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Creative Education Trust



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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 20th November, 2026

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Week 10 Principal's Update

Well done to our Year 11 children who have began their main mock exams this week. These exams continue next week, and all interventions and revision sessions will be ongoing as usual, in order to support children as much as possible.
We are always aware of the worry that examination periods can cause to children, and we continue to support their mental health and wellbeing in school. Please do remind children to speak to an adult if they need anything, and we can signpost specific resources to children on an individual basis if needed.

Well done to our Year 9 girls who won silver medals in their basketball tournament this week - super job, girls!

Years 7, 8 and 9 will take part in our Interhouse Sports Week at the beginning of December. A letter will shortly follow to all parents/carers.

It was great to see so many children sporting Odd Socks on Monday of these week as we acknowledged anti-bullying week and raised awareness of everyone's individualities and how this is a real strength of our school. Well done, team!

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	Hussain A (7E)
Year 8	Collins K (8D)
Year 9	Tauheed I (9C)
Year 10	Zainab Z (10E)
Year 11	Teal A (11J)

Children's Voice in Action

Our Hot Chocolate and Chat session this week has been postponed as our wonderful Year 11 are in the midst of their Mock examinations. Good luck everyone! Rest assured though that we will be starting again next week.

This initiative was created by Miss Johnson to ensure that every child has the opportunity to share their views about the school at various points throughout the year. Here are some more of the comments shared by Year 7 children last week...

"Lessons are well taught and teachers are respectful of us"



"We like the new gym - the boxing bags are really good!"

"Can we Re-launch the post boxes outside of Swap Shop and have a space where children can add Questions?"

"Common area - play equipment at break time - Could we have Games Leaders"

Miss Johnson's Magic Makers:
Help Create the Christmas Magic!



Calling all Ellis Guilford Magic Makers!

- **Do you love organising events?**
- **Do you enjoy spreading joy?**
- **Have you got lots of creative ideas?**

Christmas is one of the most exciting times of the year at Ellis Guilford School, and we are looking for a team of enthusiastic, creative, and festive-minded children to help make this year's celebrations even more EGStra special!

Miss Johnson's Magic Makers will be a dedicated group of children who will work together to help plan festive activities, share ideas, organise events, and bring some Christmas cheer to our school community. Whether you are bursting with creative ideas, enjoy working as part of a team, or simply love everything about Christmas, this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and make a real difference.

Members of the group will have the chance to contribute to Christmas-themed activities across the school, help create memorable experiences for children and staff, and play an important role in spreading festive joy throughout the season. The club will meet every Tuesday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Children who would like to take part can sign up in Mrs Hardiman's office. Once signed up, a letter will be sent home and the club will be added to Arbor.

Places are sure to be popular, so don't miss the chance to be part of the team behind the festive fun. Together, let's make Christmas at Ellis Guilford School the most magical one yet!

YEAR 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL



On Tuesday the Year 9 girls basketball team played in their City tournament.

They lost 12-4 against a good Emmanuel side but beat Nottingham Academy 10-2 to finish in second place with silver medals.

The team has improved immensely even since their last match and played an amazing defensive game.

Particular stand out performances from Kiah B, Ewa B on defence and Ayma for scoring lots of points.

Ewa B
Ula K
Ayma A
Ellicia B
Kiah B
Angel N



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 - Hussian A (7E), Cameron L (7I), Kayson G (7I) and Rowan B (7I)
Year 8 - Collins K (8D), Skyla C (8G) and Maddies G (8G)
Year 9 - Tauheed I (9C)and Oscar C (9C)
Year 10 - Zainab Z (10E), Margaret G (10J), Chris O (10J), Kamron L (10F) and Mary M (10F)
Year 11 - Teal A (11J), James S (11H) and Aeliya A (11H)

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Congratulations to this weeks attendance winners!

DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK

Year 7
Corbyn J (7D)
Daisy W (7C)
Toby W (7D)
Jan M (7B)

Year 8
Daniel DV (8A)
Grace C (8C)
Sai G (8E)
Scarlett M (8C)

Year 9
Kaiden P (9E)
Michalina W (9D)
Jacob S (9F)
Sophie R (9G)

Year 10
Rahul K (10F)
Leland K (10I)
Mary M (10F)
Rebecca C (10E)

Year 11
Nate A (11B)
Oliver D (11D)
Stephanie K (11A)
Elise M (11E)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November:** Year 11 Mock examinations. **For the timetable click here.**
- **Monday 30th November:** Interhouse sports week for year 7, 8 and 9
- **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 Wedneday 6th January



SAFEGUARDING – Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been national anti-bullying week 2026. We have supported this event by participating in odd-sock day to launch anti-bullying week, full-staff anti-bullying training, anti-bullying assemblies, and anti-bullying tutor time activities.

The message of anti-bullying week 2026 is **"Break the Silence"** and we encourage all of our children to speak out, call out and report any bullying they see in our school and our community.

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

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!



Once part of the EGS family, always part of the EGS family!

We are keen to reconnect with our former children and celebrate the amazing journeys you have taken since leaving Ellis Guilford School. Whether you've travelled the world, started an exciting career, launched your own business, continued your studies, or are making a difference in your local community, we would love to hear from you.

Our current children benefit enormously from seeing the many different paths that success can take. By sharing your experiences, achievements, challenges, and adventures, you could help inspire the next generation to dream bigger, work harder, and believe in what is possible. So, where has life taken you?

Please get in touch and tell us your story. We'd love to celebrate your successes and share your journey with our school community. Your story could be exactly the inspiration a young person needs to hear.



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.



HELPFUL LINKS...

Free School Meals

NHS Advice on Sickness

check Letters home

Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338

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