




Daily Mile Counter
Week's total
383 miles!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see the children return after half term full of energy and ready to learn. The year 6 children enjoyed a visit from a team of mentors from Urban Synergy this week. They talked to the children about how they have become so successful in their chosen careers. More about this below. Bikeability returned to school and many children in Year 6 have been able to further develop their cycling skills. Next week, Y5 are off on school journey to Marchant's Hill. We look forward to seeing them packed up and ready for their week of adventure on Monday morning!

We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week,

Ms. Gilmore,

As you will be aware, it is likely that there will be further industrial action in schools on Thursday 2 March.

Please rest assured that we will update you with further information about this, as and when we can.

YEAR 6 URBAN SYNERGY EVENT

On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in an Urban Synergy role model seminar run. Urban Synergy is a youth empowerment charity that helps young people between 9 and 24 years of age reach their full potential through mentoring programmes and inspirational seminars. This is always a highlight of the year and this year was no exception. The children heard from a panel of professionals including: a firefighter, a theatre writer/director/producer, a TV production manager, a data centre manager (and former member of the Navy) and a medical sales representative (and former football coach). Each mentor spoke to the children about their own particular career journeys and gave children some insight into how successful people have achieved their goals, sometimes in the face of adversity. They also gave their top tips for achieving personal goals. The children found the event very motivating. We were also very proud of how the children listened respectfully to the panellists and asked thoughtful questions.

"All of the speeches were really inspiring." Khalidah, 6SB

"I liked this event because we got to know about other people with different jobs around the world." Jay 6SB

"I really enjoyed the Urban Synergy workshop because it really inspired me and gave me a chance to think about what I want to be when I grow up." Charlize 6MQ

"My favourite top tip is to work hard since nothing in life is free – including jobs." Milo 6MQ

"I really enjoyed asking questions to all the people who came because it gave me a huge insight into different jobs and what types of personalities suit them." Helene 6SB

"I enjoyed all of their speeches because they were interesting and I learned about a lot of new jobs." Shah 6MQ



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.

Maths challenge of the Week

Mia has 14 buttons.

Hal has 8 buttons.

Mia gives Hal some buttons.

They now have the same number of buttons each.

How many buttons did Mia give Hal?

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: Tuesday 28 February

Wednesday 1 March

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!



MUSICAL TERM OF THE WEEK

Welcome back to our music making at Eliot Bank!

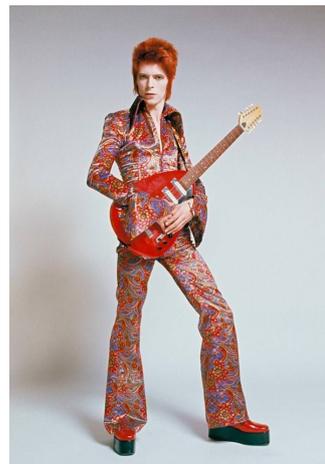
Our inspirational musician of the week is David Bowie.

David Robert Jones was born in London in 1947. He was interested in music from a young age and learned to play the saxophone when he was a teenager. He changed his name to David Bowie in 1966.

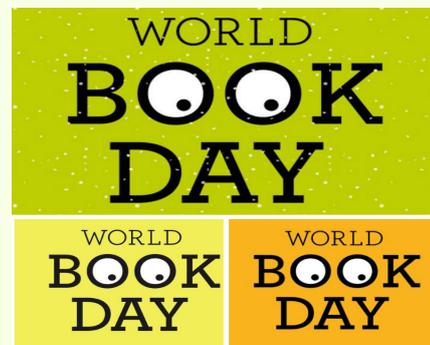
A few years later, in 1969, he released a song called 'Space Oddity'. Partly because the record came out in the year that the astronauts of Apollo 11 walked on the moon, it was a big hit and launched Bowie's career.

Bowie also created characters for some of his pop records and some of his creations, like Ziggy Stardust and Aladdin Sane, were known for having a combination of masculine and feminine characteristics.

Can you listen to David Bowie's *Space Oddity* this week?



Mr Prescott



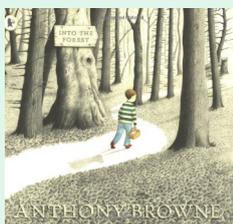
This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on the

9th March 2023 at Eliot Bank .

We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed as their favourite character from a book on that day.

Writers of the Week

In Year Three we read "Into the Forest" by Anthony Browne, we then had our own adventure going into the forest (also known as the gully at the back of the KS2 playground). We noticed what was all around us, listened to the noises we could hear and considered what was under our feet. We then constructed our own stories in which we had to travel through the forest. We imagined a reason we might be going, who we encountered on the way and what was waiting for us at the other end!



One cold icy day, my mum and dad asked me to take a basket to my Grandad. The basket has a lid so I don't know what was inside. Mum raised her eyebrows and said "Don't you dare go through the massive woodland there is construction and strange things have been happening." But I hadn't been to my Grandad's for four years and I wanted to go fishing. So I took the wood's way. Arianne, 3HL

One foggy, stormy night, mum asked me to take a basket with a bone in it to my cousin's dog. "Don't go the short way round strange things happen, go the long way," warned mum. I know I was supposed to go the long way but I really wanted to meet my cousin's dog so I went through the spooky forest. As I walked, I could feel the mushy mud beneath my feet and I almost tripped and fell. Looking around me the trees were covered in moss, the moss ate the trees. I heard swishes and swooshes all around me when suddenly a figure appeared from nowhere. Joshua 3HL

One summer day, mum asked me to visit a friend with a basket of lemon cupcakes for her. "Go the long way but ask her first if you can pick some of the tropical flowers for me," mum said. Because mum told me to go the long way round I did because I wanted to look at all the pretty flowers lined along the path through the rainforest. As I walked deeper into the rainforest, it became hotter and sunnier. Suddenly, in front of me was the Scottish Disney princess, Merida "Can I please have one of the cupcakes from the basket?" she asked. Tabby, 3SG

FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Phrase de la semaine

Vous etes prêts?
Are you ready?

Dinner Money

School Meals Payment Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 for Spring Term (2) 2023

Monday 20 February - Friday 31 March 2023

Listed below are the weekly & half term totals PER CHILD:

20/02/23	5days	£11.50
27/02/23	5days	£11.50
06/03/23	5days	£11.50
13/03/23	5days	£11.50
20/03/23	5days	£11.50
27/03/23	5days	£11.50



Total for the half term £69.00

Payments should be made – 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.



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)

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

24/02/2023

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.

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.

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 20 -24 February 2023

	Attend- ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	100.0%	1
Nursery AM	94.0%	1
Nursery PM	100.0%	1
Red Reception	90.0%	2
Blue Reception	86.59%	3
1JO	96.67%	2
1NS	96.92%	3
2KA	97.93%	2
2RD	95.0%	2
3HL	95.04%	6
3SG	97.86%	4
4KF	93.43%	2
4AW	99.17%	2
5DR	95.39%	4
5RK	95.90%	3
6MQ	97.62%	7
6SB	98.77%	1



Well done to **4AW** class with **99.17%** but 2 lates, who won the Attendance Cup this week again!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 28/02—Bag 2 School collection
Wed 01/03—Bag 2 School collection
Thu 09/03—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
Tue 09/05—**12/05**—Year 6 SAT's Week
Wed 17/05—Class Photos
Mon 29/05—**Fri 02/06**—Half Term Week
Mon 05/06—INSET Day