ELIOT BANK NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another action packed week. On Tuesday, the choir went to Blackheath Halls to take part in the Turning of the Year Concert. They enjoyed a rehearsal during the day and then came back for the main event later that day. They sang a medley of Christmas classics as the Eliot Bank choir as well as a winter repertoire with other schools in a massed choir. It was a fantastic evening , we couldn't be more proud of the children who took part and gave it their all. On Wednesday, Y3 looked a little different as they came to school dressed as RAF pilots, Nurses, land girls, soldiers we even had the prime minister! They enjoyed learning more about their history topic World War 2.Thank you to our visitors who talked to the children about their families experiences , it really helped to bring their learning to life. After break, they went for a local walk to discover areas that had been affected by the bombing and to look at the housing that has been rebuilt. We have a host of Winter singing events scheduled for the next few weeks—see page 3 for more. Have a great weekend.

Ms Gilmore

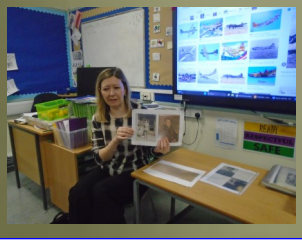
Y3 Parent event

Year 3 had a fun day being immersed in their history topic about the impact of World War Two on our local area this week. First, we welcomed parents in to share amazing stories about their own family members' experiences of the war. The children were fascinated by these tales and they helped them to make personal connections to the past.

We followed up with a walk to a local site where a bomb fell during the Blitz to help us understand the impact of the war on our local area.

In the afternoon, children had fun playing games from the 1940s, such as Snakes and Ladders and Beetle.

Thank you to everyone who contributed - organising costumes, supporting us on the walk and sharing their stories - it all helped to make the day memorable for the children.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week beginning 25th November 2024

	Attend-ance	No. of Lates
All Day Nursery	85%	11
Nursery AM	57.14%	11
Nursery PM	57.14%	11
Red Reception	97.78%	11
Blue Reception	93.97%	2
1RD	93.57%	7
1MT	96%	7
2CH	97.14%	11
2MQ	88.57%	10
3JO	97.86%	14
3SB	97.86%	12
4NS	95%	10
4TR	99.26%	6
5DR	98.57%	9
5RK	96.55%	4
6HL	97.39%	3
6SG	***99.17%***	***8***

Well done to **4TR** with **99.17%** and 8 lates, who won the Attendance Cup this week !

Unfortunately, Kirkdale remains closed which is affecting many families' journeys to school causing children to be late for class. This road is due to reopen on 16th December. Please ensure you leave earlier than usual to allow for traffic in the area.

Writers of the Week: Year 4

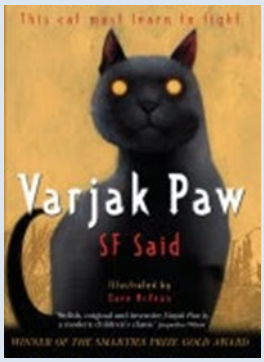
Year 4 have been writing descriptions for new characters who could feature in 'Varjak Paw', our class text. They carefully considered the purpose of the writing and identified the audience before deciding what impact they wanted to have on the reader. They selected specific adjectives and powerful verbs to create a particular atmosphere and paint a vivid image in the reader's mind.

Ziggy is a Mesopotamian Red due to the red stripes on his face. He has a scar on his face across his eye because he was in a street fight over a piece of food. His eyes are ultra violet like the stars in the midnight sky. He's an amazing hunter and will attack anything he sees moving. He lives in a wooden stone hut in the forest because when he lived in the park his rival gangs could spot him easily so he moved to the middle of a dark, gloomy forest.

Kenny 4NS

Yuka is a Calico cat who isn't very fluffy well except for her chest, which is very fluffy indeed. The majority of her fur colour is creamy white with a ginger orange array of splotches. She has dark amber eyes and some short, stubbly whiskers. She has rather blunt claws. She has abnormally stubby ears too! Yuka has a very guilty and silly face. This strange and quirky cat's face also matches her personality rather well too! She's very silly and could make you laugh, with even the 'worst joke of all time!' But despite looking like this, she can still be serious. For example: if someone hurt one of her friends she might pounce and attack.

Sophie 4NS



Olive was a small cat but when her holly green eyes sparkled no one could be sad or upset. She had a tabby furred pelt and when she sat in the sun her fur shone like stars in the night sky and her silver whiskers shone like the moon. She was very protective of her friends and family and not many people would cross her in battle. Her green eyes glowed with pride when she first caught a mouse. When she was scared she never let it show.

Ollie, 4TR.

Moice is a unique, tiny mouse that has the smallest feet in the world, dark grey fluff, and small beady eyes. He's also a very special mouse because he is the only mouse in the world that has orange eyes and a red tail. Moice is really mischievous and likes to scare people by hiding in their houses until they find him. He might be hiding in your house right now!

Kyon, 4TR.

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.

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	Eliot Bank—Music events
Thu 5/12	**Nursery/Reception Nativity 9.15**
Friday 6/12	**Winter Fair**
Thu 12/12	**KS1 Performance, 2.45**
Thu 19/12	**Y3/4 Performance, 9.15** **Y5/6 Performance, 2.45**
Fri 20/12	**Carols by Candlelight, 9.15**

Maths challenge of the Week

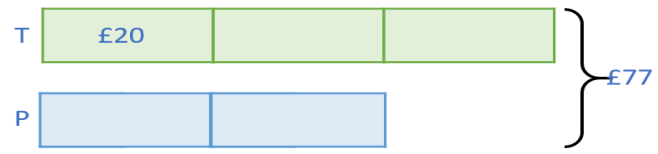
Dexter buys 3 tickets for a cricket match and 2 programmes.

He spends £77 in total.

A ticket costs £11.50 more than a programme.

How much does a ticket cost?

Model



Calculations

£11.50 + £11.50 = £23

£77 + £23 = £100

£100 ÷ 5 = £20

A ticket costs £20

Registration for starting Primary School

APPLICATION DEADLINE 15 JANUARY 2025 for September 2025

Children born between 1September 2020 and 31August 2021 are eligible to start full-time Reception in September 2025.

Lewisham Council coordinate applications for Reception class places in primary schools 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 Wednesday 15th January 2025.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 15.1.2025.

Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

13th to 17th November was another busy week at Eliot Bank, not only was it Anti-Bullying Week but on the Friday it was also Children in Need. This was a great opportunity to remind children of the rights that they have but also to consider how all children should be able to access their rights. The children's knowledge of the UNICEF convention of Rights of a Child is impressive. Not only do they know their rights they are able to give examples of how these rights are being met.

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week was "Choose Respect" and involved a special assembly from some members of school council who spoke about what respect meant to them. They also acted out a scenario in the playground which was not respectful and thought about what they should do. There were also plenty of activities which ranged from making a patchwork quilt in Nursery to meeting up with buddies in Year 6 and Year 1 and passing around the string saying how we were connected to the next person.

It was lovely to see so many children wearing spots for Children in Need. The celebrations started with a special assembly which included a quiz from some of School Council to find out who was an expert on the charity. For example, did you know Pudsey Bear was named after a market town in Yorkshire? We also thought about the serious side of the day – why the children paid money to dress up and the children their money helps and how this supports the rights to which they are entitled. There were fun activities which some classes chose to complete with their buddies.

Thanks to your support we managed to raise £302 for all the great causes which are supported by Children In Need.

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SEND Coffee Mornings

Friday 6th December 2024 and

Friday 17th January 2025

9am –10am in the Gym.

Drop in for a chat!

Discuss your own experiences , seek and share advice with other parents and carers of children with SEND.

Come and join a warm and welcoming space for parents and carers of children with SEND to connect, share and support each other.

Whether you're looking for advice, meet new parents or simply a moment of relaxation, you're not alone—come and join us!

Whether you're a coffee lover tea enthusiast or just looking to connect with other parents in our school community, it is the perfect opportunity to meet new parents.

Donations for the Chocolate Tombola

When: Wednesday 4th December 2024

How: Bring a chocolate donation into school in exchange for wearing your own clothes.

Please remember—NO Nuts /NO Sesame Seeds

APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES STARTING AT ELIOT BANK

SEPTEMBER 2024

If your child was born between

1st SEPTEMBER 2020 to 31st AUGUST 2021

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

FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Phrase de la semaine

Je ne sais pas.

I don't know.

*Pupils are **happy, safe and enjoy school life**. They are proud to talk about their achievements.*

ELIOT BANK NURSERY SPACES AVAILABLE

IN OUR OFSTED OUTSTANDING EARLY YEARS NURSERY

15 and 30 hour places for 3 and 4 year olds

Come and join our nurturing environment which was recognised 'Outstanding' by Ofsted April 2023

*The early years curriculum provides children with **exceptional foundations**. The focus on social and emotional development prepares children in early years to be highly confident learners.' Ofsted 2023*

'In the early years, the development of children's communication skills is threaded through all aspects of learning. For instance, in Nursery, children retold stories enthusiastically while playing together.' Ofsted 2023

School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

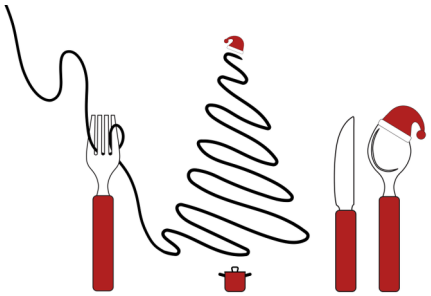
Wednesday 18th December 2024

Wednesday 18 December 2024 is Children's Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt / cardigan.

If your child who is currently on the packed lunch meal option would like a Christmas dinner you will need to log into ParentPay, find the item called '**Christmas Meal consent only**' and give your consent to order a meal for your child (no payment is required as all children Rec –Y6 are entitled to Free School Meals).

This must be ordered by Monday 2nd December, to ensure that the kitchen can order the extra food to cover the extra meals on the day.

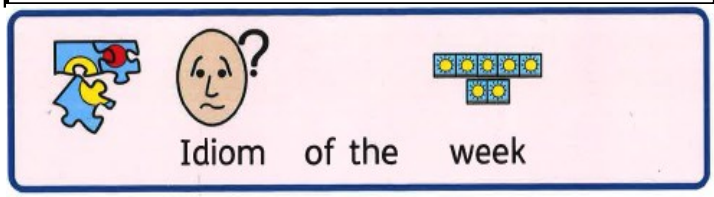
Children who are currently already on the school dinner option this half term **will automatically** be offered a Christmas dinner.

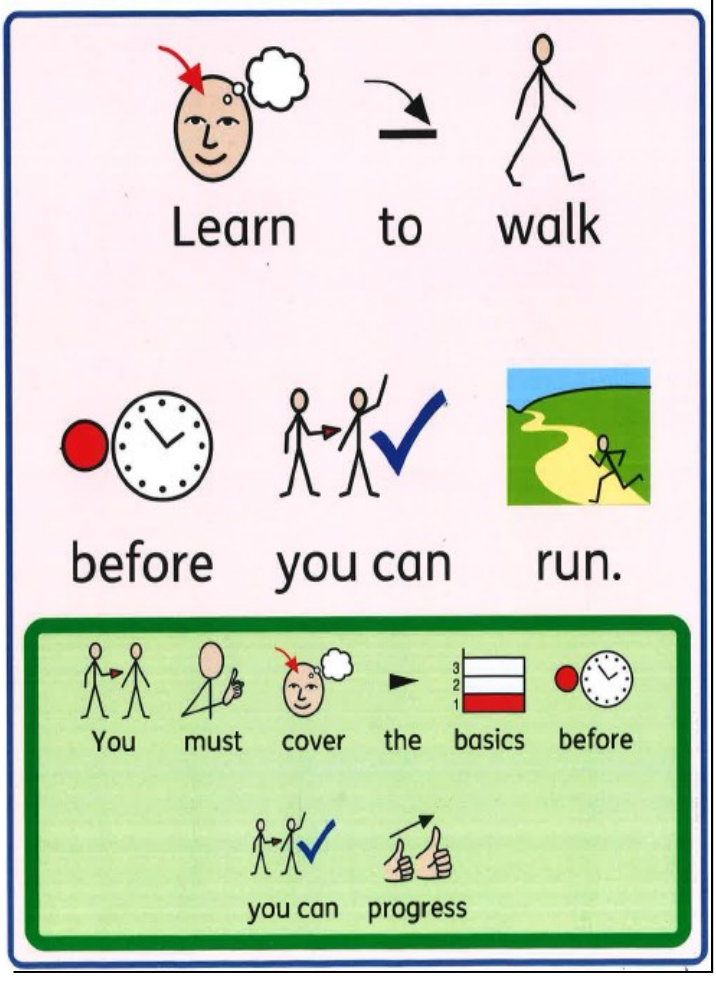


LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of coats and jumpers in Lost Property. They are not labelled so unfortunately we can't return them to the children.

Please come and have a look if you are missing any items of clothing. We would love you to be reunited.





ELIOT BANK CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Come and join the fun at the Eliot Bank School Christmas Fair!
Friday 6th December, 3.15pm-5.30pm, Eliot Bank School

What's on at the fair?

- Book to meet Santa Claus in his grotto
  Tickets go on sale 25th November – 4th December and must be made in advance online at www.pta-events.co.uk/ebsa
- Food and drink including hot dogs, candy floss, cakes, crêpes and mulled wine
- Face painting
- Hook-a-duck
- Elf games
- Jars of surprises
- Gingerbread cat decorating
- Live music

- Raffle
  Tickets on sale now online only at https://app.galabid.com/ebsachristmas2024 or by clicking on the QR code
- Carol singing in the school hall at 4.30pm – all welcome to join in
- Chocolate tombola
- Elfie Selfies
- Guess the number of sweets in a jar
- Elfridges
- Chillout zone in the library
- Book sale
- Nerfs space invaders

Everyone is welcome at the fair and entry is FREE!

All profits made at the fair goes to the school!

Payment

- Please bring cash and change (£1 and 50p if possible) to the fair as cash payments will be quickest.
- Payments by phone and entering card details are also possible.
- Some stalls will have card machines.

Christmas Fair Schedule

3.30pm onwards Live music in the hall
4.30pm Carol singing, everyone is welcome to join in
5.00pm Raffle draw
All other stalls and activities will run throughout the fair or until goods sell out.

Volunteers needed: Can you help out?

The Christmas Fair is organised by parents and carers of children at Eliot Bank School and more volunteers are needed to help out!

Ways to help out before the fair….

Contributing chocolate for the chocolate tombola – Children can bring in a chocolate donation and wear their own clothes to school on Wednesday 4th December. Chocolate of any size is welcome. No nuts of sesame seeds please.

Donating cakes to the cake stall Please bring in cakes on the day of the fair to the school office in the morning and to the fair at any time. IMPORTANT: No nuts or sesame seeds please.

Jars of surprises Can you donate a jar or two filled with small toys your child no longer plays with – party bag toys, stickers and/or sweets etc. to be sold at the fair? Please leave filled jars in a box in the school Reception from Monday 2nd December. Onwards.

Donate your unwanted gifts for Elfridges Do you have any unwanted gifts (for children and adults) that you could donate to the fair for the children to purchase as gifts for their family and friends? Socks, bubble bath etc. Please leave unwanted gifts you would like to donate in the box provided in the school reception area from Monday 2nd December.

Christmas decorations Can you make or loan any decorations?

Stall signs Can you make a stall sign from an old cardboard box?

Buying raffle tickets 35 amazing prizes to be won! You've got to be in it to WIN it!

Ways to help out at the fair…

On stalls Could you offer half an hour or more to help on a stall at the fair?

Playing music Child and adult musicians are invited to busk.

Join in with carol singing Come to a practice before the fair or just join in on the day.

Tidying up at the end!

If you are interested in helping out at the fair, please email ebsa.info@gmail.com or contact your class rep.

Pre-Christmas fair dates

Friday 15th November	Raffle tickets go on sale
Monday 25th November	Tickets go on sale to meet Santa in his grotto
Sunday 1st December	Carol singing practice
Monday 2nd December onwards	'Jars of surprises' donations can be left at the school reception
Monday 2nd December onwards	Unwanted gifts for 'Elfridges' can be left at the school reception
Wednesday 4th December	Children can bring chocolate to donate to the chocolate tombola and wear their own clothes
Wed 4th December	Last day to book to meet Santa in his grotto
Friday 6th December	Bring cake donations to the school reception at 9am or to the fair

Please note:

- Parents/carers are responsible for and must supervise their children at all times.
- A first aid point and lost child meeting point will be situated at the reception area.
- Dogs are not allowed at the fair.
- Children attending the After School Club on the day of the Christmas Fair will not be able to come to the fair unless a parent/carer accompanies them to the fair.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The EBSA Elves

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