



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust



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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
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Week 19 Principal's Update

As we head towards our final week of the half-term, and a well-deserved week off for our children, we have some EGStremely EGSciting plans to share....

Next week is our third EGScellence EGStravaganza, and I am looking forward to celebrating our children in all of their EGScellence.

As part of those celebrations, we will also host our very first Ambition Awards evening on Wednesday 11th February. Parents/carers of those nominated will soon be invited to attend. We also look forward to our Respect and Integrity Awards Evenings which are coming very soon.

Well done to our Under 13 Girls cricket team who entered a city-wide tournament and finished 3rd! This is a great achievement for a group of children who have only just started to represent our school in this sport.

You will see details on page 2 of our newly launched WOW Wall, which is a place for our children to share work and achievements that they are proud of. I have been very lucky to receive so many submissions this week, and it is great to see our children being celebrated in this way.

Top Guilford Gold

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



Year 7	Dominic A (7A)
Year 8	Evea B (8E)
Year 9	Febin V (9C)
Year 10	Riley P (10F)
Year 11	Ayomide S (11H)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 11's shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at Hot Chocolate and Chat. The children also had some brilliant comments about how our school has exceeded their expectations!

"We'd like to have regular sports coaching in an area of sport that interests us."

"Staff regularly listen to our opinions. They want to make our school the very best it can be."



"We have many more leadership opportunities within our school"

"Our school has improved so much over time. The relationships between staff and children are so much stronger. We've all got to know each other well."



SPORTS NEWS...

South qualifier for the ECB girls' indoor cricket Under 13 competition.

The squad : Ava RG, Ife A A, Ewaoluwa B, Ayma A, Lale K, Amelia S, Grace S, Mya C, Skyla C and Ula K



On Monday, a group of our Year 7,8s and 9s children travelled to Trent Bridge to compete in the south qualifier for the ECB girls' indoor cricket. Despite this being most of the girls first time playing a competitive indoor cricket game, the team performed exceptionally well winning 1/3 of their games to finish 3rd in the group.

Special mentions must go to Grace, Amelia and Lale who set a great example to the younger children, always encouraging them and assisting with tactics and their techniques during the game. Well done to everyone involved!

A huge well done to everyone involved.

A reminder that we are running a girl's cricket club after school every Friday 3-4pm for anyone else who would like to get involved!

Miss Johnson's WOW Wall!

A colourful new feature has appeared opposite Miss Johnson's office — our very own WOW Wall! This special display space has been created to celebrate the wonderful achievements, talents and proud moments of our children.

The WOW Wall is all about you – our children. It's a place to showcase the things that make you feel proud, whether they happen inside or outside of school. You might want to share:

- A piece of artwork you've created
- A poem you've written
- A letter to Miss Johnson about what makes our school EGScellent
- A piece of classwork you feel really proud of
- A certificate, competition result, or award you've achieved outside school

If you have something you'd like to share, simply hand it in to Miss Johnson or Mrs Hardiman (Miss Johnson's PA). We can't wait to fill the wall with your proudest moments!



AMBITION

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

Year 7 'Mega Fest' – What a day!



On Tuesday, a group of our Year 7 children travelled to Harvey Hadden to compete in the Year 7 'Mega Fest' which consisted of dodgeball, handball and curling. Our children worked incredibly hard showing EGScellent determination and teamwork!

Well done to everyone involved!

The squad was as follows: Grace C, Daniel D-V, Alfie L H, Max M, Ruby N, Corbon O and Taylen S



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 - Dominic A (7A), Dylann L (7A), Magdalena M (7C) and Collins K (7E)

Year 8 - Eeva B (8E) and Ellie-May D (8E)

Year 9 - Febin V (9C), Kodin P (9C), Samuel B (9C), Rashid A (9C) and Jude Ryan (9F)

Year 10 - Riley P (10F)

Year 11 - Ayomide S (11H) and Brandon P (11C)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 11th February: Ambition Awards Ceremony.** Keep an eye out, as this is an 'invite - only' event.
- **Year 9 Key Dates:** A letter was sent home last week regarding key dates for Year 9 children, please [click here](#) for a copy.
- **Monday 9th - Friday 13th February: EGScellence EGStravaganza Week!!**
- **Wednesday 11th February:** EGS Ambition Awards Ceremony, this is an invite only event.
- **Friday 13th February:** Last day of term.
- **18th February:** Community Basketball Tournament. from 4.30-6.30pm for young people aged 10-13. For further details please [click here](#).

SAFEGUARDING - Dangers of Cannabis

This week in safeguarding training our children have been learning about the dangers of cannabis. Cannabis is an illegal, Class B substance and the consequences of children using it can be significant. We have explored the dangers linked to poor mental health and wider physical health risks, the law and the school rules around substance misuse, and clear lines of reporting and support for any concerns linked to substance misuse, particularly cannabis.

The NSPCC has good information to support you discussing children and drugs. See the [NSPCC website here](#).

If you have any concerns related to your child and substance misuse, then you can contact Change Grow Live (CGL) for support:

Phone: [0115 948 4314](tel:0115 948 4314)

Email: theplace@cgl.org.uk

See <https://www.changegrowlive.org/service/nottingham-the-place/info> for more information.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

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your
Voice

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EGScellence EGStravaganza

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February

We're going to celebrate the **EGScellent** effort our children show every day! We'll be rewarding **EGScellent** behaviour and attendance, as well as the demonstration of our school values. From special assemblies and certificates to celebratory waffles and a VIP party with the Principal, there will be plenty of EGSciting things happening throughout the week.

Whether it's in the classroom, around school, or in how we support one another, we want to shine a spotlight on everything that makes **EGS** so special! Lots of treats and rewards!

Let's make it a week to remember!