



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th November 2022

Daily Mile Counter
 Week's total **356 miles!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we started with an assembly to introduce Interfaith week; we talked about the main world religions and how they all encourage kindness and charity. This message has been seen in action in the school community, which again has given generously to the 'Bags for school' appeal and today's 'Children in Need'.

Thank you for your support of these events; it is always an exciting day for the children to have the chance to show off their 'spots'. On page 3 there is an update on the fantastic trip Year 6 had to the Tower of London on Wednesday, which will support their learning about the changing role of monarchy.

Have a great weekend.

Ms. Gilmore

YEAR 3 WORLD WAR 2 FAMILY DAY

On Monday of this week, Year Three children were invited to bring in memorabilia, photos or stories about their families form World War II. We were very lucky because Emily's grandad came to tell us about his experiences of being evacuated from London during the Blitz and Vladimir's parents came to tell us about their families experience s of World War II in Russia. We learnt that in London Children had to carry their face masks everywhere they went and you could find shrapnel on your way to school. We heard how difficult it was to be evacuated away from friends and family and to be separated from your sibling. We learnt families in Russia experienced similar hardships whole families were evacuated to try and keep them safe from bombings and they too were short of food to eat with families having to make do with only bread. A big thank you to our visitors for taking the time to come and help bring our learning to life.

Several of the children brought in things from World War II including photographs, medals, coins and a recipe book.

"I learnt lots of interesting things about World War 2 and I found out things I didn't know before. I enjoyed my parents come in to talk to year 3 about what the war was like in Russia" Vlad, 3SG.

"Emily's grandad's talk was really interesting, it was sad that he had to be separated from his sister" Stacy 3HL.

"I enjoyed learning about warships from Teddy" Sam 3HL.



Writers of the Week

Year 5 have been writing setting descriptions about rainforests. After looking at great examples of writing in Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom', we planned and wrote a setting description of a desert island in different weather. We then used pictures, videos and soundscapes to help children experience what it might be like to venture into a tropical forest. The next step was to plan our ideas and think about the five senses. We tried to include descriptive and figurative language as well as varied sentence openers. Read these two amazing examples by Anna B and Ethan B.



As I stood on the outskirts of the vivid, green rainforest, the ancient trees creaked. Fearfully, I took a deep breath and strode in. It was cramped and humid. When I entered, a crescendo of birdsong erupted: screeching, squawking and twittering. Feeling faint, I ventured further through the beautiful undergrowth, tripping over straggly roots. My eyes darted for a tree to climb, but they seemed to whisper curiously. Anna B 5DR

As I glanced around the vast forest environment, shards of bright, golden sunlight scattered themselves across leaves, recreating the effect of a disco ball. All around me, splashes of red and orange berries lit up the vibrant colours of the forest. The symphony of joyous birdsong was carried around me as the morning sun rose along with the whispers of a gentle breeze rustling the branches of nearby trees. Ethan B 5RK

Eliot Bank School falls silent

At 11am on 11th November 2022, the pupils and staff at Eliot Bank School fell silent in remembrance.



Armistice Day is a commemoration of the moment when World War One ended, on the 11th hour of the 11th month of 1918. Ahead of the traditional two minutes silence. The bell was then rung to begin the two minutes silence.

All the classes watched a clip of Mr Prescott playing the last post .

If you would like to watch the clip please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/khb3P5bRVMw>

RECEPTION CHINYE

Reception classes participated in a drama workshop and listened to the Story of Chinye, a West African folk tale that connects to traditional tales from other cultures, which is the topic we are studying this term. Rosella the storyteller used set, costume, and props with children to bring the story to life. The children were completely enchanted and had a great time acting out some scenarios with role play!



HELP US COLLECT PRIZES FOR



On **Tuesday 29th November** all children can bring a CHOCOLATE DONATION in exchange for wearing their own clothes to school.

All donations, big or small, will be gratefully received. Please **NO NUTS** or **SESAME SEEDS**.

Year 6 Trip to the Tower of London

This week, Y6 went on an exciting trip to the Tower of London as part of our history learning on British Monarchs Since 1066. We had a great time exploring the site and its buildings learning about all the different ways it has been used throughout the centuries: it's been a fortress, a palace, a prison and a Royal mint to name a few! Both classes also participated in a workshop where we focused on one of the famous monarchs who used the Tower during his reign: King Henry VIII. In the workshop, we met all of Henry's six wives and found out what cruel fate some of them were subjected to. As well as this, we saw the crown jewels, met Yeomen (beefeaters), saw the tower's famous ravens and much more. We will continue to build on our learning in class. It was a great day!

I really enjoyed going inside The White Tower because we could see Henry VIII's armour and sword, and we got to see Anne of Cleves' tomb. Ruelle, 6SB

During our trip to the Tower of London, we learnt some new facts about the tower, like the superstition that if the ravens leave the Tower of London, the kingdom will fall! My favourite part of the trip was when we visited the Crown Jewels because it was interesting to see what different monarchs wore when they were crowned. Vakare, 6SB

I really enjoyed learning about Henry VIII because it was really fun and inclusive. Did you know that he had six wives? My favourite part of the trip was when we marvelled at the spectacular Crown Jewels. I learned that Henry VIII was actually quite sporty until he broke his leg. Helene, 6SB

We went to the Tower of London and saw all of the iconic towers like the Bloody Tower and the White Tower and we saw the very special Crown Jewels. In the workshop, we learnt about all of Henry VIII's wives. Chloe 6MQ

The thing I liked about the Tower of London was that we could go inside the towers and see how it could have been back then. I also enjoyed seeing the Crown Jewels because everything was made out of gold and the top crown was so detailed - it had the most expensive diamond. Lucas 6MQ

I liked everything about the school trip. The Tower of London is a beautiful place to go and I've learnt so much. One of my favourite things was all the spiral staircases because they were fun to climb. I liked the really long guns and the really tiny armour. Tejiri, 6MQ



MUSICAL TERM OF THE WEEK

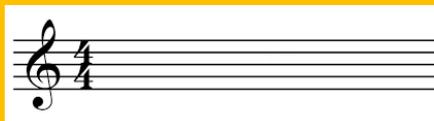
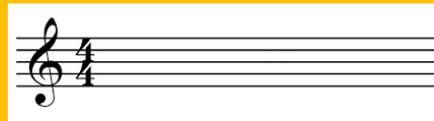
This week, the children are thinking about:

Can you be a composer?

Using our musical note learning in our music-making sessions, can you compose four bars of music in this week's musical challenge? See if you can use different notes to make each bar add up to four beats. It could be four crunchy crochets or maybe even eight q..q..quavers. Maybe even two miii-nimms, it's up to YOU!

This is your catchy four bar melody...

Maybe even see if you can sing it or play it on an instrument!



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.

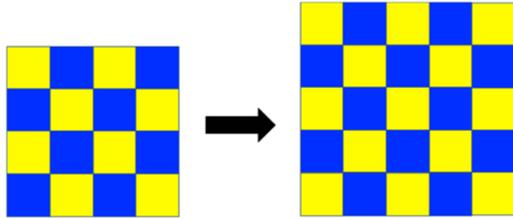


They will only be administered to your child in the medical room. This is to ensure the safety of all our children.

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



Maths challenge of the Week



Well done. You need 5 rows of 5!
 Each pattern makes a square.
 A has 2 rows of 2.
 B has 3 rows of 3.
 C has 4 rows of 4.
 So D has 5 rows of 5.

Maths answer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Tue 29/11—Own clothes -donate chocolate for EBSA tombola
- Wed 30/11—Open Morning Prospective Reception only
- Fri 02/12—Christmas Fair
- Wed 07/12—Christmas Dinner/Jumper day
- Fri 09/12—No Pens Day
- Fri 16/12—Last day of Autumn Term
- Mon 19/12—02/01/23—Christmas Holidays
- Tue 03/01- Children return to school
- Tue 07/02-Open Morning

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

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See you tomorrow!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 14th—18th November 2022

	Attend- ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	97.27%	3
Nursery AM	95.36%	0
Nursery PM	86.67%	0
Red Reception	89.33%	7
Blue Reception	89.06%	4
1JO	96.67%	2
1NS	95.36%	7
2KA	93.57%	2
2RD	95.0%	3
3HL	92.14%	5
3SG	94.64%	6
4KF 	100.0%	3
4AW	98.46%	1
5DR	95.20%	5
5RK	97.78%	1
6MQ	97.86%	7
6SB	98.52%	5



Well done to **4KF** class with **100%** but 3 lates, who won the Attendance Cup again this week!



CALL FOR DONATIONS!



We are collecting pre-loved Christmas Jumpers and Dressing Up Costumes

At the EBSA Christmas Fair on 2 December we will be selling pre-loved Christmas Jumpers and dressing up costumes all in aid of Eliot Bank School.

Does your 6-year old pirate now want to be Spider-Man? Does your 4-year old unicorn now want to be an astronaut? No fear - we can help!

Between 21 November and 30 November, please bring any pre-loved items you would like to donate and place them in our collection box next to Reception

Help Eliot Bank by picking up a great Christmas outfit or new dressing up costume and reduce waste.



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

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. 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.





ELIOT BANK CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER
3:30-5:30PM

Join us for Santa's Grotto, food, drinks,
games, carols and more

FREE ENTRY for all
- we hope to see you there!

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE
RAFFLE AND SANTA'S GROTTTO!**
www.pta-events.co.uk/ebsa



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This year, we are hugely excited that the EBSA Christmas fair IS BACK!!! We look forward to welcoming the children and families of Eliot Bank on Friday 2nd December from 3:15-5:30pm for lots of festive fun and fundraising!



Tickets are now on sale for Santa's Grotto - book your ticket and timeslot in advance at - www.pta-events.co.uk/ebsa (limited slots available, first come, first served)

You can also now buy tickets for the EBSA Raffle! We have some fantastic prizes, including the chance to win an iPad! - Raffle tickets can be purchased online - www.pta-events.co.uk/ebsa (online sales will close on **Monday 28th November** but tickets will be available to buy on the day)

There will be an array of festive food and drinks for sale and some beautiful Christmas crafts for the children to get involved in, plus face painting and a magic show!

Singalong to Carols and enjoy some live seasonal music to get into the Christmas spirit

We will also be running a 2nd hand fancy dress and Christmas jumper stall so any donations would be most welcome! There will be a collection box for donations by reception from 21st-30th November.

As always we would love your donations of homemade cakes (these must be nut and sesame free)

The Chocolate Tombola will be back too! We'll be in touch soon with information on how you can donate!

We still really need volunteers to help on the day with setting up and helping out on stalls. We would hugely appreciate your help if you can spare an hour or two! Please email ebsa.info@gmail.com if you can help out.

Please also follow us on Instagram for more updates - @EliotBankSchool