



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Monday June 6th



As you are all aware Elm Grove Primary School underwent an Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Thank you for all your support and good wishes.

The inspectors written report has to be quality assured and undergo a number of checks. This means it probably won't be published until some time in March. Until then I am not permitted to share the outcome.

What I can say is that the staff team and governors were all amazing and had the opportunity to share all of the schools work with the inspector. The children rose to the occasion and were an absolute credit to the school.

I will send out the formal report as soon as I am able to.

In other news, Ailsa Hickman, who works in the school office, is about to embark on an exciting adventure traveling to Mexico. We wish Ailsa well and thank her for her considerable contribution to the school. I'm not quite sure what would have happened during the pandemic and school closures without all of her technical skills!! Ms Katherine Mabbett has been appointed as her replacement and we look forward to her joining the staff team.

Homework – the children will not be set any homework over the school holidays.
Next half term please look out for homework grids on:
Friday 13.1.23
Friday 27.1.23
Friday 10.2.2023



Please can I respectfully request that smart watches don't come into school. I think a few children got new ones for Christmas but they are proving very distracting (as children seem to be able to access games on them), could be a safeguarding issue with some of the functions and will also cause much upset if they are lost or broken.

Thank you,
Ms Willard

ALLERGEN UPDATE



Please contact the school office if your child develops a new allergy/ intolerance, or any details the school needs to be aware of change.

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.

Here is the swimming timetable for the Spring/Summer terms:

Term	Start Date	End Date	Classes
Spring 1	Thursday 5th January	Thursday 9th February	HCN, Cypress, Rowan & Oak
Spring 2	Thursday 23 rd February	Thursday 30 th March	Holly, Cedar, Redwood & Elder
Summer 1	Thursday 20 th April	Thursday 25 th May	HCN, Cypress, Rowan & Oak
Summer 2	Thursday 8 th June	Thursday 13 th July	Holly, Cedar, Redwood & Elder

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Today, the 13th of January is International Make Your Dreams Come True Day

Dream Week is the brainchild of 7 year old brain tumour warrior Ravi Adelekan, who launched his 'Million Dreams' campaign to raise £250k for brain tumour research and awareness on November 28th (www.ravidream.com). He has appeared on the BBC and ITV News, This Morning and been interviewed in various broadsheet and tabloid newspapers.

His campaign has so far raised over £67k towards his £250k target, and has been blown away by how many people have supported him in trying to make his dream come true. He now wants to return the favour and bring some sunshine to January!

Ravi's Dream Week is focusing on 3 main themes:

- Sharing your dreams with others;
- Giving your time to help others' dreams come true;
- Being inspired by the stories of those who have achieved their dreams.

There are so many ways we can help others without it costing a penny, and Ravi wanted to highlight this too.

Elm Grove pupils were inspired by Ravi's story and video during a recent assembly and enjoyed sharing their many and varied dreams.

School Nursing service Parent Survey

Brighton and Hove City Council's Public Health Team commissions the School Nursing service in Brighton and Hove.

We want to hear from parents and carers who have received support from the service in 2022

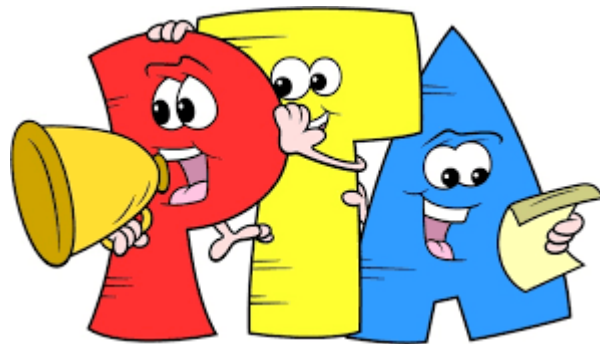
The survey is anonymous and the responses will help to inform the delivery of this service in the future.

This survey is for any parent and/or carer who has received support from the Brighton & Hove School Nursing Service in 2022.

The survey will be open until the end of the day on the **19th January 2023**.

If there are any questions you prefer not to answer just skip those; you can still submit the survey at the end even if not all the questions are answered.

Just click on this link to go to the survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/School-Nursing-Service-Parents-carers-survey/>



PTA News

Happy new year from the PTA! After a very busy December we are planning events for the rest of the academic year – we've got another fantastic Comedy Night in the pipeline, the Spring Fair and Summer Festival, along with a tabletop kids and vintage sale.

Do you have an event you'd love to put on at the school? Cinema night? Games afternoon? We can help you and it's a great way to get events and marketing experience, adding charity work to your CV as well as raising all important funds for the school. Please email becs.elmgrovepta@gmail.com with any thoughts or ideas.

The Pantry continues to be a vital support service for families at the school. We welcome all donations to keep it supplied. If you have food or hygiene items spare please do drop these into the Pantry directly, or you can donate online and the PTA will use these funds to top up the shelves - <https://LocalGiving.org/appeal/ThePantry>

The Pantry team continue to apply for grants and funding to improve the space. We have secured a grant to buy a fridge and are applying for another grant to cover the costs of an electrician to get power to the building and fit proper lights. Lastly a team of Y3 parents are designing the branding and signage for the Pantry which will give it its very own Elm Grove identity ☺

Thank you all for your continuing support, the PTA
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School Uniform Reminder

All children are expected to wear Elm Grove uniform colours of green, white and grey – in any combination. (NB this can include jogging bottoms and hoodies). No items with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo. We have made the decision to say grey, not black tights/leggings. We also ask that the children wear sensible, school appropriate shoes and that all items are clearly named.

<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/information/school-uniform/>



Our ex-singing teacher, Al Start who visited before Christmas has a New Year family show at The Brunswick in Hove on Saturday 14th Jan. Great fun for the whole family!

Ticket link: <https://gokidmusic.com/tickets>

Teddy Bear Hospital Competition

BSMS Teddy Bear Hospital is expanding their outreach this year and are running a competition for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who attend a primary school in Brighton & Hove. Every year, BSMS Paediatric Society fundraises for three chosen charities and this year they would like to have the youngest members of the community involved too!

They have organised a 'Teddy Bear Hospital Logo Competition' which is running from now till the 3rd February. Children are encouraged to design a new logo for the Teddy Bear Hospital for the next academic year. There is a £2 entry fee associated with the competition which will be donated to charity - donations to be made by the JustGiving link (more details on poster and letter). The winner of the competition will receive a Build a Bear Teddy as well as a smaller toy for the runner up.

- All entries to be emailed to bsmstbhospital@gmail.com by Friday 3rd February 2023.
- The email must include the student's full name, year group, school and donation reference number (generated by JustGiving after donating the £2 entry fee).
- Winners will be announced by the end of February.
- We encourage everyone to get involved in making a difference to our 3 local charities and donate/share the JustGiving link! https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bsmsteddycbearhospital?utm_term=g59QX5jaD

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KS2 Snacks



The PTA is helping provide KS2 snacks and also checking with Public Health Brighton/Healthy schools. I think we should broaden which snacks we advise as acceptable for breaks. Please let me know if you have any issues with this change.

This guidance as follows is from Public Health Brighton.

Starchy carbohydrates such as breadsticks, oatcakes etc are a great source of energy. Raisins are a good and healthier alternative to sweets, however we advise to serve them with a meal (e.g. wrap/sandwich and raisins) for better oral health. We also advise to serve raisins in moderation (just a small quantity) due of the high concentrated amount of sugar, however they are a healthy snack.

There are also more resources on the website. Other good alternatives: plain popcorn, toasted pitta, hummus and veggie sticks – there are more here <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Rowan, Naly, Emily, Ariella, Joshua & Ed
Birch	Rudy, Ellie, Jake, Woody, Rhion & Astrid
Baobab	Ursula, Sohan, Jackson, Estelle, Joshua T & Joshua B
Bonsai	Mia, Amelia, Violet-Mae, Jake, Arthur & Betty
Holly	Levi, Momo & Ornette
Horse Chestnut	Joey, Evalie, Marlie, Oren, Gabriel & Mei
Cedar	
Cypress	Amelia, Reuben K, Elina, Robyn, Jamie & Akseli
Redwood	Kane, Lola, Samuel, Indi, Anna & Shahn
Rowan	Fitz, Robin, Edie, Willow, Jayden & Cleo
Elder	Maisie, Billy, Ronnie, Fionn, Summer & Albie
Oak	Lyra, Ebba, Evie, Matilda, Esme & George

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Monday 13 th February	Half term
Monday 20 th February	First day back
22 nd to 24 th March	Year 6 PGL trip
Sunday 7 th May	Children's parade
Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday

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Head teacher