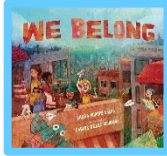
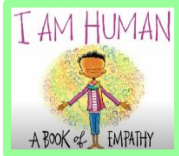
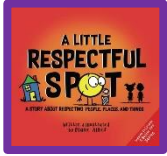




A SENSE OF BELONGING

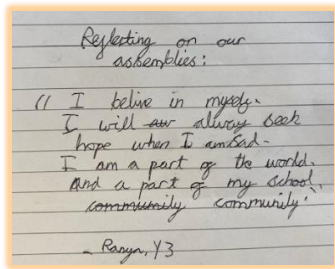


This week we have been using a story-based approach to develop the children's understanding of respect, tolerance and belonging.

'I matter around here, and I am noticed. I feel interconnected with those around me: in my class, in my year group and across my school.'

Mark Finnis

Miss Rising received a lovely reflection from one of our Year 3 children which we would like to share with the school community.



CAREERS FAIR

Today, Ewell Grove held their second Careers Fair, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were inspired by the range of professions and have continued to explore these job roles in the classroom.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers for sharing their time this morning.

SUBJECT OF THE WEEK - COMPUTING

This week children across the school have been learning about how to stay safe online. **Year 3** created board games around what to look out for with online scams and phishing attempts.

Year 5 have learnt about what to look for when identifying fake news and false information using a special website about the 'Tree Octopus' a fictional animal that they thought was real but was actually completely made up.



AESOP'S TOURING THEATRE COMPANY



On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a performance of [Henry VIII](#) and on Wednesday, Years 3 and 4, enjoyed a performance of [The Story of Aesop's Fables](#). These were performed by [Aesop's Touring Theatre Company](#) These events were funded by the Children's Activity Fund.

PARENT WORKSHOP – RESTORATIVE APPROACH

We will be holding a workshop for parents on our relational based behaviour approach. This workshop is relevant for parents of all year groups and will take place on **Friday 28th February at 9:00am** in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please can you complete the ParentMail form which will be sent out later today.

PARENT WRITING WORKSHOP

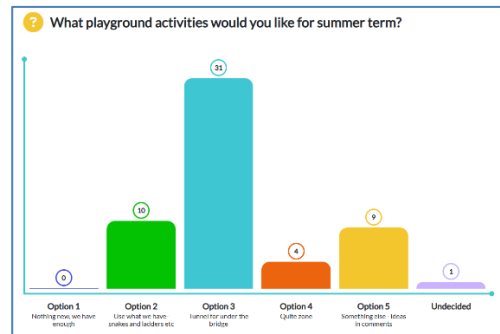
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Writing Workshop on **Friday 7th February**. Please note, the slides from the workshop have been uploaded to Google Classroom.

SMART SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from one of our school Governors, Clive Woodbridge.

Clive was interested in meeting the Smart School Council and seeing how the meetings work. Our topic of discussion was: What playground equipment would we like for the Summer term? The children were great coming up with a range of ideas from utilising what we already have (repaint the snakes and ladders) to a quiet shaded area for reading.

The children took the ideas to the wider school and also asked for additional input which varied from a swimming pool to decorating the brown house.



FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE EVENTS

Friday 14 th February	Years 4 & 5 Treat Sale Playground – 3:15pm
Monday – Friday 24 th – 28 th February	World Book Day donations collection of children's books to swap
Monday – Wednesday 24 th – 26 th February	Nearly new uniform donations accepted
Wednesday 26 th February	Nearly new uniform order deadline Nearly new uniform – volunteers sorting Orchard Room – 7:30pm
Monday 5 th March	World Book Day – book sorting volunteers Studio – 1:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 5 th March	World Book Day – free children's book swap volunteers
Wednesday 5 th March	Nearly new uniform sale / Spare World Book Day books Playground – 3:15pm

NATIONAL SCHOOL GOVERNORS' AWARENESS DAY



Did you know that governors form the largest volunteer force in the country?

Yesterday, we celebrated our school governance volunteers. The work they do is often hidden in the background of school life but we would like to shine a light on the amazing work they do to support our schools.

Here are some words from Hannah Baker, a Governor in our local governing body: "I became a school governor during the pandemic because I wanted to support our school community during such a challenging time. As the CEO of a children's mental health charity, I'm passionate about ensuring children and young people have the support they need to flourish in a nurturing learning environment. Working alongside dedicated staff, parents, and fellow governors at Ewell Grove, I help to support key strategic decisions that improve learning, wellbeing, and school development. Proud to be part of a team helping create the best possible environment for our children to thrive!"

You can find out who is part of our local governing body on our [website](#). Congratulations to Mrs Esme Holmes on becoming the new staff Governor.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY – BALLOT TO TAKE PLACE

We are so pleased with the response to our request for parent governor nominees and have received two nominations. This means a vote will take place to appoint a nominee.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting once each term and undertaking visits to the school. Governors work alongside the school leaders on the strategic planning to strengthen provision.

Anyone with parental responsibility for a child at the school is entitled to a vote and we would encourage you all to use this vote. This can be done easily by completing the ballot form via this link <https://forms.gle/ZEicVqxzPLWv6eUYA>.

When considering who to vote for please consider the following:

- The Local Governance Body (LGB) is a sub-committee of the Board of Directors and has an advisory role. Directors value the input from local governors who provide an insight into the lived experience at the school.
- A parent governor is a representative parent on the LGB and their role is strategic and not about the day to day operation of the school. Any issues that may arise for parents that relate to their child or operation of the school need to be raised with the appropriate member of staff and not through the parent governor.

We are incredibly lucky to have parents who wish to put themselves forward for the role and I would like to wish everyone the best in the ballot and look forward to welcoming the newly elected parent to the next LGB meeting on Thursday 20th March 2025.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A reminder to all parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3-year period since 19th August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

If you wish to submit an application for Leave of Absence, you will need to complete a [Leave of Absence Form](#) available on our website or from the School Office.