



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 12th January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break and happy New Year! We look forward to a busy spring term albeit a very short one, with Elmbridge Has Got Talent planned for the end of term as well as the Young Voices event that many of our children attend in Birmingham, towards the end of the month.

At Elmbridge, pupil voice is very important to us; we feel the children should have a say in the development of the school. So 3 times a year, we hold a 'Pupil Voice' session involving every child from Year 1-6 over a 2 year rolling cycle. Please see our website [here](#) for the latest pupil voice feedback, carried out last term.

In this newsletter, we have highlighted a few reminders to help prevent any issues arising, particularly around our [uniform policy](#) (which has been amended for increased clarity) and use of air-up bottles.

You should receive confirmation of any clubs that your child has asked to attend within the next few days. The school endeavours to enable all children to attend a club throughout the year; please let us know if your child has not been offered a club if requested.

Finally, I would like to give my best wishes to Mr. Reid, who takes paternity leave on 18th January until 2nd February. Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs McNulty will cover class 11 during his absence and are very familiar with the class.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

Online Safety

We are aware that some pupils have been talking about the app **OmeTV**. This is an app which encourage users to 'make friends around the world' via messaging, photos and video chats.

The app states users must be 18+ and using the app could bring certain risks for young users. Please check your child's device if you are concerned they may be using this app. If you would like to find out more information and advice about this app, please click [here](#).

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently **95.67%** Remember:



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Please read the attendance matters letter accompanying this newsletter to learn more about the link between attendance and attainment.

KS2 Sports Hall Athletic Event

On Wednesday 10 January, 18 year 6 pupils attended the KS2 Sportshall Athletic Event at the University Indoor Arena by Plock Court. We had to compete with nine other schools from Gloucester and the competition was tough. Each event had two time trials, in order to see which team had the better time for the track events. The track events included various relays as well as an obstacle race and an over/under paarlauf relay. The most difficult being a 6 lap 'paarlauf' where Elmbridge did come first. We did come mainly 1st or 2nd in these track races.

Whilst the track events were being held we also had six field events to take part in which included a vertical jump, speed bounce and a standing triple jump and despite very little experience or practice we tried our very best and put in our best effort.

Competition with the other schools was high but we all pushed ourselves to achieve our best results and although Elmbridge did not come first, we all enjoyed participating and the challenges we faced.

Written by Year 6 children & Mrs Crouch.



Uniform Policy

Please ensure long hair (hair that falls below the shoulders) is tied up with simple, plain hairbands, bobbles or scrunchies. Doing so helps reduce the spread of head lice and allows pupils to take part in activities such as cookery, science and PE safely. No large bows or other accessories should be worn, which may become a distraction in the classroom.

Nail varnish or artificial nails should also not be worn in school as these can prevent a pupil completing tasks in school safely and be a danger to others.

Finally, on health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings, in pierced ears (not hoops). We ask the children to remove earrings during PE and games (unless they have been recently pierced).

Please refer to our uniform policy for more details, which can be found on the website or [here](#).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Letters sent home

Newsletters from this academic year are also on our website under the 'Parents' tab.

Any letters, including those sent via ParentMail, are available as paper copies in the school office.

- Y1—Y6 Oracy competition
- Dual language books on offer
- Y3 & Y5 Welcome to spring term
- C11 Mr Reid paternity leave

Air up water bottles

Please encourage your child to bring in a simple water bottle (preferably with a sports lid) rather than an air up one.

I am sure that you appreciate that as well as being rather expensive, they are causing some issues, particularly in KS2 (e.g. swapping components and sniffing the scented rings).

We don't want any to get broken or go missing.

Thank you

Drop—in Breakfast Club

Starting **Friday 19th January**, in conjunction with Lonsdale Church, we will be holding a drop-in breakfast session for our children who have missed breakfast.

This will run every Friday morning in the KS2 hall.

There will be toast and cereals 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.**

Diary Dates

Thursday 25 th January	Young Voices Birmingham
Monday 5 th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent Auditions
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 2 Mosque Trip
Friday 9 th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent Final
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	School Holiday
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 3 train trips to Worcester
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 3 train trips to Worcester
Friday 1 st March	Year 3 train trips to Worcester
Monday 4 th -Friday 8 th March	Really Wild Reading Festival & Book Week
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Dress Up
Thursday 7 th March	Year 2 & 3 Stories for Bedtime - Junior Hall 6pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Colorfoto Class Photos
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief Day
Thursday 21 st March	Spring Concert - Junior Hall 6.30pm
Friday 22nd March	End of Term 4 - Non-Uniform Day

Please click [HERE](#) to view the full list of all 2022/23 Diary Dates

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