



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust



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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 18th September, 2026

Our Socials...



LAUNCHING...

HELLO!



EGSy
Our new
School mascot



Week 3 Principal's Update

This week, we have introduced our children to our new school mascot 'EGSy'. EGSy will help children to understand our school EGSpectations. He will share in their achievements and help us to celebrate EGScellence across the school. I'm sure you'll agree that he is very cute!

We've already had lots of requests for badges and stickers, so watch this space!

All children should now have their Sparx log-ins and be completing homework, with the exception of Year 7. Please do reach out to your child's tutor if you do not have these log-in details or need any support.

I will be shortly sending out additional communications regarding skirt length and what we class as an appropriate length for skirts. If your child wears a skirt for school, please do discuss this with them and support us in upholding this EGSpectation.

Finally, we invest heavily in our extra-curricular programme here at EGS, called 'Ellis Electives'. Please do review the timetable with your child, and sign them up to as many as they wish - they are all free of charge!

Top Guilford Gold

Congratulations to the children listed below, who are this week's top Guilford Gold earners in their year group.



We celebrated their achievement at a special party with the Principal!

Year 7	Harlo B-W (7B)
Year 8	Dylann L (8F)
Year 9	Joelene N (9D)
Year 10	Mary M (10F)
Year 11	Zendel H (11G)

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!

"The new EGScellence Centre is a great new space for us!"

"We are really happy at school. Our teachers are doing everything they can for us!"



"The new lanyards have been a great addition. Having our timetables on them is really helpful!"

"It would be good to have more online homework please, as paper copies are hard to keep track of"

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

YEAR 8/9 AND YEAR 10/11 TAPE BALL CRICKET TOURNAMENTS



A huge congratulations to both our Year 8/9 and Year 10/11 cricket teams, who both enjoyed fantastic success in their recent Tape Ball Cricket Tournaments over the last 2 weeks, with each team progressing to the finals this week and both finishing 2nd Place.

Both teams represented the school exceptionally well throughout their competitions playing some fantastic close cricket games whilst demonstrating EGScellent teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience. The encouragement shown between players was outstanding, with teammates continually supporting one another and creating a positive atmosphere both on and off the field.

Beyond their performances on the pitch, the children were a credit to the school through their conduct. They showed respect to opponents and officials, helped tidy equipment and playing areas without being asked displaying the EGScellent values we are proud to promote every day.

For both teams to reach their finals and finish 2nd place in their tournaments is a tremendous achievement and we look forward to going one step further in future years. The students should be incredibly proud of not only their cricketing performances but also the way they represented the school. Well done to all involved!

AMAZING

INTRODUCING...



Say hello to EGSY, our new school mascot! You'll be seeing him around school and socials, helping to guide, support and share important information.

I'M
HERE

Mascots are a fun and memorable way to strengthen school identity and community spirit, and EGSY proudly represents everything we stand for: Ambition, Integrity and Respect. Watch this space for his next appearance!



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



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.

This weeks winners are:

Year 7 - Ahmad K (7B), Harlo B-W (7B), Leylan L (7G)

Year 8 - Zach B (8E), Dylann L (8F), Bailey-Rae J (8G)

Year 9 - Joelene N (9D)

Year 10 - Rahul K (10F), Mary M (10F), Emma C (10F), Abdul Hadi Asif T (10G) and Amina J (10H)

Year 11 - Bryelle A (11I), Satveer K (11C) and Zende H (11G)

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

-Congratulations to this weeks attendance winners!

Year 7

Ruby C-H (7H)
Jozeph D (7A)
Keanna B-R (7H)
Riley W (7G)

Year 8

Georgia S (8E)
Jaylon G (8G)
Rhys B (8G)
Leilani-Grace M (8A)

Year 9

Rueben B (9F)
Alfreda A (9D)
Laiba A (9A)
Brax B (9D)

Year 10

Shantel A (10I)
Theo A (10H)
Logan C (10I)
Myla E (10E)

Year 11

Jarrell M (11D)
Brendan JH (11D)
D'Meisha R (11I)
Logan M (11H)



DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 23rd September:** Community Hub Macmillan Coffee morning. Drop-in between 9am and 12pm
- **Wednesday 30th September:** "Spread the word", its our **OPEN EVENING! 5-8pm**
- **Monday 5th October and w/c 12th:** Open Day tours will be available around school for families with children in Year 6
- **W/C 12th October: EGScellence EGStravaganza** week will be returning, so keep doing your best!



SAFEGUARDING – Mental Health and Wellbeing

This week in safeguarding training, the focus has been on the importance of mental health and wellbeing and encouraging our children to seek support early.

Children were reminded to talk to trusted adults, friends, parents or carers and were introduced to a range of support services including Kooth, YoungMinds, Childline, the school nurse and the safeguarding team. Our message is clear: mental health difficulties are common, support is available, and no young person should feel they have to cope alone.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: safeguarding@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 Advice on Sickness](#)



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Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338

Netball Academy



We were excited to launch our Netball Academy this week!

The sessions are led by Nottingham Forest player and 2026 Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist, Brie Grierson, offering a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills, confidence and love of the game.

All year groups are welcome, and the academy is open to both boys and girls. To sign up, collect a letter from the PE Office or register via Arbor.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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