunchtimes have been a pleasure to observe too. The purchase of new small play equipment by FESA has been much appreciated and great use of funds. A range of balls, hoops, skipping ropes are often used at lunchtimes and have help create wonderful feeling on the playground. It is a joy to see children playing and having fun, really enjoy the activities., Our Year 6 Young Leaders have now been appointed to organise and lead games for younger pupils. They are doing a wonderful job supporting our younger pupils.

Do all have a lovely weekend. Spring is just around the corner!

Kind Regards

Mrs Fulstow



Eden Camp Trip—Year 3/4 Captivated

Year 3/4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Eden Camp. They were a credit to the school and were captivated by the experience. The trip brought our WW2 project alive. The children imagined being in the blitz, being evacuated as a child or coping with rationing. They climbed in shelters, heard the sirens and sounds of the blitz, followed the white lines of the blackout and peered in the cross taped shop windows. Throughout the day the children used their senses and thought about their feelings empathising with children of the past. The children were very perceptive and expressed their thoughts with spectacular vocabulary.

Fun was also had as the children laughed at the humorous puppet show and they accomplished the assault course in the POW camp. An Amazing day!



Request for Plastic Bottles

We welcome all donations of 500ml–2L empty clear plastic bottles, also Actimel/yogurt drink bottles for our next exciting City of Culture art project.

Bottles are to be taken to the Smile Room.

Thank you.



Staffing

We sadly say goodbye to Mr O' Pray next week as he moves to pastures new. He'll always be remembered for his welcoming smile in the morning, braving the winter in shorts and a bobble hat! I'm delighted to announce we have Mr Craig Sutherland joining us after Easter as the new caretaker.



Reception Learn How to Look After Their Teeth

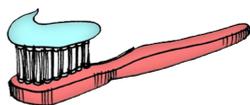
Reception enjoyed a visit from an oral health practitioner. They enjoyed learning about how to keep our teeth healthy, what is good for our teeth and what is best to avoid! They helped look after Ditty the Dinosaur's teeth and tell her what is good to eat.

Key facts we have learnt:

- Brush your teeth twice a day—morning and night
- Night time is the most important time to brush
- Brush with a dry brush because it gives a better brushing action
- Only use a small amount of toothpaste about the size of your little finger nail
- Brush for 2 minutes
- Don't use mouthwash at the same time as brushing!

We also learnt about sugar. Did you know:

In one can of coke there are 7 teaspoons of sugar.
 In one bowl of Coco pops there are 3 teaspoons of sugar.
 In one packet of jelly there are 19 teaspoons of sugar!
 In one tin of baked beans there are 4 tea spoons of sugar!



House Points League Table

Apologies that the league table in the last newsletter was incorrect. The current league table is as follows:

Virgo	21
Scorpius	14
Leo	15
Cygnus	8
Andromeda	13
Orion	17

Well done to Virgo who are this week's league leaders.

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately we have been notified that we have had dog fouling on our school playground. Please may we remind everyone that we are a dog free zone.



KS2 - Times Table Mastermind

This was a wonderful event, once again and well done to all our finalists. Sitting in the black chair with the spotlight shining down on them and facing a large audience was quite daunting. Time table questions were fired at the finalists in quick succession and put them to the test. It certainly proved challenging but they all held their nerve. Well done to Matthew Skelton in Year 6, the overall winner and the runners up.



Benchball Tournament

Well done to all those Year 4 pupils who took part in the Benchball tournament at South Hunsley School on 21st March.

The team showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship and were a credit to the school.



Comic Relief

Thanks to everyone who supported Red Nose Day and wore an accessory. We have raised £211.48 today!!

A special well done to Oscar Parker who organised a 'Name the Nose' competition to raise additional funds.



Guitar Lessons

The Music Box teacher has asked if we can remind the children who have guitar lessons the importance of bringing their guitar into school on Friday and practising at home. She recommends about 10-15 minutes at least, three times a week.



Decorated Easter Egg Competition

This year you will be 'eggcited' to hear that we are holding a 'Decorated Easter Egg' competition. Children are invited to decorate and transform a hard-boiled egg at home. I'm sure you and your child will have lots of ideas-from painting an egg to turning one into a Faberge egg; from making a Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall to creating an 'Eggsfactor' judging panel and from *Mr and Mrs Potato Egg* to *Egg Sheeran*.

Eggs need to be brought into school on the morning of Tuesday 4th April. They will be judged that evening and displayed for you to see in the school hall on the Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm when all our entries to the Easter Egg competition will be on display. Please ensure your child's egg is clearly named. FESA will be serving refreshments and there will be a chocolate Easter Egg raffle.



Netball

Well done to our school netball squad who have started this season with immense enthusiasm and sporting prowess! So far they have played three games and we hope our winning streak continues!

Swanland B	(3)	-	Elloughton	(10)
Elloughton	(4)	-	Brough	(4)
Gilberdyke	(1)	-	Elloughton	(17)

All the children are a credit to us and have worked really hard practising skills and tactics. They have made so much progress since last year and we are so proud of them all. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson who works with the squad along with Mrs Fulstow and to Mrs Ward who is working with Y3/4 pupils alongside Mr Jenkinson. It's great to see so many children keen to be involved.



I LOVE NETBALL



Special Easter Lunch Thursday 6th April

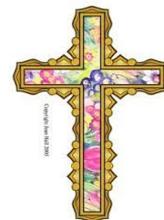
We are having a lovely special Easter Lunch on the last day of term thanks to Mrs Mawe and her hard working kitchen team.

- Battered Fish, Chunky Chips & Garden Peas
- Or Veggi Bean Burger in a Bun (V)
- Chocolate Crackle Nest with Mini Eggs



Easter Service

Our Easter Service is taking place on Wednesday 5th April at St Mary's church. Everyone is welcome. EYFS & KS1 at 9.30am and KS2 at 11am.



After School Clubs

We will shortly be sending out details of the Summer Term after school activities.

We would like to apologise to all pupils and parents who have been affected by the recent bad weather which has meant the cancellation of some outdoor clubs. Most clubs will continue into the Summer term when the payment amounts will be adjusted to reflect the cancelled sessions.

Residential Meeting Year 5

Our Year 6 pupils have recently returned from their residential visit to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre and had a fantastic time experiencing a wide range of outdoor activities and pursuits. We consider this type of trip to be very extremely valuable and worthwhile, providing a variety of stimulating and challenging experiences.

For next year our proposed visit once again is to East Barnby and we have made a provisional booking for 27/11/17 until 01/12/17.

We would like to invite Year 5 parents to an initial meeting providing details of our proposed trip on Tuesday 4th April at 6pm. There will be a short presentation to parents, with current Year 6 pupils sharing their recent experiences, followed by a chance for you to ask any questions.

We hope to see all of our Year 5 parents there!



Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th March	Times table Mastermind Competition
Thursday 30th March	EYFS visit to Clough Road Fire Station
Monday 3rd April	EYFS Easter Craft Stay & Play Session
	Entries to be received for our Nature of Animals Photography Competition
Tuesday 4th April	Decorate an Egg Competition Entries
	Year 5 Residential Visit Talk to Parents
Wednesday 5th April	Easter Church Services EYFS/KS1 9:30am, KS2 11:00am
	Egg exhibition 2:30pm with refreshments & choc raffle
	Pre Loved Uniform Sale (also in the school hall at 2.30pm)
Thursday 6th April	Y3/4 Eurovision meets X-Factor 2.00–3.30pm
	Last Day School
Tuesday 25th April	Summer Term Starts
Thursday 4th May	Year 3 Swimming Lessons begin for 10 weeks
Week commencing 8th May	Year 6 SATs Week
24th & 25th May	Bikeability Group ONE
26th May & 5th June	Bikeability Group TWO



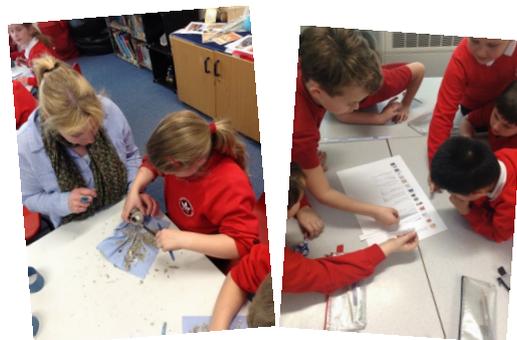
Snozone Experience

Last week, Year 5 had an exciting opportunity to take part in their first ski or snowboard lesson. The children had a brrrrrrrrilliant morning, in the chilly atmosphere of Snozone at Xscape. Whether they used the opportunity to learn a new skill or perfect their technique, the children came away enthusiastic about winter sports. Do we have any future winter Olympians in our midst? Watch this space...



Spectacular Science!

Year 3/4 have had an incredible week of Science fun all about rocks, fossils and soils. Highlights include becoming palaeontologists and digging up fossils created earlier in the week, investigating the permeability of soils and looking at the properties of rocks with the help of parents. We even had some exploding volcanoes linked to our theme work, too! All the children have been engrossed and enthused and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



The Nature of Animals Photography Competition

Remember entries required by Monday 3rd April.

All budding photographers—it's your time to share your talents!



Holi Day- A Hive of Activity

Tuesday saw another amazing RE day. There was a buzz around the school as the children learnt about Holi and the Hindu religion. The day started with our special guest, Kamlesh Singh, who talked to the children about Holi and why/how it was celebrated. Throughout the day, the children worked with Kamlesh to make and sample the traditional Indian food, chapatis. The whole school followed the Hindu Holi tradition of having a fire. Flames flickered in the children's faces as their teachers retold the story of Prahlad, discussed the symbol of the fire and other traditional ways to celebrate. EYFS even had their own little fire and cooked some sweet popcorn. Yummy. Our talented Mrs Cooper used her artistic talents to create some whole school art. Many talented staff applied face paints to the children. Although we did not throw colour water and paints at each other, children did throw paint in a variety of art activities. Other activities included Year 3/4 using spectacular language in their Holi shape poems and retelling the story by making 3D triorama scenes. Many year groups decorated elephants in traditional, brightly coloured rangoli patterns. Year 1 looked at little closer at the God Vishnu. A fabulous day!



Raising Money for Dove House Hospice

Mrs Dawes (mum of Sebastian and Annabel) is on a crusade to raise money for Dove House Hospice in memory of Caroline Templeman, who sadly died earlier this year. Dove House Hospice is a charity which relies on donations to stay open and is organising a Fun Run.

The Jane Tomlinson Run for All 10k Race is on Sunday 18th June in Hull and Mrs Dawes would like anyone, male or female, including school staff, of any ability to join in. It's not about who finishes first or what you look like at the end it's supporting each other to get through. Mrs Dawes is passionate about health promotion and would like people to think about improving their health. She has been overwhelmed by the number of parents who want to run—lots of our Year 1 mums are running and they didn't know Caroline but her story is so relatable they want to help raise money.

Please sign up as individual 'general runners' and choose the option to run for 'Dove House Hospice'. Mrs Dawes would like it if we all met up on the day and set off together. Please see Mrs Dawes if you would like more information.

Science Week

Year 5 loved becoming scientists, during British Science Week. The children conducted lots of experiments, including a paper strength test, creating our own slime (oobleck), making latex-rubber bouncy balls and testing reversible and irreversible changes. Ensuring these tests were fair and scientific proved to be tricky, but with perseverance we managed to conduct fair tests effectively.



Friends of Elloughton School Association

Thankyou to everyone who came to watch the very entertaining Magic Mark's show last week. It was a very profitable event for FESA, raising £240, thank you once again for your support.

Next, FESA will be supporting the School's Egg Decorating competition for Easter, which will be 'judged' on Wednesday April 5th. Parents will be invited in to see the decorated eggs at 2.30pm and FESA will provide tea, coffee and cake. We will also be holding an Easter Egg Raffle, which we will be selling tickets for and drawing that afternoon, don't miss it!

The School Disco will take place on Friday 12th May; Key Stage One 5.00–6.00pm and Key Stage Two 6.15–7.30pm.

To get in touch with FESA, email fesfundraising@googlemail.com, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter @FESsupport

Lisa Baxter Chairperson

Festival of Sport - Year 5

South Hunsley provided an amazing sports taster morning opportunity, for Year 5 pupils, as part of their transition arrangements. Brough, Swanland and North Cave Primary were also in attendance. Throughout the morning the children had the chance to 'trial' two sports, which included dodgeball, fitness, climbing, relay and benchball. The Year 5 pupils had an amazing time, not only developing their physical literacy but also their communication skills and sportsmanship. Overall it was a fantastic morning, showcasing the very best of South Hunsley.



Year Six East Barnby Residential Trip

Two weeks ago, (the week beginning the 27th of February) Year Six encountered challenges that stretched their comfort zones. The challenges that they encountered, which were run by East Barnby Instructors, were completed over a period of five days.

On the Monday, as soon as Year Six arrived, they were under a tight schedule; unpacking, eating lunch and getting ready for the first activity; Beck Scrambling. Beck Scrambling was a wet activity, we scrambled along the edge of a river jumping in here and there. By the end of the trip, we were all soaking wet, tired, cold and hungry for our tea.

On Tuesday, which was a glorious, sunny day, groups three and four went on the Wainstones walk while groups one and two enjoyed canoeing. In more detail the first two groups (1&2) played games in the canoes trying not to fall in. "My favourite part of the day was when we rode down the weir." stated Violet. "The Wainstones walk was great because I loved scrambling over boulders," commented Missy.

On Wednesday, groups three and four did canoeing and groups one and two did mountain biking and orienteering. Like groups ones and two the canoeing ended in Whitby harbour. "We got to see a seal, it was fascinating!" stated Missy. We loved hearing about the amazing history of the river Esk; the stories were also great.

On Thursday, groups one and two completed the Wainstones walk while groups three and four went to Dalby Forest to mountain bike and orienteer. While orienteering, groups three and four explored Adder Rock; still keeping a safe distance. Before the trails were completed a slow race was held and the winner was Charlotte Kay. "While completing the black run, we came across a steep hill and I was the only one who could make it up first time." Will Fischer said proudly.

On Friday, which was our last day, all the groups participated in bushcraft; a muddy walk by a stream, den building and summing up our week. While we were walking to the bushcraft area, all four groups encountered a bog; Jasmine, Jess and Eve fell into the mud, which they were not happy about.

Overall it was a great week, everyone was sad to go back to normal but of course it was worth it. We would like to say thank you to the East Barnby Instructors.

By Charlotte Kay and Will Fischer

