ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
*Creative Education Trust*

# EllisEcho



**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**
Friday 13th November, 2026

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## Week 9 Principal's Update

Our annual Remembrance Service was held this week, which was a really special event that acknowledged all those who have been lost or affected by conflict. It also provided a really poignant opportunity to reflect on our responsibility as a school community to continue to behave in ways that show respect and integrity. The children were absolutely outstanding, and showed their maturity, as the whole school gathered together for this occasion. Well done to everyone.

Thank you to all families who donated cakes for our Children in Need bake sale today. The House teams have done a fantastic job, and it was an absolute sell out. I will update you with our final total raised in next weeks addition.

We have had more sporting success this week in athletics this time, and I am looking forward to seeing how well the children do in the upcoming finals.

Please remind children about our Christmas Card competition which closes on 20th November, with the theme of Community at Christmas.

## Top Guilford Gold

Congratulations to the children below, who have achieved the highest number of Guilford Gold in their year group over the last two weeks. We celebrated their fantastic achievement with a celebration with the Principal!

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| **Year 7** | Oscar M (7G) |
| **Year 8** | Cohen W (8G) |
| **Year 9** | Ayma A (9D) |
| **Year 10** | Zainab Z (10E) |
| **Year 11** | Chloe W (11A) |

Well done!

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"Could we please add EGSy plushies to the swap shop?"

"I like our manners - I hear people holding doors and saying thank you to others. It makes this a great place to be"

"I like that everyone wears school uniform - it shows that we all represent Ellis Guiford School"

"Can we have a Non-school uniform day? - can we work towards a whole school goal? "

## Children's Voice in Action

Every week, Miss Johnson loves sitting down with our children over a hot chocolate to hear their thoughts, ideas, and plans for making **EGS** even better.

This week it was the turn of some of our **Year 7's**. We wanted to share just a few of their brilliant comments with you too!

# 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** - Oscar M (7G)

**Year 8** - Lexi G (8B), Cohen W (8G) and Sara B (8D)

**Year 9** - Ayma A (9D)

**Year 10** - Adalia M (10A), Kamron L (10F) and Zainab Z (10E)

**Year 11** - Chloe W (11A)



## CHILDREN IN NEED



This week we've made a Difference for Children in Need!

Our children have had their running shoes on and have challenged themselves to run as many miles as they could around the school field, and what a great job they have done!

We've also adorned our normal school uniform with all things spotty and yellow to show our support. Our bake sale at break today was well attended and a good time was had by everyone. Thank you for all the cake and yummy donations!




AMBITION INTEGRITY RESPECT

# Remembrance Day



On Wednesday, our children and staff gathered for a special Remembrance Day service, taking time to pause, reflect and honour the courage, sacrifice and dedication of those who have served, and continue to serve, our country.



Led by Miss Johnson, the service provided an important opportunity for our school community to come together in collective remembrance.




Our Junior Principals delivered thoughtful readings, helping to remind us of the significance of the day and the importance of remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The sounding of The Last Post marked a particularly moving moment, followed by a two-minute silence observed impeccably by every child and member of staff.





We were immensely proud of the maturity, dignity and respect shown throughout the service. The conduct of our children demonstrated the values we hold as a school and helped create a truly meaningful atmosphere of reflection.





## THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Congratulations to this weeks attendance winners!

DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cameron L (7I) | Sara B (8D) | Benedict B (9A) | Atal N A (10B) | Nifemi O (11B) |
| Tyler N (7E) | Kyra C (8D) | Aaron B (9D) | Anabia A (10G) | Bailey W (11F) |
| Opeyemi W (7B) | Javarnie D (8B) | Edeva B (9A) | Olivia B (10F) | Cha'Leise R (11E) |
| Tyrelle W (7F) | Filip M (8A) | Alicja A (9C) | Owen A (10F) | Jake K W (11A) |

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 17th to Friday 27th November:** Year 11 Mock examinations. **For the timetable click here.**
- **Friday 20th November:** Christmas Card entry deadline. Please hand your entries in to Miss Johnson
- **Tuesday 1st December:** The BIG EGS Light Switch On – Christmas Tree and Lights on!
- **Monday 14th December:** Christmas Family Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
- **W/C 12th October: EGScellence EGStravaganza**
- Term ends Thursday 17th December
- Term begins Wednesday 6th January

## SAFEGUARDING – Respect and Dignity

This week in safeguarding, our children explored the importance of treating everyone with respect and dignity with a focus on preventing and reporting LGBTQ+ bullying.

The session encouraged children to recognise and challenge bullying, discrimination and prejudice in all forms. This supports the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2026 (Monday 16th – Friday 20th November) which is "Break the Silence", encouraging everyone to choose respect and help create a school where every child feels safe, valued and included.

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

# YEAR 8 ATHLETICS HEATS!

Well done to all of our Year 8 children who represented the school at the Sports Hall Athletics Heats on Monday. The boys' team produced an EGScellent performance to finish in 3rd place, and the girls team finished 6th, with a standout display from Kayden W, who impressively won both of his races.



Both teams should be EGStremely proud of their efforts. They encouraged one another, gave 100% in every event and represented the school brilliantly. Both teams have qualified for either the Grand Final or the Shield Final in a few weeks' time.

**Boys: Kayden W, Mofet I, Carter C, Glory O, Jude S, David E, Nataniel C**
**Girls: Millie F, Skyla C, Rachel H**



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- School Lunch Menu
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