



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## YEAR 5 VISIT ROYAL OBSERVATORY

As part of last half term's Science learning about 'Earth and Space', all of Year 5 visited the home of Time and Space, The Greenwich Observatory and Planetarium, last week. The children had an opportunity to see the Greenwich Meridian Line, as well as learn how the origins of Time recording/measuring began. They then went on to an amazing Planetarium show, 'Meet the Neighbours' in which they learnt how small but unique the planet Earth is in our solar system, galaxy and the universe which is made up of 'a trillion stars in space'. The highlight of the day was when Doctor Greg, the Space expert who delivered our presentation, said that Jayson's question about '**Why are shooting stars so important?**' was the question of the day. which ended the cold but fun day with a big round of applause!



## NSPCC VISIT ELIOT BANK

Last Thursday, Katie and Buddy from the NSPCC visited to share their **Speak Out. Stay Safe.** programme with us. In an assembly, Katie talked to the children about how to keep themselves safe and where to get help if they have any worries. The year 5 and 6 children took part in workshops and activities to consolidate their understating of keeping themselves safe in a variety of situations. All the children now know who to talk to if they need help and that they can call ChildLine at any time.

## BAG TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thank you for all your donations. We collected 370kg and raised £148.00 in total.



## SONG OF THE WEEK

This week, we've been singing:

### Gospel Medley



## ANTIBULLYING WEEK

Last week, the whole school got involved in anti-bullying and inter-faith week, celebrating that we are all different and all equal. School Council began the week with an assembly sharing what bullying is, how it makes people feel and ways we can put a stop to it. We learnt that bullies often tease people for being different, when we should be celebrating that everyone is different and that's what makes us special! Throughout the week pupils engaged in activities such as Circle Time to support pupils in speaking out against bullying, and we made class jigsaws with each piece representing a child and their own unique qualities and beliefs. Well done to all the pupils for listening to others and sharing their experiences and thoughts. Embedding understanding and respect and supporting pupils to be confident to speak up against bullying will help Eliot Bank continue to be a school where we are all feel happy and safe.



### YEAR 4 GET-TOGETHER WITH GORDONBROCK

Last week, year 4 children from Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock met up to take part in a Roman and Celtic quiz. The children were put into teams which included children from both schools. They had a great time, working together as a team, and made some lovely friendships. It was a great way to share our learning and get to know each other a bit better. We can't wait until we meet up again next term.

## FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

**Je ne comprends pas.**  
I don't understand.

## WRITERS OF THE WEEK

**Year 6 have been writing paragraphs full of suspense in response to a short film called Alma. Here are some examples of our work.**



That was when she saw it: the cupboard next to the window. Acting against her gut feeling, Alma climbed into the cupboard. As Alma leaned on the side of it, the floor beneath opened to reveal an old, rocky staircase. When the little girl climbed down the steep steps, her jaw dropped. In front of her, she saw hundreds of boxes filled with doll parts. Next to the nearest box was a bin filled with doll limbs and their eyes...they were twitching. Suddenly, Alma heard a laugh behind her.

**Reuben, 6SB**

Not listening to the warning in her head, she climbed in. Bash! She fell on a dusty sofa full of rejected dolls. Her jaw dropped. A giant workshop opened up in front of her. Surrounding Alma, a massive conveyor belt clinked and clanked as it connected the body parts together. Strands of hair flowed out of dusty trays like slugs escaping out of jars. Should she run? Should she scream? Should she just give up? It was too late. Panting she felt a metal hand lock firmly on her shoulder and a husky voice said "welcome to our world".

**Georgia, 6AO**



### YEAR 4 CONTINUE DPG PROJECT

Year 4 have been back to Dulwich Picture Gallery to continue their year-long project. This time, they had an amazing storyteller who made up stories about the artwork. The children were completely engaged and will be writing their own stories about a painting from the gallery.



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 13 November 2017

	Attendance	No. of lates
All Day Nursery	88.75%	4
Nursery AM	88.0%	0
Nursery PM	57.78%	0
Red Reception	99.0%	2
Blue Reception	92.0%	9
1CH 	99.67%	2
1RV	98.0%	3
2LP	94.33%	3
2RM	98.33%	1
3ML	98.62%	1
3RW	97.59%	0
4LA	97.0%	3
4PB	99.64%	5
5CF	99.29%	2
5CR	96.80%	6
5HC	93.70%	5
5MQ	99.23%	3
6AO	96.0%	0
6SB	98.52%	1

Well done to Ms Hartwell's class (1CH) who won the Attendance Cup last week.



### YEAR 5 KENT LIFE TRIP

As well as our trip to Greenwich Observatory last week, Year 5 dressed up as Anglo-Saxons on our trip to the Museum of Kent Life for a themed Anglo-Saxon day. Linked to our History topic, the children were immersed in what life was like in Anglo-Saxon times. They participated in a range of activities including learning Anglo-Saxon games, spinning sheep's wool, exploring the farm to find out about the food that was eaten and even some sword fighting with Alfred the Great. We are all now experts on the Anglo-Saxons!

### KIRKDALE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join Friends of Baxter Field for a **lantern procession** starting **at Baxter Field on 2 December at 4.45pm**, travelling down to where Kirkdale meets Dartmouth Road, for the lighting of the Christmas tree. Enjoy some mulled wine and carol singing. Bring a glass jar with a tea light or any other lantern you have, and get in the Christmas spirit! Everyone welcome. *Please note that this is not a school-organised event.*



### KEY DATES

<b>27/11</b> 5CF Parents' Evening	<b>20/12</b> Last day of Autumn term
<b>29/11</b> Flu immunisations (Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4)	<b>4/1</b> Start of Spring Term
<b>8/12</b> EYFS performance, 9.15	<b>6/2</b> Open Morning
<b>8/12</b> EBSA Christmas Fair	<b>8/2</b> Parents' Evening
<b>12/12</b> Children's Xmas Lunch	<b>12/2-16/2</b> Spring Half-Term
<b>13/12</b> KS1 performance, 2pm	
<b>15/12</b> Y3/4 performance, 2pm	<b>29/3</b> Last day of Spring Term
<b>20/12</b> Carols by Candlelight, 9.20am	

### CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

Thank you for making our fundraising for Children in Need a spot-tacular success last Friday! Your fundraising raised **over £530 including donations from Friday's cake sale** – thank you, EBSA, for your support. Alongside having fun wearing spots and doing activities such as spotty artwork and making spotty biscuits, the children learnt about how the money they raised will help to make a difference to the lives of other, less fortunate children in the UK. Giving families support so that they can spend time together, setting up reading workshops and giving children a safe place to play are all projects which your donations are supporting. Thank you again, Eliot Bank.

