



# ELIOT BANK NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Eliot Bank. This week we have had parent meetings for Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2. These meetings are a great way to find out about the curriculum for your child's year ahead. Next week we have meetings for the parents of children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 3. Today we were fundraising for Jeans for Genes, thank you for supporting this fantastic cause which not only raises funds for research and treatment but also awareness of those living with genetic conditions. Have a great weekend.

Ms Gilmore

## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been enjoying getting to know their new classroom environment this week. As well as busily exploring all the different areas inside and out, the children have also been familiarizing themselves with the new routines. This week, lots has happened: the children have been learning how their class libraries are organised so they can easily borrow and read books they're interested in; in indoor PE, they've started learning a dance to Tchaikovsky's Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy; in outdoor PE, the children started practicing their large ball skills with the coach as well as running their first daily mile; and we've had our second singing assembly led by Mr Prescott where we've begun learning a song about a baby beluga whale – look out for information coming soon about a performance to parents later in the term. It's been a fun-packed week and we're all looking forward to an exciting



I like to dance and sing. I like the singing lessons because I like the songs. Year 1 is brilliant! Jess,



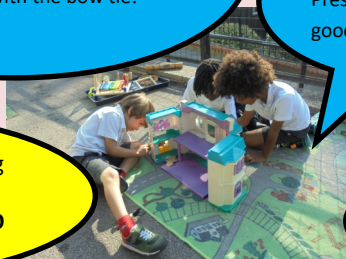
You run around the playground in the daily mile. I like Year 1. I like the farm and the library. I like the big teddy bear with the bow tie! Alix, 1JO



I like the activities on the balcony—especially the frogs. We even found a real frog! Aro 1MQ



I like the PE lessons. I like going in the home corner and I like writing. Year 1 is fun! Elsie, 1JO



Singing with Mr Prescott was super good! Isaiah 1MQ



Ball skills with the coach was so much fun—you had to concentrate or the ball rolled right past you! Kitty 1MQ

## Writers of the Week

Year 5 have been learning about Greek myths and had a go at writing the fight scene between Theseus and the Minotaur. Here are two brilliant scenes!

*Theseus's palms were sweating. His heart beat like a drum. He was shaking and trembling. Then he remembered he was brave and strong. Then there in front of him stood the deadly beast. He had the muscular body of a man and head of a bull. Without hesitation, the minotaur charged at Theseus. Quickly, he punched him in the mouth painfully dislocating his jaw. The beast screeched in pain. As quick as a flash Theseus pulled out his razor sharp sword and slashed the minotaur in the middle of the head. You could see through to its skull. For a moment there was silence, then a loud thump.*

**Sybbie, 5DR**

*Suddenly, Theseus heard a huge roar. A massive, terrifying figure charged towards him. He slammed himself against the wall, only missing the Minotaur by a centimetre. It grabbed the air, wondering where Theseus had disappeared to. Seeing this as an opportunity, he plunged himself towards the creature, but it was as strong as an elephant, so it swiped him away with ease. The Minotaur pushed him up to the ceiling and he dropped the ball of string. Theseus was a fly compared to this monster. His hands and feet flew around and he accidentally kicked its head, causing him to be dropped. Moments later, he threw his sword into the beast's chest like it was a javelin.*

**Bobby, 5RK**



## FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

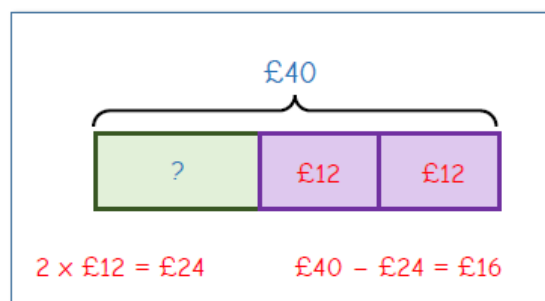
Phrase de la semaine

Comment, ça va?

How are you?

## Maths challenge of the Week

The toy train costs £16



Maths answer

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wed 04/10—School Individual Photo  
 Mon 09/10—Fri 13/10—Buddy Week  
 Mon 16/10—NHS -Flu immunization -Rec to Year 6  
 Tue 17/10—Open Morning  
 Thu 19/10—Parent's Evening  
 Fri 20/10—Show Racism Red Card  
 Mon 23/10—Fri 27/10—Autumn Half term  
 Tue 31/10—Deadline for secondary school online application

## 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.


## LABELLED BELONGINGS

Please could we remind Parents/ Carers to ensure that all your child (ren)'s belongings, e.g. water bottle, PE kit, school uniform, packed lunch box, etc. are labelled with your child (ren)'s name and ideally also with their class.



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 18th –22nd September 2023

	Attend-	No. of
All Day Nursery	100.00%	1
Nursery AM	94.44%	1
Nursery PM	90.00%	1
Red Reception	<b>95.33%</b>	<b>2</b>
Blue Reception	96.00%	7
1JO	98.28%	2
1MQ 	99.67%	4
2CH	97.93%	5
2RD	98.62%	4
3HL	95.86%	6
3SG	96.21%	1
4KF	98.67%	3
4TR	98.67%	7
5DR	97.92%	3
5RK	98.70%	0
6NS	95.60%	6
6SB	97.78%	3



Well done to 1MQ class with **99.67%** and 4 late, who won the Attendance Cup this 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.



*Children in Year 6 (born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013) will be transferring to Secondary School in September 2024.*

*You will have already received a copy of the 'Bright Futures - Applying To Start Secondary School' brochure at the beginning of this term. We would encourage all parents to read this information carefully as it provides important information about the transfer process and Lewisham secondary schools. A digital version of the brochure as well as all of the important Secondary Transfer dates and information on the application process is available at:*

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmission>



APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES STARTING AT ELI-OT 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.

22/09/2023

# Music opportunities in Lewisham and beyond...

## Love playing your instrument? Join an orchestra or band...

For more info speak to Mr Prescott

**Beginner Strings (KS1/KS2)** - is a lively yet relaxed string ensemble for those who have just started a string instrument. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a feel of playing and working with others, as a team. For players Pre Grade 1 (or equivalent) Intermediate strings club too.

When: Saturdays 9:30-10:30 Lewisham Music

Where: Prendergast Vale School, Vian Street, Lewisham, SE13 7BN

**Lewisham Youth Concert Band (KS2)** - Brass, wind and percussion players – come and join Lewisham's music's vibrant youth music community! If you play a brass, woodwind or orchestral percussion instrument at Grade 3+ (or equivalent) and would like to play in a large band with other young musicians from across Lewisham then come and join Lewisham Youth Concert Band.


When - Fridays, 6.30-8.00pm

Where - Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham, SE13 7BN

**Band lab Education (KS2)** - Create your own tracks, beats and more on this FREE online D.A.W (Digital Audio Workstation) Use your own instrument or any from around the world to create your own composition. Speak to Mr Prescott for your school club code!

When - Any time you like!

Where - Online Bandlab Education

 BandLab For Education

**Saturday  
Music  
Centre**



### MUSICAL TERM OF THE WEEK

Welcome back to music  
making at Eliot Bank!



Our music making at Eliot Bank has been amazing this week! Having learnt all of La Bamba in spanish in our KS2 singing assembly we are starting to sing along to a faster tempo backing track as we start to achieve staccato singing, clear diction and actions for performances. KS1 have already learnt Bella Mama with legato singing and actions with Baby Belgua's storytelling taking shape.

Our junior and senior choirs started back this week with musical brain games like double double this this and singing songs as a round in two/three-part harmony!

Below is a list of opportunities inside and outside of Eliot Bank for instrumental players. Whether you have learnt an instrument during your curriculum music time (glockenspiel, recorder, brass, guitar) or have lessons for an instrument this could be for you...

Also, the words for La Bamba are below to practice at home!

Can you teach your parents and carers the song and our staccato singing?

*Para bailar La Bamba*

*Para bailar La Bamba*

*Se necessita una poca de gracia*

*Para mi, para ti, ya riba, ya riba*

*Yariba yariba*

*Por ti sere, por ti sere, por ti sere.*

*Yo no soy marinero*

*Yo no soy marinero, soy capitan*

*Soy capitan, soy capitan*

*Bam ba Bamba*

*Bam ba Bamba X2*

*Bamba!*

**Mr Prescott**

## Learning Meetings

The meetings will take place in the main school hall. Please check whether your meeting is after drop off or before pick up. A member of staff will meet with you at the entrance.

Please see the table below for when your child's Learning Meeting will take place.

Date	Year Group
Monday, 25 September 9.10am	Year 4
Tuesday, 26 September 9.10am	Year 5
Wednesday, 27 September – 9.10am	Year 3



## WELL-BEING FOR PARENTS

**Wednesday 27th September 2023**  
9:15-10:00am

**Thursday 28th September 2023**  
7:15-8:00pm

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK NOW](#)



Wellbeing is now at the heart of everything we do. During these sessions you will have the opportunity to explore and share best practice to support your children, parents, and staffs' wellbeing. Join us for scenarios, discussion and practical ideas to implement in your settings.



## The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



### LEWISHAM SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

AS AGREED BY MAYOR AND CABINET

AUTUMN TERM 1 2023	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Half Term Break	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
AUTUMN TERM 2 2023	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<i>End Of Term Holiday</i>	<i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i>
SPRING TERM 1 2024	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half term break	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
SPRING TERM 2 2024	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<i>End Of Term Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</i>
SUMMER TERM 1 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 <i>(May Bank Holiday will be taken on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - school will be closed on this day)</i>
Half Term Break	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
SUMMER TERM 2 2024	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

The school will be closed to pupils on the following dates:

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Inset Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Inset Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Inset Day
TBC	Inset Day

Bank Holidays	Christmas Day	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
	Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
	New Year's Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
	Good Friday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	Easter Monday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
	May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024