



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 9th February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Well done to all those who took part in the auditions and who got through to the finals of 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent' this year. It was lovely to see so many children with so much talent across the school. The results of this event are published as a separate item in this newsletter.

Over the half term, we are pleased that the toilets in the infant building (Reception and Year 2 blocks) are being refurbished. With the additional murals around the school, we are pleased with the progress we have made in improving the school environment.

We are delighted to share the news that two members of our teaching staff are expecting a baby later this year.

Mrs Barnes, Badgers Class Teacher in Reception, will begin her maternity leave in May. Mrs Williams who already covers this class on Thursday and Friday, will be the full time class teacher for the rest of the academic year.

Mrs Fagence, Class Teacher in Year 6, will begin her maternity leave in July. Mrs Bourne-Clague, an experienced Year 6 teacher returning from maternity leave herself in June, will cover the class between the start of Mrs Fagence maternity leave and the end of the academic year.

Have a restful and safe half term. We will see you back at school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia — Head Teacher

## Behaviour and Relationships Policy

Every year, we review our behaviour and relationships policy; please refer to the [website](#) to view this updated policy. If you have any questions regarding the policy, please contact Manda Holliday, Assistant Head and Pastoral Lead.

I have attached a one page summary [here](#) (Behaviour Policy Blueprint) for your perusal.

## Online Safety

On 6<sup>th</sup> February we acknowledged Internet Safety Day as a school.

The children took part in an assembly and carry out additional lessons linked to online safety.

Below is a link to the official Internet Safety Day website where you will find their advice for parenting children in this digital age.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently 95.4% Remember:

### **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

As you know, it has never been more important for young people to attend school regularly as every single day is preparing children for their future. Of course we understand that children are sometimes too poorly to attend school, but it is also important to maximise attendance and minimise absence. Please see the attached poster which gives guidance as to when your child may be too ill to attend school and when they should attend.

## Elmbridge Has Got Talent

Well done to all those who took part in the auditions and finals of 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent'. It was lovely to see so many children with so much talent across the school. The finalists were:

Oak	Sycamore	Birch	Willow
Harrison Drums	Izzy Singing	Elsie Violin	Vienna Singing
Alisha Gym	Libby Drums	Hannah Singing	Olivia Cornet
Molly Gym & Dance	Sapphire, Hadleigh- Rae, Sophie & Anya Dance	Cole, Ruby & Oscar Drums	Ashlee & Lola Piano

Thank you to our judges Mr Wilton (former Deputy Head), Daisy, a performing arts PGCE student at Denmark Road School and Susannah who is a volunteer from Lonsdale Methodist Church who helps out at our Friday breakfast club. Congratulations to the winner **Alisha** for your brilliant gymnastics performance. Also well done to **Izzy** for coming in second place for your wonderful singing, and **Vienna, Olivia and Harrison** in joint third place for your amazing acts.

### Year 5/6 Mural

Brandon has completed his third mural for Elmbridge Primary School, this time in the Year 5/6 cloakroom. Thanks to Brandon for another stunning installation that all the children and staff can enjoy.



### Measles and other infectious diseases

As you may have seen, there has been a recent increase in cases of measles in neighbouring counties amongst those who are susceptible, particularly those who have not been vaccinated. Measles is caused by a virus that spreads easily and just one case can infect 9 out of 10 unvaccinated close contacts. Parents are advised to check the vaccination status of their children, to help protect them from measles and other infectious diseases. Please click the link for more details [Why vaccination is important and the safest way to protect yourself - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

### Elmbridge School Council Meeting

Elmbridge School Council held another meeting this week. Last year we had winter doors and more great ideas are coming soon to Elmbridge .

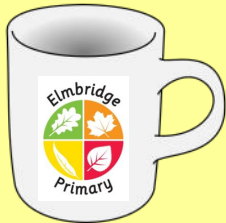
This term we have discussed that we would like to have a theme day, 'Show and Tell' and also a new reading club for people that don't have the chance to do what they enjoy and love . Watch this space for more great ideas!

Zack (Admin) on behalf of School Council.



## End of Term Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over Spring term 3. Each child has received an Elmbridge Primary School award (teddy bear on the infant site and school mug on the junior site). They will also have their name on the 'Elmbridge Superstars' board as well as featuring on the Children's tab of our website [here](#)



Year Group	Class	Award for Outstanding Effort
R	Badgers	Humayd
	Hedgehogs	Caitlin
	Rabbits	Beatrice
1	1	Lucas
	2	Felicity
	3	Leila
2	4	Delilah
	5	Sophie
	6	Ethan
3	7	Laniah
	8	Toby
	9	Charlie
4	10	Amelia
	11	Ethan
	12	Molly
5	13	Chloe
	14	Deanna
	15	Zara
6	16	Nina
	17	Gracie-Mae
	18	Chloe

## Key Steps 3 (Y5/6) Gymnastics Competition

Well done to Saleem, Airlia, Emma, Tayte, Isla-May and Izabelle for coming 2nd out of 12 Gloucester schools in the Key Steps gymnastics event held at St Peter's High School on Wednesday. I was really proud of all our gymnasts! They all performed brilliantly!

A special well done to Saleem who achieved a bronze medal medal for his vault out of 72 gymnasts.

Mr Tharia



## Girls' Football

Last week, the girls' football team took part in a match against Churchdown Village Juniors. They worked well, passing the ball and getting into good positions, eventually winning the game.

This then took them to the following round this week where they played Longlevens Junior School. Unfortunately, it was a much tougher match. Even though they persevered throughout the game, it just wasn't their day and sadly lost. Well done though to Grace, Billie, Olivia, Hannah, Isla, Nina, Danielle and Evie.



### Match Report

On Wednesday 31st of January, the Elmbridge girls' football team played against Churchdown Village Junior School. They were a good school but no match for us as we scored 2-0!

There was some good passing and good defending from both teams. The first half we didn't score but we did in the second half, thanks to Grace and Olivia. Thank you to Mr Jones for supporting the team and cheering us on. Well done to Olivia, Danielle, Grace, Billie, Evie, Nina and Hannah.

## Look Who's Talking Competition

A huge congratulations to our final participants of the 'Look Who's Talking' competition.

They all spoke clearly, confidently and articulately and kept the audiences interested and entertained with their talks. They were great ambassadors for our school.

Well done Siena, Annabelle and Oscar!

Mrs Booth



## Letters sent home

7th February—PTA Minutes, PTA Rags 2 Riches, PTA Uniform Sale

6th February—Year 4 Science Experiment

2nd February —Year 1—T-shirt Required for House Activities

31st January —Stories for Bedtime

30th January—Year 3 Train trip to Worcester

## PTA—Meet the Team

**Vicki Heal-Smith**



My name is Vicki Heal-Smith. I have 2 young children, my son is in Year 2 at Elmbridge and my daughter is 2 years old and goes to nursery. I have recently joined the PTA committee and am really looking forward to working with the PTA team, parents, carers and teachers at Elmbridge to be part of the school community and help to raise funds for the school.

## Diary Dates

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	School Holiday
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 train trips to Worcester
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 train trips to Worcester
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 train trips to Worcester
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Really Wild Reading Festival & Book Week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - Dress Up
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 & 3 Stories for Bedtime - Junior Hall 6pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Day
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

Please click [HERE](#) to view the full list of all 2023/24 Diary Dates

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