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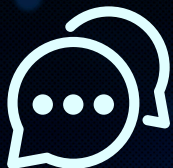
# EllisEcho

**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**  
Friday 16th January, 2025

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# COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL



- School ↔ Home
- Children's voice
- Parent/Carer Partnership Groups



## Week 16 Principal's Update

This week, our Ellis Echo is focusing on 'Communications', and the various ways that we're trying to improve communication between home and school.

You may have noticed that our website has recently had a bit of a 'glow-up'. Within this work, we have re-created our 'Contact Us' page which now includes significantly more contact options. On the basis of feedback that parents have given me, this seems like an ideal solution and will allow you to make contact with staff at the earliest opportunity.

Effective Home-School Communication is crucial to the success of our children. I ask that parents/carers contact us as soon as possible should there be a question, query or issue. This helps us to find solutions swiftly, wherever possible.

There is a drop-down menu, specifically for parents/carers which gives specific email addresses to support your communication with us.

I am also looking for parents/carers to join our Parent Partnership Group, which will come together regularly to focus on key areas of school improvement. It is this collaboration that will allow us to continue to provide the very best for our children and our community. Please see the sign-up form on Page 2 of this publication.



## Top Guilford Gold

Well done to the above children who are our top Guilford Gold earners in their year group this week.



Year 7	Fabian B (7B)
Year 8	Evea B (8E)
Year 9	Kamron L (9F)
Year 10	Kinga A (10D)
Year 11	Tobias S (11H) Jershon A (11J)

## Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 8 Hot Chocolate and Chat was full of ideas and talking points, as we discussed the reasons for keeping school open whenever possible. The children also had some brilliant comments about how our school has exceeded their expectations!

**"The House notice boards need updating more often"**

**"Information is shared well in School: Daily updates, tv screens, assemblies, website and tutor time"**



**"The Library has every single book I need!"**

**"Teachers make us feel like we are not alone"**

**"I think more children should get involved in the House Competitions"**

# COMMUNITY HUB

The Ellis Guilford Community Hub is a welcoming space offering a wide range of structured and drop-in sessions throughout the week. Although based on the Ellis Guilford School site, the Hub is open to everyone in our local community—not just Ellis Guilford families.

We are pleased to announce our set schedule for this half term with weekly activities, groups / sessions in the Community Hub.

Look out for our Pop-Ups along the way! Be sure to get yourself booked in for the Hub Quiz on 10th February and look out for Parent Workshops and guest speakers at our SEND Parent Support Group on Wednesday mornings.

Email any queries and Stacey, the Community Hub Lead will be happy to get back to you:

[communityhub@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:communityhub@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk)

**ELLIS GUILFORD Community Hub**  
**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HUB?**  
**SPRING 1 2026**

**MON, 9:30 & 12:30**  
 Nottingham College  
**CREATIVE COURSES**

**TUES, 9:00-3:00**  
**SUPPORT MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT**  
 3:30 - 5:30  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**  
**TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**

**WEDS, 9:30-11:30**  
**SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**THURS, 10:00 - 11:00**  
**LITTLE LEARNERS LOUNGE**

**FRI, 8:45 - 11:00**  
**TEA & TOAST DROP-IN**

**Community BOOK EXCHANGE**  
 Feel free to borrow a book you like the sound of and replace it with one you've read! You can then recycle it each time you finish.

Email Stacey for a support and advice appointment on Tuesdays about any issues you or your family are facing.  
[communityhub@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:communityhub@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk)

# Parent / Carer Partnership Groups

- We're currently looking for Parents/Carers who would like to join our focus groups here in school. Focus groups are an opportunity to be involved in a discussion about what's going well here in school, and what we can improve, focusing on specific areas of school improvement.
- Each group will have a different focus. The first will focus will be on Communication.
- If you're interested in coming along, and having your say, please let us know via the MS Form below:

## EGS Parent Partners Sign Up Form – Fill out form

- A date and time will be agreed once we have names of willing participants and mutual availability.

AMBITION

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## Celebrating our EGScellent children PARTY WITH THE PRINCIPAL

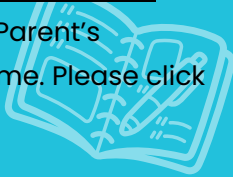
Our children who have shown EGScellence throughout the week or demonstrated our values or pledges have enjoyed a Party with the Principal today. More detail of their achievements will be shared on our socials.

### This weeks winners were:

- Year 7** - Fabian B (7B), Divine O (7B), Dominic A (7A), Zoe P (7H), Wahab O (7C), Alexia B (7A), Mckenzie H (7G)
- Year 8** - Eeva B (8E), Lilly J (8F), Peyton N (8H)
- Year 9** - Kamron L (9F), Qaasim R (9D), Joel V (9H)
- Year 10** - Kinga A (10D), Aakash A (10E)
- Year 11** - Tobias S (11H), Jershon A (11J), Rico R (11I)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Year 11 Common Trust Assessment exams** continue until the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, daily reminders are on our socials and a letter can be found here: [Year 11 Exams Timetable](#)
- **Nominations NOW OPEN:** Celebrating Teachers Awards! Full details can be found [here](#)
- **21st January:** Shakespeare Theatre Festival Workshop. Watch this space for more details.
- **W/c 26th January:** Year 7-10 January Exams will start. [Please find a link here for more details.](#)
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 9 Parent's Evening. A letter has been sent home. Please click [here for a link.](#)



## SAFEGUARDING - Part 2: Preventing radicalisation and extremism.

This week, children and staff have continued to develop further understanding on the theme of preventing radicalisation and extremism. Our children have watched two short videos from Educate Against Hate about what extremism is and the impact it can have on people's lives.

You can watch the videos here:

[Video One](#)

[Video Two](#)

Staff have continued to develop understanding by completing GOV.UK Prevent Duty Training. This training is free and not limited to education sector workers. Members of the public who would like to learn more about how to identify behaviours that cause concern may also complete it. [Please click here.](#)

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: [john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk)



**Parent/Carer Voice:** I really value feedback from Parents/Carers, and use this regularly to improve our school offer. Feedback can be given via [this link](#) or by scanning this QR Code.



**NHS** [NHS Advice on Sickness](#)



[check Letters home](#)

Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338

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## INCLUSIVE HANDBALL FESTIVAL FOR YEARS 10/11

Today, a group of our Year 10 and Year 11 students travelled to Harvey Hadden to take part in the Inclusive Handball Festival. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for children to participate in competitive sport within a supportive and inclusive environment.

Our children represented the school superbly, demonstrating EGScellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. All players contributed to the team's success, with every child scoring at least once — a truly EGScellent display of collective effort and commitment.

Well done to all involved for their enthusiasm and hard work!



WELL DONE!

