



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a chilly week it has been!

The Year 6s have braved the weather this week with 'Bikeability' sessions, which will conclude at the end of February - hopefully it will be a little warmer. The Year 3s had a fabulous trip to The Horniman Museum, where they handled some Ancient Egyptian artefacts.

My assembly this morning was about Chinese New Year. We learned that many things are done to prepare for the New Year including decorating the house in red as it brings luck; hanging New Year good wishes around the doors and making sure the house is nice and clean. I read the story of how the zodiac years were named after the different animals and we discussed the fact that next year will be the year of the rabbit. If you are celebrating the New Year this weekend, I hope you have a wonderful time.

Keep warm this weekend.

Ms. Glasheen

## Y5 MAYA CIVILIZATION WORKSHOP

To help support the teaching of the Maya Civilization, Year 5 were fortunate enough to experience an exciting theatre workshop last week. They travelled back in time to the Maya city-state of Palenque and began to learn about the people, religion and culture of this ancient civilization. The workshop even gave children a chance to debate whether warriors or members of the royal family were braver.



*"I liked how we travelled through time and learned that they squashed their heads because they liked the look of long faces."* Yarrow, Y5

*"I learned that the Mayas predicted the end of the world (in 2012) but they were wrong!"* Huey, Y5



*"I learned that the royal family had a strange taste for violence - they thought that slowly killing themselves would bring them closer to the gods!"* Ethan, Y5

*Holly: "I liked how we were acting like we travelled through time. I learned that the Mayas put stones in their nostrils to make them bigger and they squashed babies' heads to make them long instead of round."* Holly, Y5



## Y3 Visit to Horniman Museum

This term in Year 3, we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. On Monday of this week, we went to our excellent local museum, the Horniman, to attend a workshop. We were surprised at how many things the museum had from Ancient Egypt. First, we found the objects which are on display in the museum and then we got to see the artefacts which are not on public display. We all had to wear white gloves for this because the artefacts are thousands of years old! Our investigation question is: 'Should Finders be Keepers?' After handling the artefacts we talked about how they came to be there and was it right that they were in a museum.

*"I liked the workshop and seeing the Music room. We held real Ancient Egyptian artefacts like a death mask, a head rest and some bandages." Maddie 3HL*

*"I liked mummifying and sending to the afterlife. I thought the mummified cat looked like a burrito." Sally 3HL*

*"I enjoyed seeing all the artefacts and passing them around." Alby 3HL*

*"I really liked looking at the model of the boat used by Ancient Egyptians on the Nile. It looked really realistic." Aaron 3SG*

*"I enjoyed exploring the museum, especially the musical instruments, because they've been around for a such a long time." Ellie 3SG*



## MUSICAL TERM OF THE WEEK

Hello Everyone, this week has shown another incredible range of music-making from all year groups. Whether it is Year 2 showcasing their incredible improvisations in our Jazz sessions, Year 3 playing our first piece on the recorder for their 'Bronze Recorder Olympics' or everyone's incredible commitment and energy to our singing of assembly songs this term.

This week we showcased the outstanding pianist Lang Lang.

Lang Lang was born in China and his name means 'Brilliance of the sky'. He was inspired to learn the piano at the age of two, when he heard 'The Cat Concerto' on an episode of 'Tom and Jerry'. Lang Lang's held his first ever concert at the age of only five years old and since then he has played for royalty and many US presidents!

He is currently 40 years old and has set up the 'Lang Lang Music Foundation' in New York to help young people pursue their dream of becoming a musician. If you like playing music or enjoy listening to music, then maybe you could be just like Lang Lang!

See if you can listen to some of his music this week!

**Mr Prescott**



## FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Phrase de la Semaine  
**Ça va bien,  
merci.**

I'm well, thank you.

## NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL

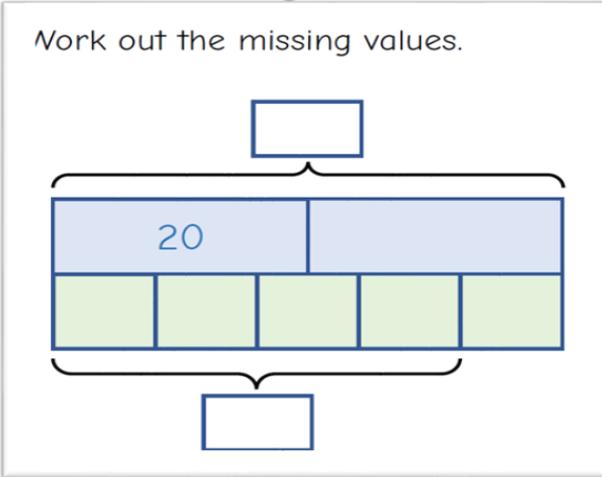
We endeavour to be a **nut and sesame free school**. Please do not send nuts, sesame seeds or foods which contain nuts or sesame seeds (e.g. as humus and sesame snap bars) in your child's packed lunch or for any snacks during school time. We have a number of children across the school with food allergies, 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.

# Maths challenge of the Week

Work out the missing values.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Tue 07/02-Open Morning
- Thu 09/02-Parents Evening
- Mon 13/02-Fri 17/02-Half Term Week
- Thu 02/03-World Book Day
- Fri 10/03- World Mental Health Day
- Mon 03/04-Fri 14/04-Easter Holiday
- Mon 01/05-Bank Holiday
- Mon 08/05-Bank Holiday in honour of King Charles III
- Wed 17/05- Class Photos
- Mon 29/05-Fri 02/06-Half Term Week
- Mon 05/06-INSET Day

## REMINDER

### CLASS BIRTHDAY TREATS

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



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 16 January-20 January 2023

	Attend- ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	95.46%	2
Nursery AM	94.0%	2
Nursery PM	36.67%	2
Red Reception	96.0%	4
Blue Reception	87.55%	6
1JO	95.0%	4
1NS	98.85%	7
2KA	97.24%	5
2RD	92.50%	6
3HL	97.14%	12
3SG	96.79%	4
4KF	<b>99.09%</b>	<b>4</b>
4AW	94.17%	3
5DR	98.80%	10
5RK	98.85%	4
6MQ	98.21%	5
6SB	97.04%	8



Well done to **4KF** class with **99.09%** but 4 lates, who won the Attendance Cup this week!

## LATENESS

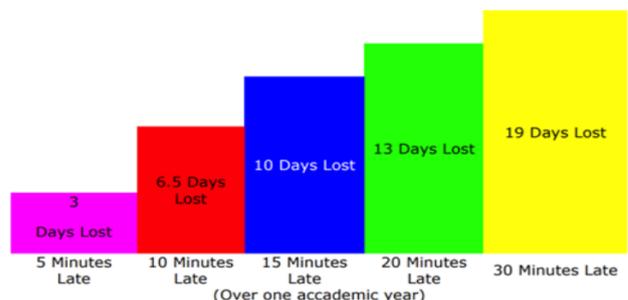
Learning starts at 9:00 am

This means the children need to be here by 8:55am, when the bell goes, to ensure they are in class and ready to start learning at 9:00am.

If the children arrive late on a regular basis they are missing out on important learning.

### Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



## Writers of the Week

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 children have been imagining their own underground world, filled with mysterious plants and creatures. Inspired by our class story, "Our Tower" by Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson, the children wrote some brilliant setting descriptions!



"But suddenly, I fall in. I look up at a magic, mystical glowing night. I look down, down and I see a magical, secret world waiting for me. It is amazing, but I feel like someone is watching me." **Holly 3SG**

"Out of the corner of our eyes, we see beautiful creatures and fishes float silently above us. As we swim around we hear amazing animals sing lovely lullabies. We see creatures move quietly and slowly as we move past. As I move across the sea forest I feel happy and calm." **Wallis 3HL**

### 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 Epi-pen, please bring in the Inhaler pump or Epi-pen and give it to an adult.

### PE KIT REMINDER

Please remember to send your child to school wearing their PE Kit on the days they have PE.

Please ensure they are wearing the correct kit:

**Navy blue tracksuit bottoms**  
**Navy Blue Shorts for indoor PE ( these can be worn under tracksuit bottoms in colder weather)**  
**White round neck T-shirt**  
**School sweatshirt/Navy Blue Sweatshirt**  
**Trainers**

It is currently very difficult to lend children clothes for PE lessons and we do not want your child to miss out. Thank you.



PE	Indoor	Outdoor
Rec	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Y1	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY NS FRIDAY JO
Y2	MONDAY	FRIDAY
Y3	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY
Y4	Spring 1: TUESDAY Spring 2: MONDAY (unless swimming daily w/ b 20 <sup>th</sup> March and w/b 27 <sup>th</sup> March)	THURSDAY
Y5	Spring 1: MONDAY Spring 2 : TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Y6	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY

### WATER BOTTLE

We encourage children to bring in a named bottle of water each day, which they will then bring home to be re-filled. Thank you,





## APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES STARTING AT ELIOT BANK SEPTEMBER 2023

If your child was born between  
1st SEPTEMBER 2019 to 31st AUGUST 2020

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 A.S.A.P.**

### 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.

### 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.