



Elm Wood
Primary School

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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2, 2024



TOP NEWS

Performance at Royal Festival Hall

Sports Competitions

Healthy Eating

Message from Mrs Leith

This term we have really enjoyed celebrating the children's successes.

In school the children have been rewarded with many house points linked to our three **Elm Wood Promises: To show Kindness and Respect, To Develop Perseverance and Resilience and to Aim for Excellence and Success.**

It has also been great to hear about the children's amazing achievements outside of school. We have celebrated children who have played in rugby teams, won various belts through martial arts, children who have taken part in art competitions and children who have mastered new skills such as riding their bikes. Thank you for taking the time to share all of this with us at school!

We have also welcomed some of our new governors to our school. Both the members of the governing body who have visited our school have been very impressed with the children they have spoken to and with the work they have seen in the children's books! Well Done Team Elm Wood!

Mrs Leith

Dates for the diary...

26.04.24

Art Exhibition in the School Hall at 9.30am

17.05.24

Mental Health Day

21.05.24

World Day for Cultural Diversity

24.05.24

Friends of Elm Wood Cake Sale and Pre-loved Uniform sale

27.04.24 and 04.05.24

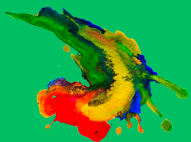
Year 6 SATs Boosters 9am to 12pm

24.05.24

Last day of this half term (Half Term Holidays: 27.05.24 to 31.05.24)

13.07.24

Friends of Elm Wood Summer Fair



Sports Competitions

A number of pupils from Years 5 and 6 have represented Elm Wood at sports competitions this half-term. The pupils participated in netball, dodgeball and most recently futsal.

All of the children had very positive experiences and represented the school brilliantly. We are really proud of all of their efforts!



Healthy Eating

This year we have been working hard to encourage all members of our Elm Wood family to be as healthy as they can be.

This includes children having healthy lunches in school and only bringing water into school to drink.

If you would like any further support with providing your child with healthy lunches, please do let us know.

The school dinners that are cooked onsite are healthy and delicious. [Please follow this link for further information and to see the menus.](#)



Bikeability

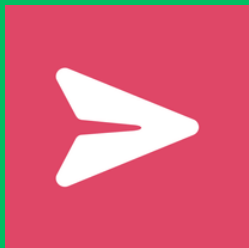
Years 3, 4 and 5 recently took part in their level 1 and 2 cycle course training. The sessions were about acquiring the practical skills to cycle safely and with confidence on today's roads.

A huge well done to all who took part!



Learning Updates

Each class teacher uploads weekly learning updates on **Weduc**. Please follow this link to access these updates for your child's class.



Please contact the school office if you need assistance to log into Weduc.



I would like to say thank you once again to our fantastic Friends of Elm Wood who have been working super hard this term.

Thanks to this great team the children have enjoyed lots of different events and celebrations which include: celebrations for World Book Day, Music sessions with Whippersnappers and delicious cake sales.



School Choir

On Monday 20 children from our Key Stage 2 Choir represented Elm Wood as part of the Gipsy Hill Federation choir, at the Lambeth Schools Music Festival.

The children sang on stage with other children from all over Lambeth.

They even sang with a professional opera singer!



This was an amazing experience and we are very proud of our Elm Wood children!

Attendance 100%

This week we celebrated all children who have been school every day since January.

All children with 100% attendance received a certificate in assembly!

I hope to be able to give out even more certificates for 100% attendance at the end of the Summer Term!



Important messages!

Personal Items

Please can we remind all children that they should not bring any personal items into school. This includes items such as pencil cases, notebooks, toys and trading cards.

If your child has sore/dry lips, they are able to bring in a lip balm such as a *Carmex* or *Vaseline*. Please note that children are not permitted to bring lip gloss into school.



Mobile Phones

Children in Year 5 and 6 are able to bring their mobile phones into school with them. Children must hand their mobile phones to a staff member on their arrival at school each day.

Children who do not hand their mobile phones into a staff member will lose the privilege of being able to bring their phone into school.

World Book Day

World book day was a huge success! The children and staff loved dressing up!

Year 1 enjoyed an illustrator's workshop with Alex Barrow (an Elm Wood parent) and Gabby Dawnay. They are the team behind, 'If I had a...'

Years 2-4 had a visit from Noah Faria, a 7 year old author of *fizzy brain!*

Years 5 and 6 had a portrait workshop with the very talented illustrator of bright stars of black British history, Angela Vives.

A huge thank you to Friends of Elm Wood, Miss Palmer and Mr Carey for organising such a fun-filled day!



Parent Events

We have had many successful parents events this term. Thank you to all of you who have supported us at each of these!

We are now planning our events for Summer Term. Dates for these will be shared with you shortly after the we return to school on 15.04.2

Please follow this link to access this information on our website: [Parent Events](#)

