

Elms Class News



Last week in Elms class, the children had a special visit from Mrs Fraser, who brought in her collection of old toys to share. Luckily for the children, she then left her collection with the class to enable them to learn from and use them for their toy museum on Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Fraser, the children and adults loved your visit and seeing your toys really inspired the children's historical thinking.

School Council Update

Over the last few weeks our school council has been very busy discussing some of the areas that the school is developing.

The year 6 school council leaders led a discussion with their houses about how the children feel about their lunchtime play. The children were then asked to suggest games that they would like to play during lunchtime, the equipment that they would like to use and whether there are any other kinds of activities that they could suggest to keep playtimes fun. The children came up with some brilliant suggestions and these have now been included in our playground games rota for lunchtime. This means that at lunchtime play children are now able to select from a choice of activities, as follows:

- Free play, with a range of equipment available
- Quiet area activities, which includes a range of board games, reading books, comics etc.
- Activity led by Mr Taylor
- Additional activity on rotation e.g. hurdles, obstacle course etc.

In their next meeting, the children met to talk about school dinners. Their questions and responses are as follows:

What do you enjoy about school dinners?

- The puddings
- Fish and chips
- Most of the school dinners
- Pasta, pizza, macaroni cheese
- Crumble and custard, cookies
- Curry
- Hotdogs in the summer
- That we always have a hot meal
- The variety of food

Would you feel confident to ask for more food if you didn't feel that you had eaten enough?

- We sometimes ask for seconds
- Seconds are offered
- Sometimes we get extra / seconds
- In one house, 6 children said they would not want to ask for more food but the remainder said they would. (There are approx. 30 - 35 children in each house)

Are there enough fresh vegetables for you to share on your table? Are there any vegetables that you would really like?

- Yes there are enough.
- We would like different coloured peppers
- No, not enough, we would like more.
- We like tomato, broccoli, cucumber and carrots
- Yes, there's the right amount
- Yes, but in KS2 the vegetables are not on the tables, we have to get it from the front table.
- We would like cucumber, broccoli, peppers, pickles, sweetcorn

If you don't have hot school dinners now, would you like to try them?

- 13 children would like to try them
- Some children said no, "because I'm fussy"
- I like packed lunches.

Upcoming School Dates for Your Diary	
20 th March	Saplings parents invited into school at 2:45
21 st March	Parent Evening
21 st March	Netball tournament
28 th March	Last day of term



Red Nose Day!

Thank you for supporting this event. As a school, we raised £174.70. Many thanks to the PTA for collecting money on the day.

Easter Hunt - Saturday 23rd March

Mrs Ingham has kindly organised an Easter hunt in the village on the 23rd March to raise money for a new playground. Please do support this if you are able.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matthew, who invested into Beavers last Wednesday, 13th March. He is now part of the 17th Sevenoaks - Westerham colony.

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying

Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.

It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Developed in partnership with Home Office, West Midlands Police, and West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.

Saplings	Maila - For all your hard work in phonics! It really does show in your reading and writing. Well done! Elsie - For always concentrating hard in our phonics lessons and having a go with enthusiasm. Keep it up!
Elms	Josh - For the incredible writing which you have produced during our toys topic. The fact files and booklets you have made during SPLAT and at home were incredible Cooper - For your positive attitude towards all of your learning, and for working hard to edit your writing to improve it.
Beech	Yannick - For excellent resilience and enthusiasm in his learning. Bow - For super use of time connectives when writing a diary about tadpoles.
Willows	Ivy - For her excellent attitude towards her learning and her willingness to help others in their learning when they find something challenging. Annie - For her excellent use of artist mark making to create a landscape using dots and lines.
Hazel	Jackson - For working hard across the curriculum and for being incredibly helpful to his teachers at all times. Aryssa - For her beautiful, creative tessellation design in Art this week.
Ash	Freddie - For a very positive attitude towards learning this week and trying his best in everything. Winston - For his brilliant maths work and lovely presentation of his work in his maths book.
Oaks	Chloe - For her excellent shadow puppets using cellophane Hannah - For her excellent graph work in science.