



ELIOT BANK NEWSLETTER

Friday 06th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really enjoyed celebrating some special days in school this week. Thursday was National Poetry Day, when the children enjoyed learning poems to be recited and then wrote some of their own too.

We also began our Black History Month celebrations. In assembly, the children listened to a band of professional musicians, along with our very own Mr. Prescott, celebrating accomplishments of Black musicians throughout history. Look out for more news on Black History Month throughout October. Parents' Evening is coming up and more information will be coming out next week – please look out for this, we are really looking forward to meeting with you in person on 19th October to discuss your child's progress.

Have a good weekend

Ms Gilmore

Year 4 Drumming Lessons



In Year 4, children have been learning to play West African djembe drums. They have learnt how striking the drum skin in different places produces different sounds, and used these when learning and improvising rhythms. Children are working hard on their drum playing, both individually and as part of an ensemble. Here's what some children have to say about their lessons so far:

"I like drumming because it's fun and you feel free." Emma

"I like drumming because I get to learn a new instrument, and I've always wanted to learn how to play a drum." Joshua


"Drumming lets me express myself. I love this class!" Maddie

"Drumming gives me a good sense of rhythm." Sally

"We always play good beats, and I enjoy that." Stacy

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 2nd –6th September 2023

	Attend- ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	91.43%	1
Nursery AM	100.0%	1
Nursery PM	80.0%	1
Red Reception	98.0%	5
Blue Reception	96.33%	1
1JO	96.94%	3
1MQ	98.67%	4
2CH	95.52%	15
2RD 	99.29%	1
3HL	90.69%	1
3SG	96.90%	4
4KF	96.33%	9
4TR	96.67%	8
5DR	97.92%	1
5RK	92.17%	4
6NS	96.0%	4
6SB	95.56%	1



Well done to **2RD** class with **99.29%** and 1 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.



Registration for Starting Primary School September 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE 15 JANUARY 2024

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 are eligible to start full-time Reception in September 2024.

Lewisham Council coordinate applications for Reception class places in primary school within the Lewisham Borough. Parents / Carers should apply online directly to their home Local Authority (the borough where they live and pay council tax) via www.eadmissions.org.uk

Applications can be made, via the eadmissions website, until the deadline of Monday 15th January 2024.

Parents are advised to read the information on applying for Primary School Places which 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 15.1.2024.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Mon 13/11—Fri 17/11—Anti-Bullying week

Tue 14/11—Individual Photographs

Wed 20/12- Last day of Autumn term

Thu 21/12— Fri 05/01/24—Christmas Holiday

Mon 08/01/24—First Day of Spring Term

Thorpewood Avenue



Could we remind parents and carers to ensure that if you are driving around Thorpewood Avenue during school hours please be considering when dropping off your child/ren at school, it will help to keep our Eliot Bank road safe!

The school streets operation times are from 8:30am-9:30am and 2:45pm-3:45pm. There is **NO** through access from Dartmouth Road.

Thank you.



Bright futures
applying to start secondary school this autumn

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 ELIOT BANK**

SEPTEMBER 2023

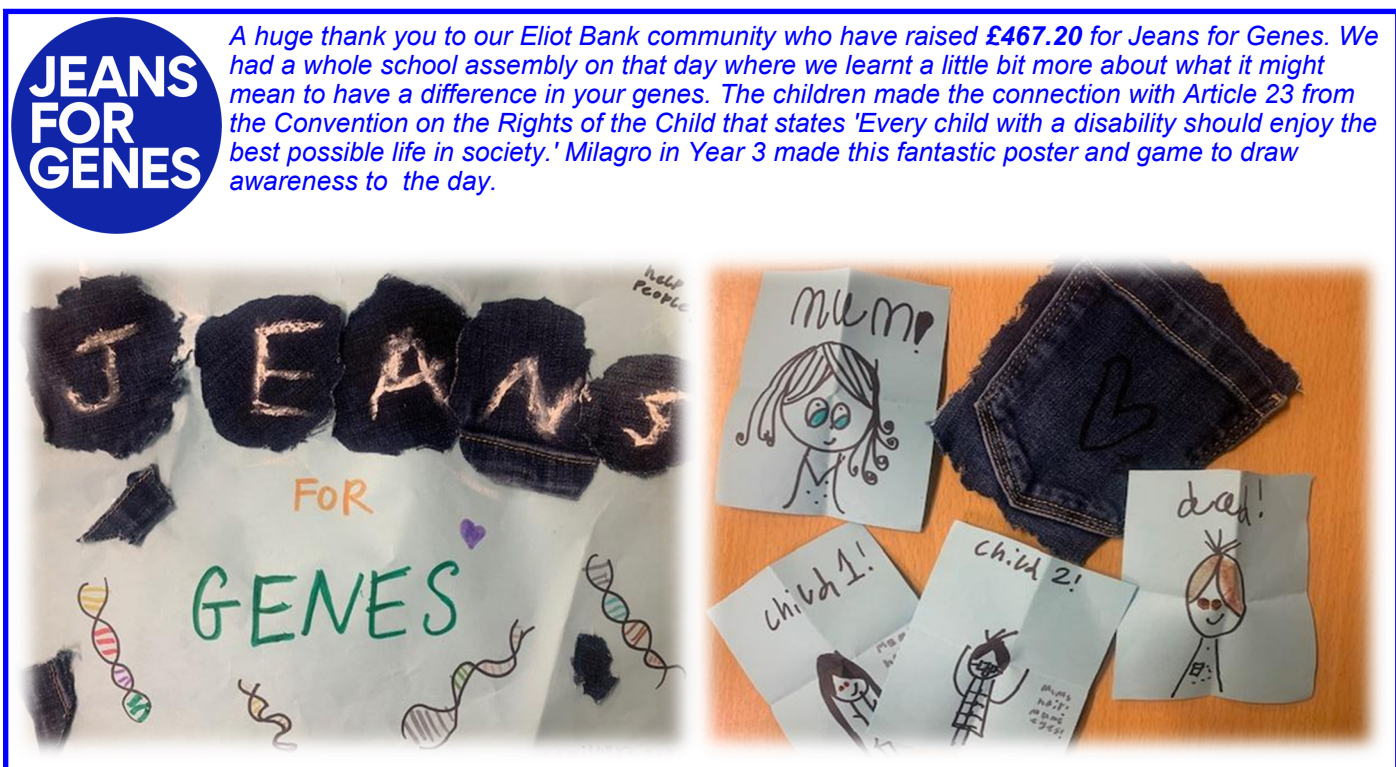
**If your child was born between
1st SEPTEMBER 2019 to 31st AUGUST 2020**

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.**



JEANS FOR GENES

A huge thank you to our Eliot Bank community who have raised £467.20 for Jeans for Genes. We had a whole school assembly on that day where we learnt a little bit more about what it might mean to have a difference in your genes. The children made the connection with Article 23 from the Convention on the Rights of the Child that states 'Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society.' Milagro in Year 3 made this fantastic poster and game to draw awareness to the day.

06/10/2023



Yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme of the day this year was 'refuge' and all of us explored the meaning of this word through sharing, experiencing and writing our own poems. Watch out for more on this in next week's newsletter.

We kicked off our Black History Month celebrations this week and yesterday we were treated to a musical extravaganza. Mr Prescott invited a number of musicians who performed, for KS1 and KS2, a number of songs by black artists such as Stevie Wonder, James Brown and Aretha Franklin. The atmosphere in the hall was electric and everyone enjoyed clapping and dancing along and learning a little about the songs and the instruments being played, which included the bass guitar, saxophone, cajon, voice and keyboard. In addition to this, Y6 had a rap workshop led by the musicians who helped the children learn about the process of making raps by helping them turn their own poems into raps.

I loved the singer. She was very talented and I wish I could play the piano like she could. Ruona 2RD

I liked the bass guitar best. Sukhi 1MQ

It was very good. I loved the song. Feel Good made me feel good. I was impressed. Elsie 2CH

I loved the saxophone, keyboard and Mr P on the trumpet. Cosmo 1JO

Bug Hotel

Our parent gardening team has just built a new bug hotel structure, fully out of recycled wood, for the pond area that the children will be filling. We've placed it near the Reception play area so they will be able to keep an eye on it and notice any activity around it. Come have a look with your kids at drop-off or pick-up and have a think about who might like to live in our hotel this winter. This robin came to watch us every day this week and check on our progress!

