



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 6th October 2023

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.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## Black History Month

This year's Black History Month is from 1 October 2023, to 31 October 2023. 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. Next week, we will be looking at the important work of the following scientists as part of our Science lessons:

Year Group	Scientist	Area of expertise
Reception	Maggie Aderin-Pocock	Space science
Year 1	Hamza Yassin	Photography
Year 2	Mae Jemison	Space science
Year 3	Patricia Bath	Optometry
Year 4	Nobert Rillieux	Chemical engineering
Year 5	Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson	Mathematics
Year 6	Wangari Maathai	Political activism

## Change to end of school day on Friday 22nd December 2023

As you know, Term 2 runs up until Friday 22nd December, which is quite a late finish in the run-up to Christmas.

After careful consideration and with consultation with the governors, school will close at **1:10 pm** on the infant site and **1:20pm** on the junior site on **Friday 22nd December**. Please arrange for your child to be collected at this time.

## School Council and Eco-Council 2023- 2024

Well done to all of the children who put themselves forward to be school councillors and eco-councillors. They should all be very proud of themselves for standing up in front of their year group and parents to give their speeches. The results are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>School Councillor</u> <u>KS1</u>	<u>Vice School Councillor</u>
<u>1</u>	Noah	Marcie
<u>2</u>	Paige	Jacob
<u>3</u>	Leila	Zak
<u>4</u>	Maddison	Reuben
<u>5</u>	Archie	Derin
<u>6</u>	Laken	Max
	<b><u>KS2</u></b>	
<u>7</u>	Teslim	Tali
<u>8</u>	Alex	Honor
<u>9</u>	Henry	Oliver W
<u>10</u>	Isaac	Hadleigh-Rae
<u>11</u>	Rishik	Jack
<u>12</u>	Advait	Isaiah
<u>13</u>	Yunus	Finlay
<u>14</u>	Hannah	Zaviyar
<u>15</u>	Charlie	Florence
<u>16</u>	Alisha	Zak
<u>17</u>	Siddid	Evie
<u>18</u>	Devante	LeBron

<u>Class</u>	<u>School Eco-Councillor</u> <u>KS1</u>	<u>Vice School Eco-Councillor</u>
<u>1</u>	George	Kingsley
<u>2</u>	Maisie	Chloe
<u>3</u>	Seb	Huda
<u>4</u>	Max	Darcie T
<u>5</u>	Alexa	Athena
<u>6</u>	Kofi	Eadie
	<b><u>KS2</u></b>	
<u>7</u>	Erin	Emily
<u>8</u>	Max	James
<u>9</u>	Penelope	Rae
<u>10</u>	Phoebe	Theo
<u>11</u>	Lola F	Ashlee
<u>12</u>	Mya	Jude
<u>13</u>	Darcie	Harrison
<u>14</u>	Grace	Shubh
<u>15</u>	Henry	Isobelle
<u>16</u>	Abdul-Kareem	Jack
<u>17</u>	John	Layla
<u>18</u>	Tabitha	Una

### Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

96.76%

Remember -

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**



### Benchball tournament

On Wednesday, some year 4 children (Raees, Griff, Lucas, Soteria, Jasmine, Darla, Lauren, Fai, Luca, Anya, Shehyan, Rishik) represented the school at a Benchball tournament. They showed amazing sportsmanship, determination and had a lot of fun. Well done to all the children; you were amazing role models for the school.



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## New School Mural

We are absolutely thrilled with our new school mural in the Year 3/4 cloakroom. Arranged by Mrs Slack and fully funded by our PTA, a local artist has painted a wonderful landscape of the local area.

The scene depicts the view from Painswick beacon (with artistic license of course)

The Quays, Cathedral, Tewkesbury abbey and Elmbridge school are all included.

There's a mix of wildlife and several little hidden items for the kids to find. Brandon included ideas which the children gave such as glitter butterflies, sheep and cows.

We are pleased to say that another mural is to be painted in the Infant's building, all funded by the PTA. We are also hoping to have another mural painted in the Year 5/6 cloakroom.



## Tesco Golden Grant winners!

A huge thank you to everyone who voted for us in the blue token stand in our local Tesco stores. We are very excited to announce that we have won a very special Tesco "Golden Grant" prize. This is where an in-store customer is selected to find and draw a golden coin. They use this to vote for a local school or charity to win a prize of £5,000. In store Tesco Quedgeley, Audrey and Ray, found the golden coin and decided to vote for Elmbridge Primary School!

Last Friday, Mr Tharia and Miss King (DT/ Cooking lead) had the chance to meet Audrey and Ray, alongside Theresa Fisher, the Tesco

Community link worker, who presented us with our cheque.

We will use these funds to continue our pupil premium cooking clubs and hopefully organise something exciting for all of our pupils.

Once again, a huge thank you for all your support!



## Online Safety

A recent survey shows that 20% of 8-13 -year-olds and 34% of 14-18 -year-olds felt that their parents were 'not at all interested' in their online activities.

Our children love telling us about what they use the internet for. As mundane as it may seem to us, if we don't take an interest in the simple things they won't tell us the big things!

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## PTA Notices

- Rags2riches on **Friday 13th October** 8.30-9am year 3/4 quiet area in playground. Please donate reusable clothing that is clean, dry and in good condition.
- Fireworks tickets are now on sale via ParentPay!
- Thanks to all who purchased nearly new uniform yesterday –we raised an amazing £163.50!

### Polite Notice—No ball games or scooters before or after school

Please could we ask everyone to not play ball games in the playgrounds before and after school.

If your child is travelling to and from school by scooter or bike, they must dismount at the school gates and walk their bikes/scooters to the bike racks.

The playgrounds are extremely busy at the start and the end of the day and in order to keep the school safe and reduce the risk of accidents, we ask that everyone comes and leaves in a calm and orderly fashion.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## Diary Dates

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Trip to local church (letter sent)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Black History Awareness Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Colorfoto Individual School Photos
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1—Non uniform for PTA Tombola donations
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY—no pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Term
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Fireworks Display (5-7pm)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> —24 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying and Equalities fortnight
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Charity Day

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