



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1st July 2022

Daily Mile
Counter Week's
total **583** miles!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been! We are so pleased to see the children back out on trips, which we know enhance our curriculum so well.

Year 3 visited Kew Gardens on Tuesday and had a fabulous time exploring the greenhouses to help their understanding of the Amazon Rainforest. The Year 2 children have been learning about the geography and history of the seaside, visiting Herne Bay on Wednesday, and Year 4 have been to Brixton Market to buy the resources they need for their upcoming Caribbean café. It has also been great to see so many of you cheering on your children at our sports days — more about these in next week's newsletter.

Finally, it was amazing to see the community together again at our Summer Fair. It was a wonderful occasion, demonstrating just what a great team we all are! Huge thanks to EBSA for their incredible commitment and hard work — we couldn't do it without you!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Maria Gilmore

Year 3 visits Kew Gardens

This week, Year 3 visited Kew Gardens, stepping into what seemed like the real life Rainforest! We thoroughly enjoyed it and furthered our understanding of plants. We got to see the black pepper tree and the banana tree in 'The Palm House', noticing how hot it was and being able to imagine what it feels and looks like in the Rainforest. We could not believe how big the leaves were and we were able to see how it was possible for tribes to use them as a shelter.

We also took part in a Rainforest workshop and were able to look at artefacts made from the natural resources in the Rainforest, this included: a bamboo food cover (which at first we thought might have been a hat), a rattan bag and an instrument. We also explored a sensory table and had to smell a range of spices matching them to the name of the spice.

We took on the role of a honeybee when we visited the towering, 17 meters tall hive, surrounded by a wildflower meadow. We experienced the glow according to the vibrations of bees that live in the gardens, as well as the very sound bees buzz in.

We really enjoyed the treetop walkway which showed us what it would be like to live right in the canopy of the rainforest — it was incredibly high and had fantastic views!



"I loved our Kew Gardens trip because we got to do lots of activities. I learnt about the rainforest. It was fun because we got to go to the canopy". Zara, 3JG



"I loved the giant bamboo because it grows about ten cm a day and needs to be cut down every 6 weeks before it breaks the greenhouse ceiling!" Jaden, 3JG



Y6 TRANSITION WORKSHOP

Last Friday, Adrian from 'Bigfoot Arts' delivered a workshop for Year 6 to help us prepare for our transition from primary to secondary school. The strong message he delivered through fun dramatic activities, was that preparing for transition can be a challenging and daunting experience, but it's also exciting.

We explored themes around a new academic year, new class, new building, new routines, new friends and new teachers. We agreed that it can feel a little overwhelming sometimes and that lots of us are worried about the same things. But, it's nothing to be afraid of and we now feel more ready to embrace the change!



"The workshop was active. It was fun and engaging. It helped me to say my worries about secondary school out loud and gave me some strategies to help me make friends on induction day". **Jahcian, 6MQ**

"Ade's workshop helped me be less afraid of going to secondary school. By letting us talk to each other and do tableaus he helped us to let our emotions out". **Frankie, 6MQ**

"The workshop was very inclusive and reassuring. It helped me know that I wasn't the only person having worries about going to secondary school". **Rose, 6MQ**

"It made me feel less nervous about making friends in secondary school". **Amira, 6MQ**

"I enjoyed that Ade paired us to talk about our concerns. Before I thought I had no concerns, but after chatting with someone else we shared similar feelings. I felt more prepared for secondary school". **Zakariya, 6DR**

"I enjoyed the fact that Ade was very understanding and helped me connect with my emotions about leaving primary school and going to secondary school. He was also a very kind and funny person". **Katie, 6DR**

"I enjoyed that Ade let us make tableaus of our worries because it me discover worries I hadn't thought of and how to overcome them". **Kenza, 6DR**

Writers of the Week

Some of our Year 6 children have been demonstrating their writer's voice recently in a writing workshop with Ms Gilmore. In these examples, the children were given one sentence and then the freedom to write whatever it inspired. The sentence was 'I had no signal.' Here are the results:

She's been missing for three months, we need her back. I need her back.

I slowly pushed the door handle and walked into her room. The smell of her plants, her perfume and the stale air made me miss her even more. I sat on her bed, thinking of her and all our memories together.

No. I'm not here to think about her; I'm here looking for clues that lead to her.

Despite searching the whole room thoroughly, I find nothing. A lump appeared in my throat and my fingers trembled so much that I dropped the key. Lois, 6DR

It's been two years. Two years since I've seen my mother's smile. Two years since the house smelt faintly of jasmine candles and roasted nuts. Now all that's left are the tinsel coated hallways and the dimly lit fire, melting away in the hearth.

I stared coldly at her bed. Her duvet still ruffled and her horrible lace curtains were still dancing in the moonlight. I walked over to her rusted wardrobe. The paint was peeling and the hinges were hanging loosely. Clothes were still hung inside, dust motes gathering. I picked out her pink blouse and brushed off the dust. It was the last Mothers' Day gift I had given her. My eyes turned glassy with tears. Liliana, 6DR

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

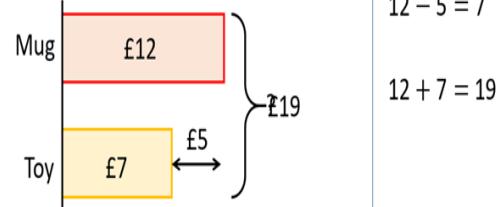
It is school policy to only administer medicines that are prescribed to be taken 4 times a day. If your child requires this medicine in school time, please ensure you have spoken to a member of staff and asked for our medicine form. Please do not put medicine in your child's book bag.

They will only be administered to your child in the medical room. This is to ensure the safety of all our children.

Reminder If your child is Asthmatic or has an Epipen, please bring in the Inhaler pump or Epipen and give it to an adult.

Maths challenge

Model Calculations



A mug and a toy cost £19 altogether.

Maths challenge answer

MATHLETICS CUP WINNER!

KS1-1NS KS2-3JG



Each week we will celebrate the class in KS1 and KS2 with the most points on Mathletics.

Those classes will get the much coveted KS1/KS2 Mathletics cup for that week too!

Free School Meals



Have your circumstances changed?

If so, and if any of the following applies to you, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

- * Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400

- * Income support

- * Income based job seekers allowance

- * Income related employment and support allowance

- * Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190

Please apply online. See the link below.

<https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Even if your child(ren) is/are in Reception and Years 1 & 2 and are Universal FSM (do not pay for school lunch) you may be entitled to lunch vouchers/hampers from the government for your child at this time. So please apply.

FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Phrase de la Semaine

J'ai fini mon travail.

I have finished my work.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 27th June – 1st July 2022

	Attendance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	93.33%	1
Nursery AM	80.0%	0
Nursery PM	97.14%	1
Red Reception	96.0%	4
Blue Reception	91.0%	2
1BM	95.17%	3
1NS	93.79%	1
2CE	94.64%	0
2LP	92.86%	4
3DA	95.46%	1
3JG	96.21%	1
4HC	95.56%	1
4PH	97.69%	0
5MS	 99.31%	3
5SG	98.57%	0
6DR	94.29%	6
6MQ	95.0%	2



Well done to **5MS** with **99.31%** and **3 lates**, who have won the Attendance Cup this week again!



Musical Culture of the Week

Articulation - Legato vs Staccato

Think of when you sing 'Baaa Baaa Black Sheep': Would you sing this smoothly or short?

Most of the time we would sing it smoothly.

Legato is Italian for 'linked together'. It means that notes should be played smoothly. Notes are joined by curved lines to show legato.

Staccato is Italian for 'detached'. It means that notes should be played short and sharp. It is shown by dots above or below the note.

The next time you listen to a piece of music, is it smooth, legato or short, staccato?

Mr Prescott

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 05/07—Open Morning
 Thu 07/07—Parents Evening
 Wed 13/07—Y6 Performance
 Thu 14/07—Y6 Disco
 Thu 21/07—Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
 Fri 22/07—Inset Day
 Thu 01/09—Inset Day
 Fri 02/09—Inset Day
 Mon 05/09—Y1-Y6—Children return to School



WATER BOTTLE

We encourage children to bring in a named bottle of water each day, which they will then bring home to be refilled.





Follow Us On Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter:
@eliotbank. Parents / Carers are more than welcome to use twitter as another way to show us what the children have been doing at home.



NURSERY PLACES TO START SEPTEMBER 2022 AT ELIOT BANK

Have you applied for your child's nursery place for September 2022

If your child is born between 1st SEPTEMBER 2018 to 31st AUGUST 2019

We offer 15-hour Morning or Afternoon sessions - Free entitlement for all parents.

We also offer 30-hour Full-Time sessions (*for those families who are eligible)

(*term time only—you must provide eligibility code from Child Care Choices Website to qualify—visit their website for more information
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE (020 8699 0586) TO APPLY FOR A PLACE

NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL

We endeavour to be a **nut and sesame free school**. Please do not send nuts, sesame seeds or foods which contain nuts or sesame seeds (e.g. as humus and sesame snap bars) in your child's packed lunch or for any snacks during school time. We have a number of children across the school with food allergies, and some of these are life threatening.



Please Note: If you wish your child to have school dinners and they have a food allergy or food intolerance, you must complete a special diet request form (available at the school office) and provide medical evidence of the allergy/intolerance. A special diet menu will be provided by Chartwells (our school meal provider) **before** your child has the school dinner option.

PE KIT REMINDER

Please remember to send your child to school wearing their PE Kit on the days they have PE.

Please ensure they are wearing the correct kit:

**Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
Navy Blue Shorts for indoor PE(these can be worn**

under tracksuit bottoms in colder weather)

White round neck T-shirt

School sweatshirt/Navy

Blue Sweatshirt

Trainers



SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

Forest Hill Pools - 5 day short course - £35
1st August - 25th August 2022

30 minute lessons between 9am - 11am for Foundation and 11:30am for Development

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