



# Newsletter

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Next INSET Day –  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Liveable Hanover Project consultation** – use the link below to get involved with the consultation on the proposed project in the Hanover/Elm Grove area.

<https://climateconversationsbrighton.uk/engagement/hanover-tarner-liveable-neighborhood-project>



**Additional workshop date:** Weds 6<sup>th</sup> April  
5 – 8pm at Hanover Community Centre.



**'Loose Parts' urgently needed for the playground sheds** – our stocks of loose parts are running very low and are in need of revitalising for our OPAL playtimes. Please donate any items you can to the 'loose parts' collection point in the staff car park. Thank you!

Some examples of what we need are:

- Empty cable reels
- Decking or plank offcuts
- Guttering, tubes or pipes
- Logs and tree 'cookies'
- Crates
- Blankets/sheets/cushions

[OPAL Play – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

## Consultation for parents of colour and parents of children of colour-

As part of the Brighton & Hove city wide Anti-racism school strategy we would like to consult with Parents of Colour/BAME/ Parents of children of Colour/BAME to:

- Understand yours and your child/children's experiences as part of the school community
- Share your ideas to develop inclusive and anti-racist school practices
- Raise any concerns and issues

The session will be held on **28<sup>th</sup> April, 9-11am** in the school restaurant. It will be an informal discussion, facilitated by independent education consultants Abha Aggarwal and Ruth England.

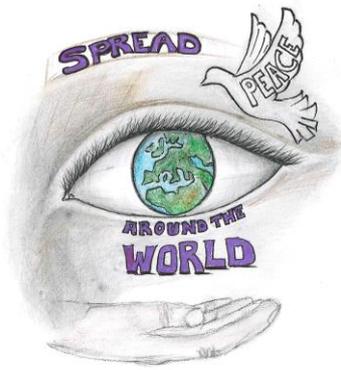
Refreshments will be provided. Useful resources will be shared.

If you are able to attend, please contact the school office at [admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) If you would like more information, or have any questions please contact Hannah Mehta at [hannahmehta@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:hannahmehta@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

**Y6 Easter cake sale** - This will be held on the last day before the Easter holidays - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. More details to come, until then - Y6 get your baking caps on! On the same day we will be holding an **Easter Bonnet decorating competition** - watch this space!



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### Baton Relay Poster Competition

We received some wonderful, thoughtful entries for our Queen's Baton Relay poster competition. Thank you to all the children that entered. The 1st and 2nd place winning entries were delivered, along with the baton, to St. Luke's School on Friday 18th March. The winning entries were:  
1st place: Marah (Oak) pictured above.  
Joint 2nd place winners (appearing on the reverse side, in smaller size):

- Truman (Beech)
- Mya (Birch)
- Pippa (Birch)
- Iscah (Cedar)
- Rosie (Birch)
- Ada (Birch)



**Food Assistance-** The last 2 years have been a difficult time and we know that many families are struggling with money and affording healthy food for their family. However, there is support available.

You may be eligible for **free school meals** for your child [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals)

The **Brighton and Hove Food Partnership** has lots of useful information on how to access emergency food

parcels <https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/accessing-emergency-food-parcels/>

Everyone across the City can **buy low-cost shopping** if they need to. More information is available here: <https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/low-cost-and-free-community-shopping/>

If you are pregnant or have a child under 4 you may also be able to get help to buy milk, fruit and vegetables. [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#).

If you would like any more information on any of the above, please talk to Sam or Tammy based in **The Nest** ([InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk))



## BLOSSOM GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

alternate Saturdays  
10.30am-12pm



### \*\*NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY\*\*

Blossom Garden Parent Volunteer Sessions  
Make the most of the Spring weather by coming along to a fun gardening session, next dates are:

- Saturday April 9th (first weekend of Easter holiday)
- Saturday April 23rd (last weekend of Easter holiday)
- Saturday May 7th
- Saturday May 21st

Sessions are 10.30am - 12pm, meet at the car park metal gates or call Emma on 07737 926 442 if you can only drop in for a short while.

Everyone welcome. Just bring gardening gloves if you have some. If you have to bring kids to be able to come, please have them bring a ball or game so they can occupy themselves in the basketball court.

See you there!



**The next homework grids will be published on: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

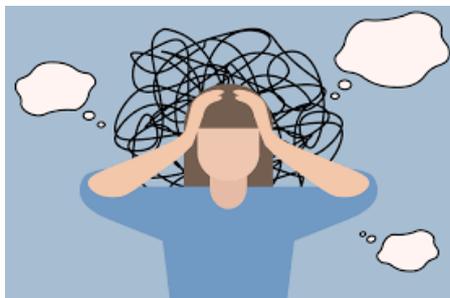
The homework grids will be uploaded onto the homework page of the school website: [Homework – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

Visit our new Inclusion/SEND page on the website: [Inclusion at Elm Grove – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

### REMINDER

We would like to remind parents and carers that the school doors open at **8.50am** and pupils are expected to be in class by 9am. Before 8.50am any pupils waiting at the school gate are under the supervision of their grown-ups.

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### Supporting a Young Person with Anxiety

The Adult Education Hub is continuing its successful online courses: Supporting a Young Person with Anxiety, and Building a Young Person's Resilience. These courses offer parents practical strategies to help the young person manage anxious thinking and help build their self-esteem. Sessions are run separately for parents of primary and secondary-age children.

Here is what some parents have said:

"Listened to our concerns and gave us some great advice and tools."

"Gave practical tips as well as reassurance. I feel I'm better able to support my child with their anxiety."

Courses [2 x 90 minute online sessions] are free to parents on a low income/means-tested benefits. Otherwise, there is a fee of £15.

For dates, times and bookings visit our website:

<https://adulthoodeducation.brighton-hove.gov.uk/course-category/children-family-wellbeing/> or email [AEH@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:AEH@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

### PTA NEWS -

#### 🌸 SPRING FAIR! 🌸

The first Elm Grove Spring Fair is in one week and we need your donations! 🙏

We are collecting prizes for the fantastic **COLOUR RAFFLE!** It would be incredible if you can please donate a new prize that matches your year group's colour. This raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers, so the more prizes we can get the more money we can raise for the school. Please take your donations to your class teacher from today until Friday 1st April.

Reception - **WHITE**

Year 1 - **PINK**

Year 2 - **PURPLE**

Year 3 - **RED**

Year 4 - **GREEN**

Year 5 - **BLUE**

Year 6 - **SILVER/GOLD**

We are also collecting filled and decorated **JAM JARS**. A few ideas - you can fill them with little goodies - chocolates, beads, art supplies, sweets, stickers or mini toys - and hand them in to your child's teacher. It creates a fabulous display at the spring fair, and the kids love picking out a ticket and seeing what they've won



The PTA reps will be sharing the Sign-up sheet this week for volunteers to help set up and pack down the fair, man the stalls and support the class 'book look' to see your children's work. A gentle reminder that if we can't get the volunteers to help we simply can't go ahead with the fair, so please donate your time if you are able. We were devastated to cancel the Winter Fair due to covid, so please help us make a wonderful Spring Fair for the children and the school.

**PLEASE LEAVE BRIC-A-BRAC, TEDDY AND JAM JAR DONATIONS IN THE BLACK BIN AT THE TOP OF THE CAR PARK ON MONDAY 28th & TUESDAY 29th MARCH**

**CAKES** - Immediately before the fair we'll also be collecting cakes and bakes, so if you're a baker and can contribute we'd be most welcome.

Thanks so much for your support,  
The PTA x

### Sports Update

Having recently won a tournament, our netballers in Y6 qualified for the Brighton and Hove finals. Despite really unpleasant weather conditions, our players performed brilliantly, eventually finishing in 3rd place overall. Well done to Primrose, Lilly, Tarisha, Ava, Lily, Lucas, Jaden and Isaac. Before Christmas we entered a virtual 'fitness' competition, which the children completed during their PE lessons. We recently received the results, and the children did spectacularly well! There were many thousands of children from across Sussex involved, and our KS1 children (of whom, all bar 3 participated) finished in 2nd position in Brighton and Hove, and in 7th position in Sussex. Our KS2 children (of whom, all bar 8 participated) finished in 1st position in Brighton and Hove, and in 3rd position in Sussex. Huge congratulations to all involved!

### School Website Updates

Please go to our Curriculum page:

<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/about/curriculum/> to see our updated reading, writing and math's curriculum information.

We also have a new Religious Festival's page. At Elm Grove we take pride in celebrating the diversity within our school. This includes having an awareness of our communities' different religious beliefs, and their festivities held throughout the year. Visit the page here:

<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/religious-festivals/>



### GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



<b>Beech</b>	Isaac, Ivy & Lula
<b>Birch</b>	Betty, Arthur & Iscah
<b>Baobab</b>	Joey, Otis & Esme
<b>Bonsai</b>	Isla, Amari & Victoire
<b>Holly</b>	Diggory, Bea & Misheck
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	
<b>Cedar</b>	Arthur, Sienna & Oisin
<b>Cypress</b>	Samuel, Josha & Myla
<b>Redwood</b>	Whole Class
<b>Rowan</b>	Bobby, Denley & Siyar
<b>Elder</b>	Heath, Nancy & Evie
<b>Oak</b>	Mustafa, Luca, Foye & Whole Class

**REMINDER**– we have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods /packed lunches which contain nuts into school.

### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School nurse drop-in (top playground) 2.45pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	PTA children's book look (11.30-12pm) & Spring Fair (12-3pm)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	-End of Spring Term - Non uniform day – donations for Children's Parade resources -Y6 Easter cake sale - PTA Easter bonnet competition
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Parade
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Chuckles for comedy

**NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office**

Head teacher

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