



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Monday June 5th



Have a wonderful half term break – hopefully the sun will shine for everyone. School returns for the children on Tuesday 6th June as staff have INSET training on Monday 5th June.

We have recently said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Eastwell who is furthering her career in a local secondary school specialist unit.

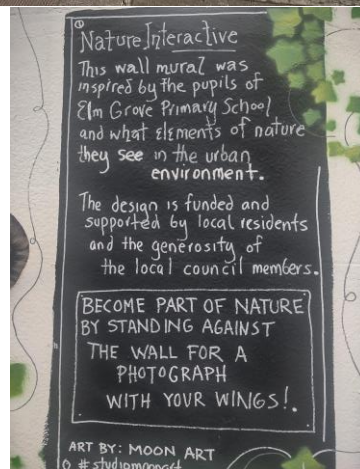
We are looking forward to welcoming Jen Smyth and Hannah Collacott to our admin team after half term. We are very grateful to Jody Bundock and Abby Fuller for helping cover in the office over recent weeks. Both Jody and Abby are staying on at the school in other roles.

'Shaun the Sheep' Art trail fundraiser – Elm Grove is delighted to be participating in The Martlets upcoming fundraiser. We are doing so in memory of our previous Site Manager, James Roocroft, as well as for other cherished family members and friends.



Our very own Shaun will be unveiled in the Autumn term. Fundraising activities will coincide with this. In the meantime we have set up a GoFundMe page should anyone wish to contribute to this worthy cause: www.justgiving.com/ElmGrovePrimarySchool

Elm Grove mural – if you are walking down Elm Grove, look out for the lovely new mural on St Joseph's church hall wall. It was inspired by the children's drawings of local wildlife.



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PTA ready, steady, read

Thank you to everyone who took part in our big book and uniform giveaway on the terrace this week. You helped us stop good quality clothing and books going to waste 😊



We are launching the **Usborne Ready Steady Read Reading Challenge** today. It will run from Friday 26th May – Friday 9th June. Please help us by encouraging your child to read or be read to over half term, and to collect sponsorship money from friends, family and neighbours. Our target is to raise £2000 and Usborne will add another 60% of the total raised in in free books! Letters, sponsor forms and reading logs have gone home with children today, so please take part in our challenge and help us boost funds for our new library!



Our Chuckles for Charity night has just 8 tickets left before it sells out! Thanks to all who have bought tickets, and if you haven't yet, please do so here - <https://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/chuckles-for-charity-elm-grove-primary-school-fundraiser/>

Don't forget today is the **Year 4 cake sale!** Please support Year 4 and help them boost their funds for their school trip!

Lastly, the Pantry will be open over half term from Tuesday 30th May until Friday 2nd June.

Thanks as always for all of your support, the PTA x

Elm Grove Out of School Club's

AGM

Wednesday 7th June

6.15pm -7.30pm

At the Club's setting

(School's dining hall)

Elm Grove Out of School Club Committee Update

Please come along and support our club at our next AGM on Wednesday 7th June @ 6.15pm-7.30pm.

We will be having a buffet and refreshments. Come along and see behind the scenes.

Elm Grove Out School Club is the only Out of School Care/Holiday club that is Parent led left in Brighton. The committee would like to thank all the Parents/Carers that use the Club for their ongoing support.

We are seeking New Committee members as we have a few that have come to the end of their reign. We would like to continue as a Parent Led Committee and to do this we need to appoint new Members.

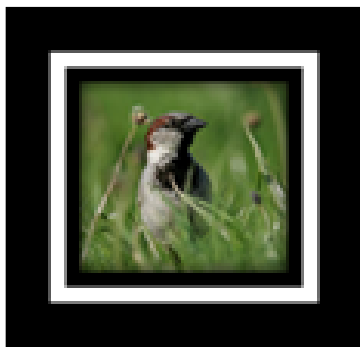
If you would like any more information about the Club, please contact Donna Hawkins, the Club Manager at donna.hawkins@elmgroveoutofschool.club

If you would like to support the Club by joining the committee, please email Fiona @ fionajcallender@gmail.com

Best Wishes Fiona Callender, Chair of the Committee and Donna & Liza, Elm Grove Out of School Clubs Management team

Non- uniform day – thank you for supporting our non-uniform day today to raise much needed funds for our school pantry. We raised £93.91 The pantry is increasingly well used for food and uniform supplies. It is preventing food and clothing waste, as well as helping those in need. Please respect this resource, taking just what you need and leaving items for others to benefit from too. Thank you to wonderful team of PTA volunteers who work so hard to keep the Pantry stocked and organised.

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Birdsong! - The sound of chirruping spring birds and the evening light is a reminder to me that Spring is well and truly here. Every year, at roughly the same time, I realise that I cannot identify the bird song of Brighton. I have decided that as a family and with my class we are going to try and learn some of the local birdsong.

This brings me to the RSBP website:
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/>

This is a free resource and really quite fun. So, if like me, you find listening to bird song relaxing, why not have a go? You could challenge yourself to then go and identify birdsong in your local area. Children love this challenge, even if we can't agree on which bird we are identifying!

Compost We do have a brown composting bin set up outside of the KS1 entrance to school, thank you to those people that have been using it. Please remember that citric fruit (e.g. oranges and lemons) should not be put in because their acidity stops decomposition.

Household Cleaning without chemicals -

Now to the serious stuff! My love of vinegar... Since having my own children and becoming more Eco aware, I have tried to move away from the use of chemicals in cleaning products. Not only are they toxic and damaging our seas and waterways, but they are also linked to weakened immune systems and allergies. Not to mention the fact that cleaning products are expensive. Even though I was brought up believing a splash of bleach was the only way to clean a toilet, I have broken free and ditched the bleach! It is liberating, give it a go!

With only three vital cleaning products required you can tackle most household jobs!

- Baking soda (bicarbonate of soda)
- Distilled white vinegar.
- Lemons

<https://www.thespruce.com/homemade-and-natural-cleaning-products-1900456#:~:text=Baking%20soda%20and%20vinegar%20are%20often%20used%20together,of%20baking%20soda%20with%20the%20laundry%20detergent.%20>

Have a look at this website for top cleaning tips.

Our City our World Project

The next steps:

We will have our first meeting in the summer term! Thanks to anyone that has contacted me, I will be sure to keep in touch!

This year we are putting together a strategy group to put our Eco Vision into action. We are looking for parent volunteers who are interested in helping to make Elm Grove a more sustainable school. Please contact me on

SarahThwaitesHutchinson@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk if you would like to find out any further information or would like to volunteer.

Thanks for reading,

Sarah Hutchinson

Eco- coordinator

Important school reminders –

- Packed lunches should consist of a balanced range of foods to ensure children are able to feel satisfied as well as able to concentrate on their learning. Please do not include sports drinks or highly sugared food products. Thank you
- Children should not wear or bring in any devices, such as watches or phones, that can take photographs, videos or make calls. This is for safeguarding reasons as well as avoiding upset or expense if the items get lost or broken. Y6 pupils are able to bring in mobile phones as long as they are handed in to the office as soon as they arrive at school each day
- Please clearly name **all** items of school uniform. With the warmer weather, our lost property is already over-flowing with unnamed items that the children take off and discard when they get hot whilst playing.

We took a team of Y3/4 children to a **tag rugby** festival recently. They worked hard and made lots of progress, and they should all feel very proud of their efforts. Well done to: Maia, Solomon, Suki (Cypress); Marcus, Scarlett, Markos (Cedar); Ripley, Marlie, India (Horse Chestnut); Anne, Amari, Ethan (Holly).



twinkl.com

We've had fantastic news about our **Y3/4 golf team** who won a competition earlier this term. We now know that our winning score in our competition for 7 schools was actually the highest of all 28 teams who competed across the city, so we will be representing Brighton and Hove schools in the Sussex School Games Finals in Crawley at *the end of* June. More news about this will follow.



Homework - please look out for homework grids on:

Friday 26th May
 Friday 12th June
 Friday 26th June

Homework grids are now accessible again via the school website: [Homework – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 26 th May	End of half term/non-uniform day PTA Y4 cake sale
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 7 th June	EGOOSC AGM
Monday 19 th June	PTA comedy night at Komedia
Monday 3 rd July	KS2 sports day – Withdean Stadium
Tuesday 4 th July	Y1 sports day
Wednesday 5 th July	Reception sports day
Friday 7 th July	Y2 sports day
Friday 7 th July	Y6 Secondary transition day
Monday 10 th July	Y5 Go Ape adventure trip
Friday 14 th July	Annual reports home
Monday 17 th July	'Meet my new teacher' - pupils
Tuesday 18 th July	Open Evening
Thursday 20 th July	End of term/non-uniform day PTA Year Y1 & Reception cake sale

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.

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Head teacher

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GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	Albert, Lola, Megan, Arabella, Max, Nola
Cherry	Juniper, Arthur, Ola, Ipek, Greta, Sia
Beech	Grace, Felix, Nemo, Felix, Oshie, Autumn
Birch	Whole class award, Amelie, Agnes S, Astrid
Baobab	Arabella, Lilja, Ruby-Rose, Ibuki, River, Echo
Bonsai	Jack, Ruby, Saffron, Ayeza, Ada, Mia
Holly	Isla R, Levi, Amari, Ornette, Raya
Horse Chestnut	Freddie, Max, Ripley, Evelyn, Jake, Kieran
Cedar	Misheck, Oliver, Audrey, Sylvie, Hannah
Cypress	Sienna, Mia, Maia V, Reuben K, Bobby, Robyn
Redwood	Shahin, Harrison, Sam C, Anna, Arthur, Lola
Rowan	Scarlett, Iscah, Alex D,
Elder	Douggie, Verity, Fionn, Olivia V, Sam M, Billy
Oak	Siyar, Edward, Olivia, Remy, Geogia, Lyra