



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 15th March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent consultations this week and hope that you managed to look through your child's work and get a better insight into your child's progress. I also value your views on the parent questionnaire and will publish these results in a subsequent newsletter. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, it is attached with the ParentMail.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the English team for enabling our children to have such an exciting time last week, meeting many different authors and illustrators as part of the Gloucester Schools Partnership's 'Really Wild Reading Festival'. Thank you Mrs. Booth for your help in co-ordinating this event! Thank you also to Mrs. Barthorpe for helping to organise our annual Year 2 and Year 3 'stories for bedtime' evening event last Thursday. The children came back to school dressed in their PJs, dressing gowns, slippers and with their favourite teddy bear to hear some stories read by staff, Year 6 pupils and some volunteer parents as well as enjoy some hot chocolate and supper. This is always a relaxing evening and the staff and I relish the opportunity to share our love of books and favourite stories with the children.

There will be a final newsletter next week, when we will share with you those children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over spring term 4.

To all our Muslim families, have a blessed Ramadan. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## School Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a **Co-opted Governor**. The Board of Governors appoint **Co-opted Governors** from members of the community for the skills and experience they have. They are not required to be a parent or carer of a child at the school.

Further details are on our website so please share with anyone you think may be interested and who has the necessary skills and time to devote to this voluntary role.

Appointments usually last for four years and appropriate training will be provided.

## Online Safety

Did you know that most games have reporting and blocking tools which a young person can use if anything worries or upsets them within a game or app?

Explore these features with your child and encourage them to use them, if needed.

It is important to always give as much information and context as you can when filling in a report.

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently 95.39%



Remember:  
**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

## Sports News

### Gymnastics



Last month, Yonela competed against the best gymnasts in England at the English Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships which was held in Newton Aycliffe. There were 15 partnerships in her category that qualified to compete and Yonela's trio finished 2nd with a silver medal! This championship was a selections trial to join the English National Acrobatic Gymnastics Team - Yonela has been selected to join the National Team and will compete for Team England internationally! The first competition she will take part in is the Caledonia International in Scotland. Well done Yonela!!



### Cross Country

As was mentioned in last week's newsletter, Ben (year 5) qualified to run for Gloucestershire in the National Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships.

The race took place on Sunday 3rd March at Prestwold Hall in Loughborough. Ben was one of 270 boys competing in the Year 5 race which was run over a very muddy, undulating 2.4km course. Ben ran brilliantly and finished in 4th place, narrowly missing out on the bronze medal. The Gloucestershire team performed very well and took 4th place in the team competition.



What an amazing achievement!

## School Council News

Thank you to anyone who has supported PTA fundraising events. In our last School Council meeting, Year 1's came with a request for small world families that would represent Elmbridge's multicultural community. They wrote to the PTA to ask for small world families, houses and furniture. The PTA agreed and, this week, Year 1 were given three doll houses and families to play with. Reception and Year 2 also had additional resources. A thank you to the PTA who not only funded this request (a total of £423.80) but spent time sourcing, purchasing, collecting and delivering all the items to school. The children LOVE them!

From Elmbridge School Council and Mrs Williams



## Items from Home

Unless you have an agreement with the class teacher, or it is included in a 'My Plan', please ask your child not to bring in fidget spinners, toys or other items from home as this is causing a distraction in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Elmbridge Music Ambassadors

Here is the list of children who have been chosen to be music ambassadors. These children will share their love of music and talk to their classes each week about our composer of the week to ensure we all have a good understanding of that musical style. Thank you to everyone who applied; we will choose more new ambassadors in September.

### Infants

Badgers- Ava  
Hedgehogs- Ivy  
Rabbits- Sheeyaan  
Class 1 - Quinn  
Class 2 - Maisie  
Class 3 - Luca  
Class 4 - Darcey  
Class 5 - Seth  
Class 6 - Elsie



### Juniors

Class 7 - Elsie  
Class 8 - James  
Class 9 - Ellie  
Class 10 - Soteria  
Class 11 - Jasmine  
Class 12 - Belle  
Class 13 - Cole  
Class 14 - Shubh  
Class 15 - Srishti  
Class 16 - Isaac  
Class 17 - Libby  
Class 18 - Olivia

## Girl's Football Match—Elmbridge vs Dinglewell 3-0

Elmbridge vs Dinglewell was a great match. In the first half, we score one goal—Amelia raced down the wing to Hadleigh-Rae then Hadleigh-Rae went for the bottom right and scored! In the second half, Elmbridge scored another two goals!

Dinglewell were a good and competitive team to go up against. The other team picked Jasmine K because they thought she was the best on our team. The game ended 3-0 to Elmbridge!

Well done to Erin, who was the only Year 3 on the team. Well done to Soteria because it was her first proper competitive match. Well done to the whole team because, hopefully, we all had an amazing time.

The girls' football team remain unbeaten and enjoyed a comfortable win against Dinglewell. Well done to all the girls for their great team spirit and tremendous enthusiasm, and to all the parents for their support.

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

**Girl of the match:** Jasmine K

**Match report written by:** Amelia, Hanna and Hadleigh-Rae



## Key Steps 1 (Y2) Gymnastics Competition

Well done to Lea, Darcie, Thea, Benjamin, Derin and Florrie for coming **5th** out of 11 Gloucester schools in the Key Steps gymnastics event held at St Peter's High School this week. I was really proud of all our gymnasts!

They all performed brilliantly!

Mr Tharia



## Reading Week

We were privileged to host a range of authors across a very busy and inspiring week. Each year group had the opportunity to work with a visiting author and illustrator. The children really engaged with each session and came up with the most imaginative contributions. It was also wonderful to see the children enjoying World Book Day by dressing 'their way'. Also, many thanks to all of the parents and carers that supported the school book fair throughout the week.



## Year 4/5 Basketball Trip

Last week, a group of 40 Year 4 & 5 pupils enjoyed a brilliant trip to St Peter's School for a taster morning of basketball, organised by School Sports Partnership. Everyone had a great time and really got into it, learning new skills and having fun whilst keeping fit!

Mrs Howard



## PTA Meet the Team



**Nikki Ayers**—My name is Nikki Ayers, I have two daughters, one in year 4 and my eldest who has enjoyed her time at Elmbridge and has moved onto secondary school. I also have a 2 year old son, who enjoys fun days at the childminders and a session at Elmbridge under 5's. I am self-employed and also Operations Manager for a charity and work from home. This is my 5th year being part of the PTA committee and I am excited to be able to help raise even more funds for the school. We have a fantastic team and welcome any new members. Together we can help the school and our children get the best opportunities and equipment to help them learn and have fun.

## Letters sent home

14/03—Year 2 Aerospace Trip  
13/03—MyHappyMind  
11/03—School Governor vacancy  
8/3—Pupil Questionnaire—Summary  
of Results  
8/3—School Attendance Newsletter

## Parking Reminder

Please park considerately when collecting or dropping off your children. Keep Paths clear for pedestrians. Keep junctions and driveways clear so that the local community can continue with their day without being obstructed. Keep zig zag markings and solid white lines clear so your children can be seen.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Colorfoto Class Photos
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Spring Concert - Junior Hall 6.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of Term 4 - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March — Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	School Holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 10 trip to Wagamama's & Gloucester Cathedral
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Green Day—Whole School
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class 11 trip to Wagamama's & Gloucester Cathedral
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday—No school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 12 trip to Wagamama's & Gloucester Cathedral
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> —Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Watersports Activities, South Cerney Country Park (non-residential)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Charity Assembly Launch
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5—Non uniform for PTA tombola donations
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School Holidays
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset Day—school closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6

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