



Newsletter

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Next INSET Day –
Monday 6th June
2022



Platinum Jubilee Picnic – we look forward to welcoming those parents and carers who are able to attend, to our Platinum Jubilee Picnic this Friday. I have re-attached the invite with the newsletter.

Please bring dishes to share during the morning (please note, we have very limited fridge space in the school).

Year 6 pupils will meet and greet visitors at the main gate. The picnic times are being staggered for each year group. We expect children to be outside for about half an hour before returning to their classes for the usual end of the day routines.

A message will be sent during the week to ask for volunteers to help put the donated food out onto the tables ready for the children.



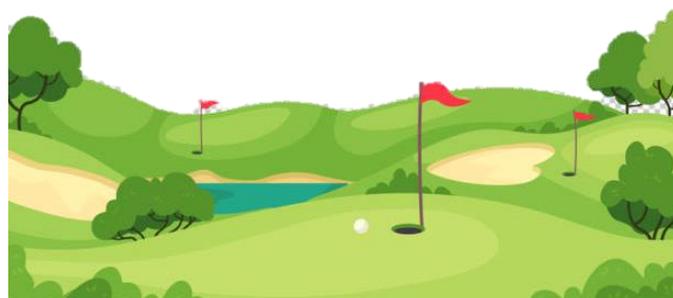
OPAL - Our outdoor play and learning policy (OPAL) gives children the freedom to play with various items such as cardboard boxes, chinks, tyres, fabric, old suitcases, dressing up, materials to make dens. Things to be climbed on, hidden under, created and imagined!



The 'playground sheds' are in constant need of replenishing and we welcome any donations of:

- Empty cable reels
- Decking or plank offcuts
- Guttering, tubes or pipes
- Logs and tree 'cookies'
- Crates
- Blankets/sheets/cushions
- Dressing up clothes
- Suitcases
- Pots and pans

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



SPORTS UPDATE

We took 10 children from Y3/4 to compete in a tri-golf competition recently. Despite having very little experience, they picked up the necessary skills really quickly and worked brilliantly as a team, eventually finishing in 2nd place. Indeed, their final score of 967pts was far higher than any achieved in the past by an Elm Grove team, and was only 10-20pts fewer than the winners. Very well done to: Lewis, Eliza (Chestnut); Indira, Isaac, Samuel, Finley, Toby (Cypress); Kimberley, Sienna, Cleo (Cedar).

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Governor news - The governing board is pleased to announce the appointment to the board of Julian Ridge and Tara St John as new parent governors. There were two applications for the two vacancies and so an election was not necessary.

We would also like to thank Emma Sutton for her fantastic contribution to the board over the last four years. Emma has been an extremely dedicated and valued governor, leading on health and safety and then equalities, and brought a strong parent carer perspective to the board.



KS2 Sports Day - We recently discovered that the date of our KS2 Sports Day at Withdean Stadium clashes with the day that most of our Y6 children will be visiting their secondary schools. As a result, we have moved the date for KS2 Sports Day, and it will now take place on **Tuesday 12th July**

Attendance - thank you for your continued support in working with us to improve attendance at Elm Grove. Having looked at the past terms registers we are aware that a large amount of late marks are negatively impacting our overall attendance. If we could all work together to ensure children arrive on time, 8.50am for a prompt 9am start, this would have a positive impact not only on the children's start to the day but also drastically improve overall attendance. Should you need any support or advice please contact Sam and Tammy



Homework

The next homework grid will be published on **Friday 1st of June**

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

Draft Air Quality Plan - A consultation has recently opened on the Brighton and Hove City Council Draft Air Quality Plan (see attached poster)

'The way we travel around the city, including to and from school, can have a considerable impact on the quality of the air, so please do give us your views on this and our proposals for sustainable travel as part of the consultation.'

The consultation is open until the 10th July, 2022 and can be accessed by clicking on the link on the attached poster or here: [Draft Air Quality Action Plan \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#)



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](#) 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)

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.

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**** PTA NEWS ****

Save up your pennies - Y4 are baking! They will be holding this term's cake sale on Friday 27th May after school in the top playground. We will also have a Jubilee themed drawing competition - all pictures need to be sent to the office with your child's name & year group by the morning of 27th May. There will be a winner (and prize!) for every year group. Get creative!

Monday 13th June - our very first Chuckles for Charity comedy night at Komedia is nearly sold out! Go to www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/chuckles-for-charity-elm-grove-primary-school-fundraiser/ to buy your ticket if you haven't already. We have an amazing line up, hosted by Jen Brister, we have Joe Wilkinson, Kerry Godliman, Zoe Lyons, Laura Lexx, Angela Barnes, Michael Fabbri, Ingrid Dahle & Maureen Younger. We will also have a raffle on the night, £100 top cash 1st prize from Lewes Rd Inn, £50 Theatre Royal voucher, £25 Komedia voucher, £10 Picture House voucher plus signed merchandise! Help us raise much needed funds for the school whilst having a laugh!

Saturday 25th June - Summer Arts Festival in the Blossom Garden. Come and enjoy the children singing, dancing, playing instruments and performing on stage! The event will be free to enter but still a fantastic opportunity for fundraising with games, bouncy castle, BBQ, cakes and candy floss. More info to come nearer the day - get the date in your diary!

The PTA have sourced and paid for 15 tablets for use by the children in the school, they should be in the classrooms in the next couple of weeks. We also funded the school's incredible efforts at this year's Children's Parade. Please continue to support our events by donating, volunteering and coming on the day!

Thank you, the PTA x



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	Amelie, Charlotte, Rowan & Esme
Cherry	Isla, Finlay, Oshie, Astrid & Nemo
Beech	Robin T, Ruby, Mina, Truman, Ava-Rose & Arry
Birch	Rosie S, Jojo, Hamza, Betty, Jenny & Ruby
Baobab	Evelyn, Evalie, Samuel, Max, Ripley & Willow
Bonsai	Betty, Momo, James I, Leo, Jake & Raya
Holly	Conan, Theo & Maja
Horse Chestnut	Amelia, Nathan, Rudi, Akseli, Tom & Hannah
Cedar	Joseph, Edie, Fitz, Willow, CC & Scarlett
Cypress	Erin, Indira, Arthur A, Sam, Myla & Toula
Redwood	Bethan Rees, Maisie, Olivia S, Sophie, Vinnie & Samuel
Rowan	Sonnie, Evie, Mattie, Billy, Freddie & Esme
Elder	Heath, Callie & Max
Oak	Primrose, Georgia & Robynn

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 25 th May	Class photographs
Friday 27 th May	Last day of half term Jubilee Picnic Y4 PTA Cake Sale
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school
Monday 13 th June	PTA Chuckles for comedy
Friday 24 th June	KS1 (Y1 & 2) Sports Day
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer event
Tuesday 12 th July	Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 12 th July	KS2 Sports Day (Withdean Stadium)
Friday 15 th July	Annual reports sent home to parents and carers
Monday 18 th July	Pupils 'Meet the Teacher' session
Monday 18 th July	Open Evening (in person)
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of term for pupils

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Louise Willard

Head teacher

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