



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 17th February 2023

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.

You will be aware that teachers in the National Education Union have voted to strike on 2nd March. As I stated last time, I will let you know what this means for your child when I get a clearer picture. I aim to communicate this with you straight after the half term break.

Finally, I look forward to 'World Book Day', which is now taking place on Friday (3rd March) after half term, where children can wear their pyjamas, non-uniform or dress up as their favourite character if they wish. We have the stories for bedtime evening (Y2&3) on Tuesday 28th February too.

Have a restful and safe half term. We will see you back at school on Monday 27th February.

Best wishes Glen Tharia — Head Teacher

STRS Language Ambassadors



In the last few weeks, Year 3 and 4 have been incredibly lucky to continue our links with Sir Thomas Rich's School (STRS) with visits from their Year 9 Language Ambassadors to inspire our children to enjoy learning other languages. The STRS Language Ambassadors taught French and German in both year groups. Special thanks to Mrs Khokher, Mrs Testoni-Ranken and Mrs Ferguson from STRS for encouraging the STRS boys to support language teaching in local schools. We now look forward to our French language play from Onatti Theatre on Tuesday 28th February.

Online Safety

On 14th February we acknowledged Internet Safety Day as a school. The children took part in an assembly and carried out additional lessons linked to online safety.

The theme this year was "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online"

Gloucestershire Constabulary have created this video to help spread positive online safety messages to parents and carers.

<https://youtu.be/IEfS-OK70sY>

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently **95%**
Remember:



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS!**

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
Sapphire Cox Dancing	Abi Rollinson Dancing	Thomas George Piano	Olivia Khokher Cornet
Isaac Romero Walden Rubik's Cube	Amber Robinson Ventriloquist	Elsie Castروفيلippo Violin	Elsi Stokes & Hadleigh Rae West Cheerleading
Jasmine Young Piano	Levi Wisbey Clarinet	Elsa Ovens & Freya Jenkins Roller Skating	Vienna Evans Singing

Thank you to our judges Mrs Skingsley, Mrs Stennett and Mrs Rowland-Evans. Congratulations to the winner Vienna Evans for your brilliant singing. Also well done to second place Hadleigh-Rae West for your Cheerleading and third place Amber Robinson for your very funny ventriloquist act.

Attendance

Attending school regularly, which means every day it is open, is so important in helping pupils make progress both academically and socially. It can be harmful to children's development if they are regularly missing odd days each week, and therefore not completing whole weeks in school. The vast majority of our pupils at Elmbridge have good attendance and we can see how these pupils 'do better' in both their academic studies and social interactions.

In response to the Governments 'Working together to Improve School Attendance' guidance, our school has redesigned the attendance policy, hopefully making the principles more clear and easier to read. The policy also includes a one page blueprint, which summarises the main points. The policy can be found [here](#) on the school website.

If you are concerned with your own child's attendance, or would like some help and advice in getting your child to school, please do contact the class teacher in the first instance. We very much like to support parents and children to have good attendance and can work together to overcome any barriers to achieving this.

Netball Tournament



Elmbridge Netball Team took part in a tournament on Tuesday 14th February at Oxstalls indoor sports arena. We lost two and won two matches.

Very proud of the team, thanks to all who stayed and supported them.

Well done to Jack, Lottie, Ramyah, Sharon, Sara, Martha, Esme and Ollie.

End of Term Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over the spring term. Each infant child will receive an Elmbridge Primary School 'Teddy' and certificate and each junior child will receive an Elmbridge Primary School 'Mug' and certificate. They will also have their name on the 'Elmbridge Superstars' board in pride of place in school. Please refer to our [website](#) for the recognition details for each award.



Year Group	Class	Award for Outstanding Effort
R	Badgers	Anaya Mntonga
	Hedgehogs	Harley Tranter
	Rabbits	Reuben Welch
1	1	May Ferguson
	2	Archie Wasley
	3	Amelia Jeal
2	4	Madison Hodges
	5	Oliver Wheeler
	6	Patrick Gammon
3	7	Hattie Wheatman
	8	Reuben Jasper
	9	Lorenzo Angel
4	10	William Taylor
	11	Oscar Hudson-Edgar
	12	Fred Beavon-Keenan
5	13	Muaz Rafiq
	14	Rosie Brown
	15	Saleem Adewuni
6	16	Charlie Stokes
	17	Ellie Sargent
	18	Neave Reese

Girls' Football Team v Beech Green School

Elmbridge Girls' Football Team just lost out to Beech Green in the Cup Match. In a close match, chances were hard to come by, but Grace sprinted through their defence and put Elmbridge 1 nil up. Elmbridge just couldn't hold on and, with a minute to go, Beech Green equalised to take the match in to extra time. Both teams had chances to win the match but neither team took their chances and it went to a penalty shoot out which Elmbridge just lost out 4 - 2 on penalties.

Congratulations to all the girls for showing great determination and skill.

Well done to Ayaat, Luna, Nina, Evie, Olivia, Sharon and Grace.



KS1 (Year 1/2) Key Steps Gymnastics Competition



Well done to Hope, Seren, Carter, Muhammad, Lucy and Penelope for coming 3rd out of 10 Gloucester schools in the KS1 Key Steps gymnastics event, held at St Peter's High School on the 15th February. I was really proud of all our gymnasts! It was lovely to see the all of the team receive a bronze medal! Keep up the good work!

Mr Tharia

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.

- 6 Feb - PTA Meeting
- 7 Feb - Pupils choosing free 'World Book Day' book
- 8 Feb - Y3 garden school dates
- 8 Feb - Y4 "Growing up" - personal health
- 14 Feb - 'Showtime' club performance
- 14 Feb - Advert for Holiday art club
- 15 Feb - Y1 Geography walk



Thank You

Many thanks to all who contributed to our Rags2Riches collection. We collected a total of 48 bags and raised £81.88



Diary Dates

Friday 17th February	Year 2 - Year 6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent
Friday 17th February	End of Term 3
Monday 27th February	Start of Term 4
Monday 27th February	Book Fair—Junior crush hall: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March	Book week
Tuesday 28th February	Stories for Bedtime (Y2 & 3)*
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day - dress up*
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Day
Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents' Evening
Monday 27th March	Climbing Wall and Caves
Monday 27th March	Showtime production for parents - Infant hall 4pm
Wednesday 29th March	Spring concert - Junior hall 6.30pm
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter fundraiser
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4 - Non uniform day
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Thursday 27th April	PTA Disco Y2 - Y5
Monday 8th-Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 8th-Friday 12th May	Year 5 Watersports activities (non residential)
Monday 15th-Friday 19th May	Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip
Monday 22nd May	Charity assembly launch
Wednesday 24th May	Green Day - whole school
Friday 26th May	End of Term 5
Monday 5th June	Start of Term 6
Wednesday 7th June	Charity Presentation Assembly
w/c Monday 12th June	Year 5 Bikeability week

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



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