



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust

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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
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Our Socials...



Week 22 Principal's Update

WOW! I was completely blown away this week by the talent shown in our 'A Night of EGScellence' performance. Children from Years 7-11 showed their brilliance in a range of musical theatre, singing and dancing performances. They were an absolute credit to our school and their families. Well done, team!

We've also had a number of sporting successes this week, in Netball and Handball. Well done to all children who have represented the school in those areas.

Also representing our school fantastically well, were our Year 10 Mock Trial team who prepared a defense for a mock burglary trial. The children put on an impressive defense, showing confidence and professionalism.

World Book Day was a literary-celebration yesterday with many staff dressing up as their favourite characters. Children have also been busy engaging in a number of competitions.

DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK

Well done to all our winners this week for keeping up their 5-day attendance streak!

Everyone who achieved this was entered into our Weekly Attendance Prize Draw, with 25 winners announced during Family Lunch. Here are a couple of photos of this week's Year 7 winners – congratulations to you all!



Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 8's shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at Hot Chocolate and Chat. The children also had some brilliant feedback on the food in the cafeteria and 'belonging' in school.



"They have changed the cookies in Family lunch - they are much better now!"

"This is a much better school than I expected"

"It is good that the EGScellence EGStravaganza prizes are explained really directly now."

"Everyone gets recognised here at EGS!"

"Can Noticeboards go into the Principal's daily update please?"

A night of EGScellence - A Spectacular Celebration of Talent



What an unforgettable evening! A Night of EGScellence was a truly inspiring celebration of the outstanding talent within our Performing Arts community. The event brought together families, friends and our wider school community to witness the incredible dedication and creativity our children demonstrate every single day. From the moment the first performance began, the stage came alive with energy. Powerful dance pieces, expressive drama scenes and vibrant musical performances showcased not only the technical skill of our children, but also their passion, confidence and ambition.



The atmosphere in the hall was filled with pride as audiences experienced the artistry our children live and breathe throughout the year. This event highlighted exactly why Performing Arts is such an important and inspiring part of life at Ellis Guilford School.

Our Night of EGScellence was a resounding success – a heartfelt celebration of dedication, creativity and the EGScellence that defines our school.

AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT

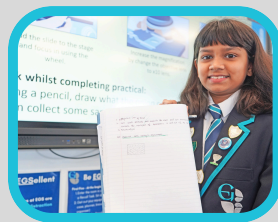


Year 7 Science. Microscopic findings



This week our Year 7s were learning to use light microscopes, in particular how to use different magnifications and to focus the image. The children set up slides with tissue from onions, to see that living things are all made of cells. We also looked at glitter, salt and sand! The children liked the glitter because it looks like lots of pretty purple hexagons.

A brilliant week of hands-on science, curiosity and EGScellent exploration from our young biologists.



SPORTING EGScellence

Our Handball teams showed EGScellent determination, teamwork and resilience this week, winning 5 out of their 6 games and scoring an incredible 36 goals, whilst our EGScellent Year 10 girls' netball team secured an amazing 2nd place medal at their tournament at NUSA earlier this week. What a fantastic week of sporting success for EGS!

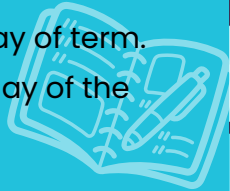
A huge well done to all our wonderful children – an outstanding achievement!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 9th and 16th March:** Kooth are hosting free Yr 11 Exam aid Webinars. 9th March. [You can book on here.](#) or 16th March. [You can book on here.](#)
- **Tuesday 10th March:** 6–7pm in School. Yr 11 Parent and child Exam Success Evening in School. [More info here.](#)
- **Wednesday 18th March:** Year 10 Parent's Evening
- **W/C 23rd March:** EGScellence EGStravaganza
- **Wednesday 25th March:** Integrity Awards Ceremony
- **Friday 27th March:** Last day of term.
- **Monday 13th April:** First day of the Summer term.



World Book Day



Our staff pulled out all the stops this week with their amazing World Book Day outfits – and it's been brilliant to see! From our Design & Technology team transforming into colourful Crayola crayons, to local favourites like "Robin Hood," the cast of The Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter characters, and so many more... the creativity has been incredible. Our children absolutely loved seeing staff dress up, and it truly captured the magic of reading and everything World Book Day stands for. Plus, we've had competitions running all week with books and vouchers up for grabs – lots happening across school.



SAFEGUARDING – INTERNET SAFETY DAY

This week in safeguarding training, children have learned about physical abuse, physical chastisement and the law.

It is important that children are aware of the indicators of physical abuse as many of the concerns reported to the safeguarding team come from self-disclosures or disclosures from friends.

Children have a right to be safe from unlawful physical chastisement and understanding what types of chastisement cross the threshold into physical abuse or criminality is important.

You can learn more about this topic from the NSPCC by following these links:

[NSPCC – Protecting children](#)

[NSPCC – Support Us and children](#)

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

Year 10. Mock Trial

Last week, a group of our Year 10 children took part in a trust-wide Mock Trial event at Bulwell Academy – and what an impressive day they had! Working alongside practising Court Barristers, our children prepared the defence for a simulated burglary case. They analysed the case brief, reviewed witness statements, and collaborated brilliantly to build a clear and convincing defence strategy. Throughout the day, our children showed EGScellent teamwork, confidence and professionalism. They engaged thoughtfully with the barristers, worked seamlessly with students from other schools, and delivered their final defence with clarity and assurance.

And the verdict?

Not Guilty – unanimously agreed!

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 10 team. You represented EGS superbly!



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