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ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Daily Mile Counter Week's total **432** miles!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the Newsletter is full of the fantastic events that we have enjoyed at school recently.

On page two, you will see some examples of the work produced in school during our London History Day / Platinum Jubilee celebration. On page three, we have news of the Trinity Laban event that the Year 5 and 6 choir attended on Saturday, along with an update on the Recreate project that many families took part in during school closure. Amazingly, one piece of art was recognized by the original artist who contacted the school.

Tomorrow we have all the excitement of EBSA Summer fair to look forward to and we hope to see you all there!

Ms Gilmore

Year 6 Sew What ?

This week, Y6 have started our Design & Technology project: designing and making pencil cases. The brief is to design a pencil case that we can use at secondary school. We have to ensure it can hold pens, pencils, a rubber, a protractor and a 15cm ruler. We started by analysing existing pencil cases before testing different materials for their qualities to help us choose suitable fabrics. The next stage was to design four different pencil cases considering features such as pockets, fastenings and stitched decoration as well as functionality. Before we decide on our final design, we are practising a range of stitches suitable for joining, decoration or both. Stitches we have practised so far include the running stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch. We are only in the early stages of design and development, but we are already excited about this project!



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Making the pencil cases is fun. Even though I can already sew, I have learnt how to do the blanket stitch which I will use on my pencil case. Kabira, 6DR



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It's very fun but annoying when you have to put the thread through the needle. Leo 6MQ

History of London and Platinum Jubilee Celebration

On Thursday, 9th June 2022, Eliot Bank celebrated London History Day and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in grand style! Children and teachers alike came dressed in the style of the time from any decade of the Queen's reign (1950s-2020s) or as a favourite historical figure from any time during this period.

There were some very creative costumes indeed! We saw sartorial tributes to legendary British and international icons, such as Yuri Gagarin, David Attenborough, Cindy Lauper, David Bowie, George Michael, Freddie Mercury and Sid Vicious, as well as various crown-wearing, smartly dressed kings and queens. There was a lot of original clothing borrowed from family members and fashions varied from the rock and roll 50s, the peaceful-protesting hippy 60s; disco-loving 70s to the neon leg warmer-wearing 80s with a sprinkling of reminiscences of the 'Madchester', 'Cool Britannia' and chain-blinging hip-hop days of the latter decades of the 21st century – what a fantastic effort!

In and out of the classrooms, children were learning about historical London landmarks and important events throughout the decades of the Queen's reign as well more about the Queen's life and duties. There was dancing through the decades, as well as learning about how food, furniture and fashion changed as well learning about the history of London and its very recognisable landmarks. Children produced a variety of creative interpretations of the theme - activities included colouring jubilee bookmarks and making elaborate crowns, turning London's landmarks into theme parks, creating Andy Warhol-inspired portraits of the Queen, recreating the map of London with 3D landmarks, guides to London's landmarks, flag making and lots more fun.

The day was topped off with the children singing a celebratory musical medley of songs that reflected the decades of the Queen's reign. Parents and carers were invited to watch the children perform hits like 'Dancing in the Street', 'Let's Twist Again', 'I'm a Believer', 'We go together' and 'Sit down, you're rocking the boat' from the amphitheatre in the KS2 playground. The fun fashion, absorbing activities, uplifting singing and glorious sunshine made it a wonderful day of celebration for our school, our city and our Majesty!

Lastly, to mark this special anniversary, all state-funded primary schools across the United Kingdom, have been gifted a free book: **'Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration'**. This illustrated book takes children on a journey through Her Majesty The Queen's life, with chapters on her family and friends, achievements, work with charities, Jubilee celebrations and finally on Commonwealth innovations that have changed the world over the last century. We have received our allocation and each family group will be receiving their book to enjoy at home.



Recreate Project

During school closure many of our families took part in the 'Recreate' project. Tasked with reproducing a famous piece of art, the children created their own versions using whatever materials were available at home. The work can still be seen on the school website. One of the artists selected by one of our Y1 children was John McDonald, an artist based in Derby, who created 'Butterfly Cry'.

The project ended and that was that ... until the artist saw the picture on the Eliot Bank website and got in touch. He was so pleased with the version created that he wanted to give our pupil a message of his appreciation.

In an extraordinary act of generosity, he sent a version of the painting and a hand screened bag (also showing the picture) to the pupil.

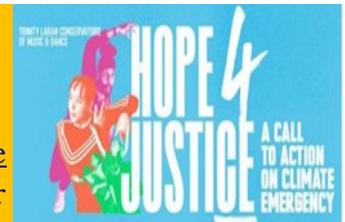
We of course celebrated this in assembly. Everyone was very excited and thrilled for her.



Trinity Laban's Hope 4 Justice Event

On Saturday, 18th June 2022, Y5/6 Eliot Bank Choir performed in Hope 4 Justice, a music, dance and spoken word performance involving over 1,000 young people, from 26 local schools, about the climate emergency.

Created and produced by Trinity Laban in collaboration with leading artists and local young people, this socially-engaged project was a key part of the Mayor's 'London Borough of Culture 2022' celebrations. The performance was at Mountsfield Park, Catford, where the Eliot Bank choir sent out a strong message to take action on climate emergency.



The children worked really hard to learn the songs and the actions. From the rehearsal on Monday and Friday to the performance on Saturday, their behaviour and commitment were impeccable. They faced a heatwave on Friday and a freezing day on Saturday but their enthusiasm and dedication did not waver. They made us proud!

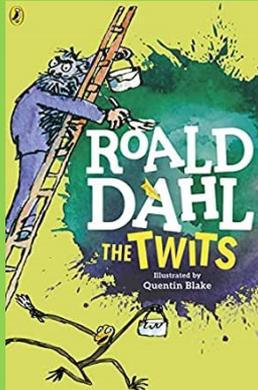


Writers of the Week

Year 2 have been enjoying the Roald Dahl book 'The Twits'. We really enjoyed reading about all the disgusting tricks both, Mr and Mrs Twit pay on each other. After reading the book we decided to write a character description for this horrid pair.

Mrs Twit is ugly because she doesn't like to be clean. Mrs Twit has sticky out teeth that she never brushes. Also she has greasy hair. She is evil because she hurts children. She does clever tricks on Mr Twit. During the day Mrs Twit is devious. She likes gardening but she plants stinging nettles!

Harvey, 2LP



Mr Twit's face is as scary as a mouse. Under Mr Twit's beard there is a dirty, scary chin. If you go too close to Mr Twit you could smell the smelly face. His dirty teeth are as yellow as a potatoes. Mr Twit's nose is as small as peas and his ears are full with hair. When Mr Twit's belly is full of food it wobbles. He can be very unkind sometimes because he has an ugly personality. During the day, Mr Twit is careless to peoples feelings and is always shouting - so avoid him at all costs. If you are grumpy to him, then he will be rude and play a nasty trick on you. When he is grumpy about something he eats steak, eggs, pies and chocolate. Mr Twit never takes a bath because he is very lazy and he likes to stay inside in front on the window watching scary thunderstorms.

Martin, 2CE

Maths challenge

A mug costs £12



A toy costs £5 less than the mug.

How much does a mug and toy cost altogether?

Mug

Toy

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!

WATER BOTTLE

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



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.

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.

FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

phrase de la Semaine

Qui a fini?

Who has finished?

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 20th May – 24th June 2022

| | Attendance | No. of Lates |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| All Day Nursery | 97.06% | 2 |
| Nursery AM | 95.0% | 2 |
| Nursery PM | 100.0% | 2 |
| Red Reception | 88.0% | 3 |
| Blue Reception | 94.67% | 2 |
| 1BM | 89.31% | 4 |
| 1NS | 97.24% | 3 |
| 2CE | 98.57% | 3 |
| 2LP | 99.29% | 3 |
| 3DA | 91.36% | 6 |
| 3JG | 94.48% | 2 |
| 4HC | 95.56% | 4 |
| 4PH | 95.77% | 4 |
| 5MS  | 99.31% | 7 |
| 5SG | 95.71% | 1 |
| 6DR | 97.86% | 2 |
| 6MQ | 97.14% | 2 |



Well done to **5MS** with **99.31%** and **7 lates**,
who have won the
Attendance Cup this week again!



Musical Culture of the Week

Harmony vs Call & Response!

We use 'Call and Response' in every single music session!
Can you remember what it is?

'Call and Response' is where one person would sing a melody or play a rhythm and the other person would copy them back, like a conversation between the two people. One person calls and the other responds. We use our body percussion at the start of our sessions to create 'Call & Response' ostinatos!

Can you create your own 'Call and Response'?

Maybe even try to use an instrument or make your own instrument at home!

Mr Prescott



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 25/06—EBSA Summer Fair
Tue 28/06—Y3 Trip to Kew Gardens
Wed 29/06—Y2 Trip to Herne Bay
Thu 30/06—Y4 Trip to Brixton Market
Thu 30/06—KS1 Sports Day
Fri 01/07—KS2 Sports Day
Tue 05/07—Open Morning
Thu 07/07—Parents Evening
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—Children return to School



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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