



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodness me, this term has flown by, but what a great term it has been!

I cannot think of a better way to have ended it than with the 'Carols by Candlelight' this morning. The whole performance was wonderful and it was so nice to see so many of you there. I want to send a really big thank you to Mr. Prescott for all the performances this term and to all the other adults in the school, who have worked so hard, not only on the performances, but with your children too.



I hope you all have a wonderful break and I would like to wish those of you who celebrate it, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Ms. Glasheen

## Reception Festivities

We rose to the challenge of performing in our first Eliot Bank Nativity with aplomb and our adults were thoroughly charmed. We also welcomed our buddies to Reception to share some Christmas Story making.

This week, we have created a proper Santa's workshop of Christmas crafting and story telling. We also participated in our first 'Carols by Candlelight' and enjoyed a Class Christmas Disco/Party. We are looking forward to a break after our first full term in Reception Class, where we have all tried our best and progressed in our learning.



## Year 5 Migration Performance

Over the past eight weeks, Year 5 have been lucky enough to welcome into school the Peoplescape Theatre Company. They have been learning about and exploring the children's family stories and history around the theme of migration. Drawing on these fascinating and unique stories, with the help of the theatre company, they have devised an original and emotional piece of theatre, which was performed this week to a packed audience of parents.

Both pieces of theatre were extremely moving, emotional and poignant. The children performed exceptionally well. It was certainly a performance that both evoked and made memories, as well as reminding us about the rich culture and history that surrounds us in Lewisham.

*"I thought learning drama was really inspirational and overall the performance was excellent because we put emotion into it". Keven, 5RK*

*"It was emotional, hearing why people migrated to England - especially hearing that people experienced racism in their own country". Paddy, 5RK*

*"I really enjoyed that when we were performing it, it didn't focus on one person, we worked together as a team to show the audience our families' amazing heritage". Anna, 5DR*

*"I enjoyed that it was a collective performance and we were in sync with each other, especially in such a short time how we made a wonderful show". Soledad, 5DR*



### Poetry Competition Winner

Congratulations to Lilly in Year 2 who has won an under 7's poetry competition, set by Manor House Library, to celebrate their 250th anniversary. Her wonderful, winning poem can be found below and on display at Forest Hill Library:

#### Books of the Library

*Books of the library, big or small*

*Come here and you can read them all.*

*Stories of dragons, stories of knights*

*Stories of animals and stories of kites.*

*People come here to read peacefully*

*Visit yourself and you will see.*

*Books of the library - there is a book for everyone!*

*If you weigh them all, they would weigh a ton.*

*I love my library, it brightens up my day.*

*When I come in I want to shout HOORAY!*

*(but I don't because you need to be quiet).*



# THANK YOU

**A big THANK YOU again to all those that took part in the Christmas Fair and to all those who attended! We raised a grand total of £4,889 which is fantastic and will go towards some exciting projects at Eliot Bank. We're hoping to organise more events in 2023 and, as always need ideas and volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please contact -**

[ebsainfo@gmail.com](mailto:ebsainfo@gmail.com)



## Writers of the Week

In Year 3, after writing some instructions for how to bake carrot biscuits (a recipe from WW2), the children put their instruction-writing skills to the test and came up with a recipe for troll cupcakes. Have a read of some of their bizarre and not-so-delicious sounding recipes!

### Big Mac Cupcakes

#### Method

Mix the hot sauce into the bowl with the sugar and eggs.  
 Mix briskly until it is stiff.  
 Pour the slat in with the flour.  
 Pour it into a small container and squish a Big Mac into it as well.  
 Pre-heat oven to 180 C and bake for 30 minutes.  
 While you're waiting play Heads Down Thumbs Up.  
 Take the cake out and put the icing on the cake. Done!

### Sam 3HL

### Mud Cupcakes

#### Ingredients

9 cups of mud  
 2 tsp of sugar  
 4 tbsp of self-raising flour  
 1tsp of butter  
 1 half a cup of stones  
 5 tbsp of rotten ketchup  
 2 tsp of water

#### Recipe

- 1) Stir all the ingredients together in a bowl.
- 2) Knead everything together with a cup of rotten egg.
- 3) After that, put everything in a teapot and boil it for 10-14 minutes.
- 4) Then, put the dough in the fridge for 20 minutes
- 5) Put the dough into a bowl
- 6) Cut the dough into circles and put it into a cupcake cup
- 7) Finally, put the cupcakes into the oven to cook for 30 minutes

### Martin 3SG



## School Meal Dinner Option

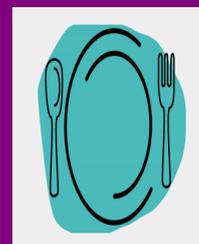
### Nursery, Y3-Y6 Dinner Money Cost Spring Term

Dinner options can be changed at the beginning of each half term, the dinner option that your child has on the first day back after each school break will be the option that they have for that half term. (Unless your child has allergies or intolerances you must email us ASAP if you want your child to have school dinners for the following half term).

**Tue 03 January - Fri 10 February 2023**

**Total for the half term £66.70**

03/01/23	4days	£09.20
09/01/23	5days	£11.50
16/01/23	5days	£11.50
23/01/23	5days	£11.50
30/01/23	5days	£11.50
06/02/23	5days	£11.50



Payments should be made in advance – using your child's ParentPay account. If you have not set up your account or have lost your activation letter then please contact the School Office.

## 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](mailto:info@eliotbank.lewisham.sch.uk), so we can deal with your request in good time.

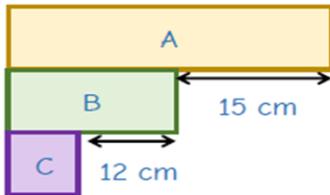
Please note that we are unable to consider any absence request without the accompanying form and that each request is reviewed individually on a case-by-case basis. The factors we take in to consideration are outlined on the form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

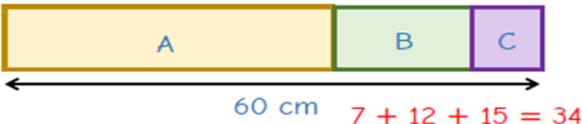
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## Maths challenge of the Week

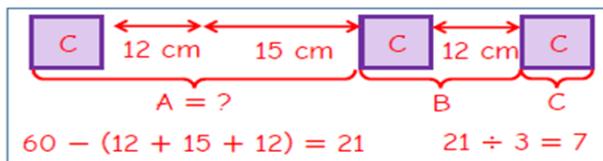
Here are 3 strips of paper:



Here are the same strips in a line.



Find the length of strip A.  $A = 34 \text{ cm}$



Maths answer

## FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

phrase de la Semaine

Joyeux Noël

Happy Christmas

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 12th Dec—16th December

	Attend- ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	87.27%	4
Nursery AM	66.0%	4
Nursery PM	53.33%	4
Red Reception	90.67%	8
Blue Reception	82.42%	5
1JO	91.33%	5
1NS	86.43%	6
2KA	92.86%	2
2RD	87.86%	7
3HL	88.57%	11
3SG	92.14%	6
4KF	92.73%	8
4AW 	<b>97.69%</b>	<b>6</b>
5DR	92.40%	13
5RK	88.08%	4
6MQ	88.21%	12
6SB	91.11%	14

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 19/12—02/01/23—Christmas

Holidays

Tue 03/01- Children return to school

Tue 07/02-Open Morning

Mon 13/02-Fri 17/02—Half Term Week

## 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.

Well done to **4AW** class with **97.69%** but 6 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](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 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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk))

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