



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 4th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Now that all the reception children have started full time, I am delighted with how quickly the children have settled into school. The general atmosphere of the whole school is lovely and I feel that good relationships are at the core of the school's work.

The school council representatives and vice captains as well as the eco-council representatives are listed in this newsletter. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward and gave excellent speeches. As a school, we feel it is important to show how democracy works as part of teaching children about British Values.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## Black History Month

This year's Black History Month is from 1 October 2024 to 31 October 2024. It's celebrated annually across the globe. Black History Month is important because it seeks to shed light on the historical and cultural achievements of Black individuals that have often been overlooked or underrepresented in traditional history education. It provides an opportunity to recognise and honor the significant contributions made by Black people across various fields such as science, arts, politics, sports, and more. This week we have been looking at various significant figures in history!

- Usain Bolt
- Harriet Tubman
- Katherine Johnson
- Bob Marley
- Beyoncé
- Mae Jemison
- Barack Obama
- Heather Small

### Online Safety

#### Did you know...

Instagram have set up 'teen accounts'.

Read the BBC [news article](#) for more information.

### Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

96.42%



Remember:

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

## Democracy in Action! Elections at Elmbridge

Here at Elmbridge we value the importance of democracy - one of the ways we demonstrate this in action is through our whole school elections for School Council/ Eco Representatives. Elections took place on Monday 23rd September. Candidates took turns to stand up in front of their year group and parents to say why they would be ideal for the role.

All candidates did an amazing job! Their passion for our school shone through their speeches and their ideas to improve and make life at Elmbridge better for everyone. A special mention to year 1 on their very first school election. The candidates had really thought about what to say and delivered it confidently to the year group and parents. The rest of year one did a great job voting carefully for each role.

We now have the results of the voting and those elected will attend their first meetings this term. The School Councillors for 2024 - 2025 are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>School Councillor</u> <u>KS1</u>	<u>Vice School Councillor</u>
<u>1</u>	Ivy	Freddie
<u>2</u>	Harry	Darcie
<u>3</u>	Esmaye	Samanvi
<u>4</u>	Tommy	Nancy
<u>5</u>	Ella	Alex
<u>6</u>	Seb	Leo
	<b>KS2</b>	
<u>7</u>	Hazel	Alfie
<u>8</u>	Ivie	Abdullah
<u>9</u>	Rose	Isla
<u>10</u>	Henry	Erin
<u>11</u>	James	Tilly
<u>12</u>	Penelope	Edwin
<u>13</u>	Rayan	Adam
<u>14</u>	Elaine	Darla
<u>15</u>	Jamie	Jasmine
<u>16</u>	Charlie	Grace
<u>17</u>	Harrison	Darcie
<u>18</u>	Emily	Deanna

<u>Class</u>	<u>School Eco-Councillor</u> <u>KS1</u>	<u>Vice School Eco-Councillor</u>
<u>1</u>	Clara	Lavella-Raine
<u>2</u>	Eliza	Ava
<u>3</u>	Rocco	Adam
<u>4</u>	Jacob	-
<u>5</u>	Dexter	Lucas
<u>6</u>	Leila	Charlotte
	<b>KS2</b>	
<u>7</u>	Edie	Kai
<u>8</u>	Maddison	Rowan
<u>9</u>	Molly	Lina
<u>10</u>	Lily	Jacob
<u>11</u>	Isla	Muhammad
<u>12</u>	Henry	Zayn
<u>13</u>	Theo	-
<u>14</u>	Sama	Jack
<u>15</u>	Ethan	Mya
<u>16</u>	Tommy	Enid
<u>17</u>	Aiden	-
<u>18</u>	Airlia	Izzy

Thank you to parents for supporting your children with preparing for the elections and attending the election on Monday.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

You could be issued with a fine if you make the mistake of not turning off your engine whilst on the school drop off/pick up. Leaving an engine running could result in a £20 penalty notice which will double if not paid within 28 days. Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act states ' you must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road.'

Not only is it contradictory to the Road Traffic Act (RTA) but the fumes contribute to air pollution with harmful emissions having a negative effect on the environment and the health of children and adults alike.

It has been brought to the attention of the school that many parents are arriving very early to pick up their children and then sitting in the surrounding roads with the engine running for the duration of their wait until they turn it off to go and pick up their child. Please could you be mindful of our neighbours and the points raised above.

## Music Ambassadors

Our music ambassadors for this school year are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
C1 Abigail	C4 Chloe	C7 Rory	C10 Elsie	C13 Hannah	C16 Jessica
C2 Eliza	C5 Kingsley	C8 Eli	C11 James	C14 Darla	C17 Rosie
C3 Robyn	C6 Leo	C9 Kobe	C12 Erin	C15 Ethan	C18 Shubh

This year we also have a Music Ambassador Tech Team! For Years 3/4 we have Henry B and Zain G, and for Years 5/6 we have Jasmine B and Harrison S.

## Girls Football—Elmbridge vs. Castle Hill

By Amelia A & Hadleigh-Rae W

Elmbridge v.s Castle Hill was a great match despite the bad weather! In the first half Hadleigh-Rae scored 2 brilliant goals for Elmbridge. Castle Hill had loads of epic shots but unfortunately they didn't score. In the second half it was still very wet and damp. It was Elsie's first match so well done for the great effort. Hannah scored a whopping goal and so did Amelia. Each and every player was totally drenched after the match.



The match was super duper fun. Every single player did the best they could do and thank you Castle Hill for attending in the terrible weather. Castle Hill were really amazing and tough to go up against. Despite their ups and downs, every single player got back up on their feet and gave it their all. WELL DONE.

The final score was 4-0 to Elmbridge! Player of the match: Elsie!

Players: Amelia, Jasmine Y, Jasmine K, Hadleigh-Rae, Erin, Elsie, Isla, Hannah



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## Mini Police

On Tuesday, Year 5 were visited by members of the police force to learn all about the roles and responsibilities of the police. They all enjoyed learning more about the police and taking part in Mini Police School!



## Lumi Nova—Fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety

Are you aware that in Gloucestershire you can have access to Lumi Nova? See the information below.

<https://luminova.app/>

Lumi Nova is a therapeutic game that helps children aged 7-12 years self manage worries and build resilience.

## Free Breakfast on a Friday

Every Friday we run a drop-in breakfast session in the KS2 Hall for our children who have missed breakfast.



Toast and cereals are available, without charge, between 8:00am and 8:30am.

All children are welcome and we ask that parents/carers stay with their children until normal drop-off at 8:40am.

## Year 4 Benchball

Some year 4 children represented Elmbridge in a benchball competition at Longford Park Primary School. They showed lots of determination, teamwork and resilience. The children were amazing role models for the school and enjoyed playing against other schools. They had lots of fun and enjoyed the competition.

## Dual Language books

Did you know we have a great selection of dual language books which are available to borrow. They are situated in the hub and parents can help themselves if there is a book they would like to borrow, we just ask that it is looked after and returned within about a week. The languages for each book are written on the front cover.



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## Letters sent home

20/09—Year 1 Church Visit—Monday 7th October

25/09—Year 6 trip to Swindon STEAM Museum

30/09—Isle of Wight Presentation Information

30/09—Book Fair 7th -10th October

30/09- Windfall Way Driveway

30/09—Emotion Coaching Sessions

30/09—Hello Yellow Thursday 10th October

01/0—Reception NHS Supervised Tooth Brushing Scheme

01/10—Harvest Festival Donations

01/10—PTFA Fireworks Evening

## Diary Dates

Monday 30th September—Friday 4th October	Black History Awareness Week (as part of Black History Awareness Month)
Monday 3rd October—Friday 11th October	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 7th October—Thursday 10th October	Book Fair— 3:15—4:00pm
Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th October	Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 6
Monday 7th October	Year 1 Trip to local church (letter to follow)
Wednesday 9th October	Colorfoto Individual School Photos
Thursday 10th October	'Hello Yellow' Day (Mental Health Awareness)
Friday 18th October	'Show Racism the Red Card' event
Friday 25th October	End of Term 1
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November	School Holiday
Monday 4th November	INSET DAY—no pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Term
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Thursday 7th November	PTA Firework Display (5-7pm)

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