



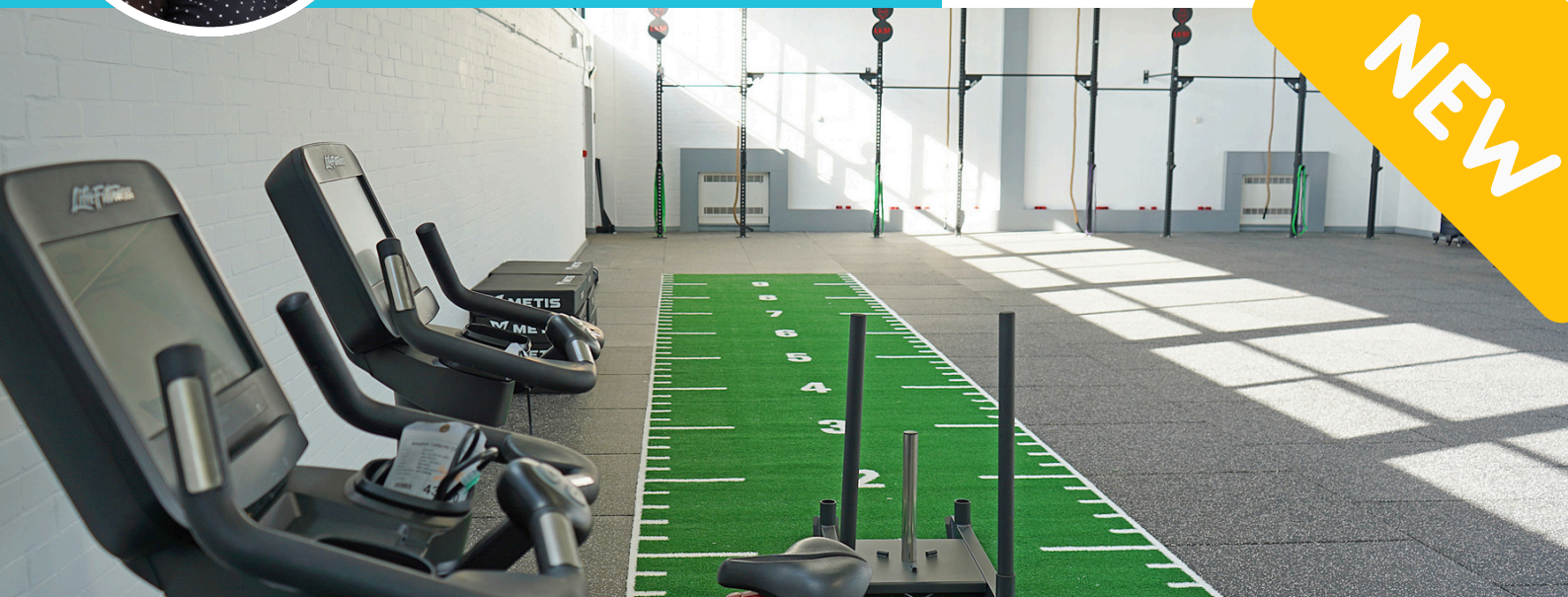
ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 9th October, 2026

Our Socials...



Week 6 Principal's Update

I am thrilled to be able to share with you, our new state-of-the-art CrossFit gym which has been installed following extensive refurbishment works of our PE department. The facility is fantastic and will be a brilliant space for our children for many years.

We have had even more brilliant sports news this week, with our Year 9 footballers having played in, and won, a match in Leicestershire. Well done, boys! Well done to our Year 10 basketballers this week (more on Page 3). Also, congratulations to Ethan, in Year 11, who won the Darts Elite Series in Mansfield earlier this week against some really tough competition. Well done, Ethan!

'Hello Yellow' day has been a brilliant opportunity this week to come together as a school and show our support of children speaking out about their mental health and accessing the support needed. It has been wonderful to see so much yellow in and around the school!

Children's Voice in Action

This week, we are taking some time to reflect on our Hot Chocolate and Chat sessions with Miss Johnson. We hold these sessions so our children can voice their thoughts and ideas on school life. Let's look at some of their ideas in this section "You said, we did!"...

In response to a comment saying that teachers need to stamp the planners more. We are introducing new stamps from the help desk w/c 5th October.

We are looking into the suggestion of using the Sports Hall at break times.

After a request for a daily weather report, Miss Johnson now does a daily weather forecast in her morning 'daily updates'



We've been asked if there can be more options available in the Swap Shop i.e. footballs? We are EGScited to report that the answer is YES! We are going to ask children for their ideas.



In response to "Can we have more in our Year Zones?", new play equipment is coming!

By popular demand, Brownies have been requested to make a sort after return to Family Lunch

HELLO YELLOW!



Watching our school community come together in support!

Today, we proudly joined the national Hello Yellow campaign to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing.

Children and staff were invited to add a splash of yellow to their day, whether that was a ribbon, badge, hair accessory, socks or even a yellow top under their blazer. It was fantastic to see our school community coming together to support such an important cause.

Hello Yellow is all about starting conversations around mental health, reminding young people that it's okay to talk about their feelings, ask for help and support one another. By wearing yellow today, we showed our commitment to creating a school where everyone feels valued, heard and supported.

Together, we can help break down stigmas and make mental wellbeing a priority every day.

AMAZING



Wow! OUR NEW GYMS!

We're delighted to unveil our newly renovated gyms. From our upgraded strength and conditioning suite to our refreshed gymnastics space, these fantastic facilities will provide even more opportunities for children to develop their fitness, confidence and sporting potential.

NEW



This investment reflects our commitment to providing first-class environments that inspire participation, support wellbeing and help our young people achieve their very best.

We can't wait to see our children making the most of these amazing new spaces and creating many more sporting success stories in the years ahead!

AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



Year 9 Football



A huge congratulations to our Year 9 Boys' Football Team, who secured a thrilling 3-2 victory over South Wigston School in Leicester to progress to the third round of the National Cup!

In a tense and closely contested match, goals from Jeremiah K and Lyndell M kept EGS in the fight before Gabriel O scored a dramatic last-minute winner to seal the victory.

Special recognition goes to Pabland H, Samuel A and Jeremiah K, whose outstanding performances reflected the resilience, passion and respect shown by the whole squad throughout the game. Well done to every player involved. We are incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see what the next round brings!

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Congratulations to this weeks attendance winners!

Year 7

Destiny A (7F)
Oluwatinoula F (7H)
Yaniss E (7G)
Ruby W (7H)

Year 8

Paige B (8E)
Brayiah D (8A)
Ruby N (8E)
Ross S (8D)

Year 9

Ella V (9D)
Sienna P (9E)
Harry P (9C)
Dorian T (9E)

Year 10

Rafey A (10F)
Harley B (10F)
Lilly D (10B)
Christina J (10C)

Year 11

Marwa H (11J)
Kaydee C (11B)
Diana J (11E)
Riley P (11F)



DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Our Open Morning Tours:**

Friday 9th October 9.30am-10.30am

Monday 12th October 9.30am-10.30am



NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 12th October:**

Ellis Electives LIVE.

- **W/C 12th October:**

EGScellence

EGStravaganza



- **Term ends Friday 16th October**

- **Term begins Monday 2nd November**

- **W/C 2nd November:** Whole School

Flu Vaccinations in school.



SAFEGUARDING - Harmful sexual behaviour

This week in safeguarding, we are participating in World Mental Health Day "Hello Yellow". World Mental Health Day is today, Friday 09th October. Anyone can help raise awareness of mental health by wearing something yellow at school, home or in the workplace.

See <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/> for more information and look out on the EGS social for pictures of how we supported the day.

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



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YEAR 10. MERIT LEAGUE BASKETBALL

A Fantastic Effort from the Boys! The boys put in a fantastic performance against Beckett, narrowly missing out on victory in a closely contested match, eventually losing 19-16. Having only come together as a team for their first game of the tournament, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination and resilience from start to finish.

The game remained competitive throughout, with the boys battling hard and only losing their advantage in the final quarter. Their commitment, positive attitude and willingness to work for one another was a credit to both themselves and the school.

A special mention must go to Israel and Abraham, who both produced brilliant individual performances and played a key role in the team's efforts.

Well done to the entire squad on an impressive start. We can't wait to see what this talented group achieves as the tournament progresses!



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