



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th December 2022



Daily Mile Counter
Week's total
392 miles!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week of performances we have had!

Huge congratulations to the choir who performed at Blackheath Halls and raised the roof with their amazing voices. The staff thoroughly enjoyed the evening. A particular mention is needed for Keira in Year 5 who sang a confident and moving solo.

Similarly moving was the wonderful Early Years nativity this morning. I'm not sure there was a dry eye in the house by the end. A big thank you to all the staff who have been involved in all the performances this year, they have supported the children so well and the children really have outdone themselves.

Performances still to come are the Year 3/4 on Thursday at 14:45 and of course the 'Carols by Candlelight' next Friday morning to see the year out.

I cannot of course go without mentioning a HUGE thank you to all the parents who come and support all our events, in particular the wonderful Winter Fair last Friday. It was so well attended and supported by so many of you. Thank you so much!

Keep warm this weekend.

Ms. Glasheen



YEAR 4 BOOK TASTING DAY

This week in Year 4 we have been exploring a range o books. We held a book tasting afternoon, which included a menu of poetry, fiction, non-fiction and topic books. The children explored new vocabulary and, using dictionaries, they checked their definitions. They were then able to use them in a sentence, both orally and written. Each child chose their favourite book and wrote a book review, which was displayed in the class library. They had great fun and enjoyed being introduced to lots of new authors and texts.



Y1 Toys Hands-On Experience and Workshop

Year 1 enjoyed a whole day of immersive activities linked to their history topic this term: *Toys*. They were able to explore old toys first-hand; some toys needed plenty of practice to play with, such as the diablo, whip and top, as well as the hoop and stick. The children also investigated the science behind how the toys worked and then made their own wooden toys, using a range of techniques and tools.



ELIOT BANK CHOIR AT BLACKHEATH HALLS



On Tuesday evening, the Eliot Bank Choir performed at the Turning of the Year Concert at Blackheath Halls. 'Turning of the Year' is an annual series of singing concerts designed to give young singers a unique opportunity to share in the excitement of making music with other schools from across Lewisham. The show was led by Lewisham Music's Vocal Leader, Clare Cad-dick. Our incredible choir, made up of 35 enthusiastic singers from years 3-6, were joined by 7 other Lewisham schools to form a mass choir, singing their hearts out to five wonderful songs, including 'Future Culture', 'Somewhere In My Memory' and, of course, 'Turning of the Year'. We were also treated to a rendition of 'Light of the World', written by our very own Mr Prescott. The choir had lots of fun, performed beautifully and made us all very proud – well done everyone!



Writers of the Week

This week in Year 2, we have been writing a diary as if we had lived through the events of the Great Fire of London. Children came up with amazing ideas for their writing based on the knowledge they have learnt in their History lessons. First, we learnt a class version of a diary entry. Then we made changes to the class version, using our own ideas and our knowledge of the Great Fire of London. Finally, we used our story maps to write our own diary.

Dear Diary,

My house was destroyed in a blazing fire! Last night I smelt smoke and saw flames out of my bathroom window. Where did it start? In the morning I woke up to the sound of church bells ringing. People were passing leather buckets of water. I felt terrified but I had to help. It made no difference because the fire was too destructive. What shall we do now?

Atticus Lea (2RD)

Dear Diary,

My house was destroyed in a red fire! Last night I smelt smoke and I saw flames outside my window. How can we escape?

In the morning, I woke up to the sound of wood falling and wood breaking. I felt petrified but I had to help. I picked up a bucket and ran to the river to get some water. It made no difference because the fire was so big. How can we stop this?

Amirah (2KA)

Year 3 : World War 3 Immersion Day

Last Thursday, as part of their learning about World War 2, Year 3 travelled back in time to the 1940s! They looked amazing in their outfits, which included soldiers, evacuees, pilots and land girls. They started the day with a walk around Sydenham, looking at sites where bombs and other explosives dropped. The children looked for clues, such as modern buildings next to pre-1940s buildings. Next, they baked carrot biscuits using a recipe similar to those used during the War. In the afternoon, the children learnt about different games that children played during the war and enjoyed trying some out.



STATIONARY IDLING



If you are parked outside of school and waiting in your car, please turn off your engine. Stationary idling contributes to air pollution and affects people's health. Please help to keep our Eliot Bank air clean! Thank you.

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.

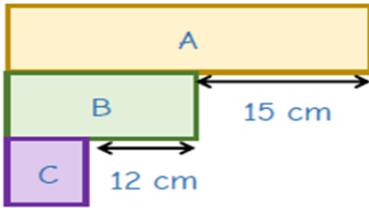


Please Note: If you wish your child to have school dinners and they have a food allergy or food intolerance, you must complete a special diet request form (available at the school office) and provide medical evidence of the allergy/intolerance. A special diet menu will be provided by Chartwells (our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

09/12/2022

Maths challenge of the Week

Here are 3 strips of paper:



Here are the same strips in a line.



Find the length of strip A.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Y3/4 performance to parents: Thursday
15th December—2:45 pm (KS2 playground)

Fri 16/12 - Carol by the Candle Light/ Last day of term

Mon 19/12—02/01/23—Christmas Holidays

Tue 03/01- Children return to school

Tue 07/02-Open Morning

ABSENCE REQUEST NOTICE

As you know, the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Since September 2013 the Government have instructed schools that absence can only be considered under exceptional family circumstances.

If you do need to request an authorised absence for your child, please complete the school's 'Absence Request Form' at least 10 days in advance (or earlier if possible) to enable us to respond to your request. The form can be downloaded from our website on <https://eliotbank.lewisham.sch.uk/forms-and-useful-documents/>

Please email it back to info@eliotbank.lewisham.sch.uk, so we can deal with your request in good time.

Please note that we are unable to consider any absence request without the accompanying form and that each request is reviewed individually on a case-by-case basis. The factors we take in to consideration are outlined on the form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

phrase de la Semaine

Je ne sais pas.

I don't know.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 5th Dec—9 December 2022

	Attend- ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	90.91%	2
Nursery AM	84.0%	2
Nursery PM	86.67%	2
Red Reception	98.67%	2
Blue Reception 🏆	100.0%	2
1JO	95.33%	6
1NS	93.57%	6
2KA	97.50%	1
2RD	95.0%	7
3HL	96.07%	3
3SG	93.57%	1
4KF	97.27%	0
4AW	91.15%	2
5DR	94.80%	6
5RK	93.46%	4
6MQ	94.64%	6
6SB	89.63%	6



Well done to **Blue Reception** class with **100%** but 2 lates, who won the Attendance Cup this week!

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.

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.



NURSERY PLACES AT ELIOT BANK

We still have some vacancies in our nursery

If your child was 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