



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th October 2022



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Eliot Bank. We have had Buddy Week, with children from different year groups spending time together. Look out for more about this in next week's newsletter. Thank you for all your generous donations to our Harvest Festival appeal, it's lovely to see the school community supporting others who are less fortunate. Year 1 have been on a trip today to enhance their Design and Technology learning and Year 6 have showcased their learning about Monarchs in the first Year-group assembly of the year. It was great to have parents in school for this and the children in the audience (from Year 2 to Year 5) behaved beautifully throughout, very much enjoying the opportunity to see Year 6 in action!

Next week we have Open Morning on Tuesday and Parents' Evening on Thursday and we look forward to seeing you all at one or both of these events. Have a great weekend.

Ms. Gilmore

## Y6 MONARCHY ASSEMBLY

This week, it fell to Y6 to reintroduce our Friday year group assemblies. Year 6 performed to the whole school and Y6 parents in our first Year-group assembly for a couple of years. Y6 were really excited to be the first year group to welcome back this Friday tradition. Our assembly focused on the work we have been doing in history, where we have been learning about the changing power of monarchs since 1066. We have been looking at evidence across the ages and further developing our skills as historians. Our aim during our lessons is to answer the question: 'How has the role of the monarchy changed since 1066?'

The assembly took us on a whistle-stop tour of the monarchy from looking at how a new king was crowned in 1066, through to Henry VIII's obsession with a male heir and brought us right up to date with our new monarch, King Charles III. We ended our assembly with a jaunty 'Horrible Histories' classic, 'The Monarchs Song' that helped us learn the names and order of all the kings and queens of Britain since 1066 - there were quite a few!

*"I have really enjoyed rehearsing for this play as we get to see what performing is like, taking responsibility for learning our lines and just all the excitement of it all. I think everybody in the class is really looking forward to performing it. Being able to do it with your friends is the cherry on the top!" Carys, 6MQ*

*"I really liked it because we learnt some new stuff about the monarchy in our assembly." Amaal, 6MQ*

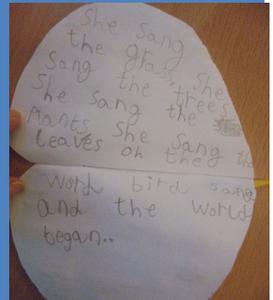
*"I feel very excited because there will be lots of people watching me so I'll try my best to impress the pupils and parents. I also hope that everyone will enjoy the show." Dimitri, 6MQ*

*"I really liked the assembly because it was really fun playing out some of the kings and queens and finding out more facts about the monarchy and how kings were chosen back in 1066." Joel, 6MQ*



## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Eliot Bank celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday, 6th October, theme of which was 'The Environment'. The children heard poems, read poems, watched performance poetry and had a go at developing and writing their own poetry. Every class went outside and explored the natural environment around our school grounds, sketching and taking notes about what they observed. Each year group explored a different style of poetry, which they tried to emulate themselves. There was a wonderful range of activities: Reception learnt and performed a poem with sign language; Y1 wrote poems about nature and displayed them on bird templates; Y5 learnt and wrote cinquains; and Y6 wrote their own circle poems about the environment. As well as this, most classes also learnt a poem to perform to their buddy classes. It's been lots of fun.



I'M SUPPORTING  
**WEAR RED DAY 22**  
 SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

**FRIDAY 21ST  
 OCTOBER 2022**

#WRD22 SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday, 21 October 2022 Eliot Bank will 'Show Racism the Red Card' by wearing RED or an item of RED.

Join us and wear RED on this day and donate £1.00 which will support many different causes across the country.  
 You can find out more on

<https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day>

Together we can 'Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives'.

## Writers of the Week

In Year 4 the children have been reading the text 'The Proudest Blue' book by Ibtihaj Muhammad. This week they have been looking at diary entries and created a bank of resources to aid their diary writing for next week. The children explored a variety of emotions and considered ways in which they could create interesting sentences to display these emotions. We look at a show-don't-tell approach and this is what they came up with:

"As I walked slowly down the path I could feel the butterflies in my stomach. When I got home I pounced in the air because I got to spend more time with my mum". **Isaiah, 4KF**

"I felt tingling in my tummy while I was walking down the hill. I looked and breathed heavily and kept walking up the hill.

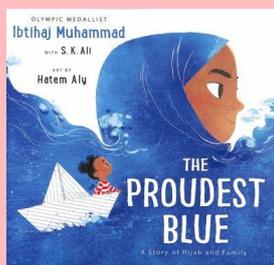
I felt so tense but I faced my fears and was brave. I did not care". **Liv, 4KF**

"He shivered and started to sweat heavily and his face was staring at the floor". **Nathan, 4KF**

"I was jumping around like a bunny. I was even wiggling around like a jelly" **Dange, 4SL**

"I was red like a bull and sweaty like a pig. I stomped out of the house like a headless elephant. My face turned white and pale. I blushed and blushed until it looked like I was wearing makeup". **Jaden, 4SL**

"My body started to shake and my face went red". **Charlie, 4SL**



## Maths challenge of the Week

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1 2 3 4 : 5 6

6 5 4 3 : 2 1

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**Maths answer**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 17/10—NHS Flu Immunization  
 Tue 18/10—Open Morning  
 Thu 20/10—Parents' Evening  
 Fri 21/10—Show Racism The Red Card  
 Mon—24/10—28/10 — Half Term Week  
 Mon 31/10—Deadline for secondary school online application  
 Mon 07/11—Anti-Bullying Week  
 Fri 11/11—Remembrance Day  
 Fri 18/11—Children in Need  
 Fri 18/11—Bag2School Collection  
 Fri 09/12—No Pens Day  
 Fri 16/12—Last day of Autumn Term  
 Mon 19/12—02/01/23—Christmas Holidays

## 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.

## WATER BOTTLE

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



## REMINDER

### CLASS BIRTHDAY TREATS

Please note we are **not** currently accepting any treats to share with the class in celebration of birthdays.



14/10/2022

FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

phrase de la Semaine

A bientôt!

See you soon!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 10th—14th October 2022

	Attendance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	85.46%	0
Nursery AM	91.11%	0
Nursery PM	100.0%	0
Red Reception	90.67%	1
Blue Reception	90.59%	3
1JO 	<b>98.67%</b>	<b>3</b>
1NS	98.57%	9
2KA	94.29%	3
2RD	92.07%	3
3HL	98.21%	7
3SG	95.71%	6
4KF	97.73%	4
4SL	97.78%	2
5DR	98.80%	7
5RK	96.67%	0
6MQ	92.86%	6
6SB	97.31%	2

Well done to **1JO** class with **98.67%** but 3 lates, who won the Attendance Cup this week!

MUSICAL TERM OF THE WEEK

This week, the children are thinking about the musical term.

This week our amazing choirs came together to perform in our singing assembly. They sang "Happy Together" in two-part harmony and came to sit back down feeling "incredible" "goosebumpy" and "so so happy"

A massive congratulations to everyone in the choir for their first performance of the year! We are very proud of everyone's amazing singing!

Next week we are recording "Lovely Day" by Bill Withers in response to Lewisham Music's open call for Lewisham's digital exploration and celebration of black music. If you would like to find out more about the composer of "Lovely Day" have a look below...

Bill Withers, a Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter, is known for his hit songs, "Lean On Me," "A Lovely Day," "Ain't No Sunshine," and "Just The Two Of Us," among many others. Although he started his music career in the mid-late 1960's, prior to that, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and during that time became interested in writing and singing songs.

See, if you can teach your parents and carers the start of "Lovely Day" and listen to some of his hit songs!

Mr. Prescott



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.

**BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION COMING UP!**

BAG2SCHOOL is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing, and EBSA have again arranged for them to make a collection from our school.



All collected items will be weighed and EBSA will be paid for the total weight collected. All money raised will benefit our school.

**Please donate:** Men's, ladies', children's & babies' clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts, accessories  
**We cannot accept:** work wear, school uniforms, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric

**Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: Morning drop off**

**Location: By the Children's Centre (front gate, then to the left)**

Please use your **own bags** (bin liners are fine).  
 BAG2SCHOOL will recycle all plastic bags.

The more we collect, the more money we raise for Eliot Bank - no upper limit on donations

Thank you for your donations!

**Registration for Starting Primary School September 2023**

If your child was born between 1/9/18 and 31/8/19.

Information on applying for Primary School Places can be found at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

If you cannot find the information you need, call the Admissions Team on 020 8314 8282 (Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm). **You must complete this process to apply for a reception place within a primary school by 15.1.2023.** If you are resident outside of the Lewisham Borough you will need to apply in the same way but to your home borough, you can still apply for Lewisham Schools through your home borough.

**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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk))

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

# Get your child vaccinated against the FLU this season!



## Flu vaccination Programme in Lewisham Schools !

The School Health Immunisation Team will be attending Eliot bank school on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October to offer the FLU vaccination to all eligible children. There is an e-mail sent out by school with a link to register and then login to indicate a Yes or No Consent.

**Please note, registration is not consent**

If you need support, contact the Immunisation Team on the details below



***EBSA is the parents and friends association which fundraises for Eliot Bank School***

## **EBSA News**

### **EBSA IS LOOKING FOR A NEW CHAIR / CO-CHAIRS**

With the start of the academic year, we have an announcement to make. Sadly, as of this week we will be saying goodbye to our co-chairs Chantal Gregory and Cristina Cortés. After a year of taking the lead on all things EBSA they will both be stepping down from the roles. Chantal and Cris will still be actively involved in EBSA and will continue in their roles as Trustees. We would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their time and dedication over the past months.

On the bright side of things, this means that **EBSA is now looking for a new chair or co-chairs.**

This is a great opportunity for an individual or a group of parents/carers wanting to get involved in fundraising for Eliot Bank and helping to build a strong sense of community.

These are some of the things you would be expected to take on board as a chair:

- Leading and co-ordinating our lovely group of volunteer parents/carers
- Engaging with new and prospective families/carers
- Sharing EBSA's news through different media (class chats, Instagram, school newsletter, EBSA board, info packs...)
- Organising and co-ordinating recurrent events such as the Christmas and Summer fairs
- Liaising with the school management
- Looking for new fundraising opportunities
- Ensuring we comply with our charity obligations, including organising our AGM
- Working closely with the EBSA Trustees and Treasurer, including organising and attending meetings

If you are interested and would like to have a chat about the role, please email us on [ebsainfo@gmail.com](mailto:ebsainfo@gmail.com)\_or, even better, approach if you see us at pick up/drop off!

**Eliot Bank School Association**