

Number 5 – 10th November 2023

Next INSET
 Tuesday 2nd January



Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place this year from **13th - 17th November** with the theme **Make a Noise**:

“Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as ‘just banter’. It doesn’t have to be this way. Of course, we won’t like everyone and we don’t always agree, but we can choose respect and unity. This Anti-Bullying Week let’s come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let’s make a noise about bullying.”

Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it’s in school, at home, in the community or online, we can **make a noise** about bullying and help to make a difference.

The aims of this week are:

- To celebrate the things that make us unique, as well as the ways we already help each other.
- To think about how we can support someone we see being bullied.
- To understand the school definition of bullying.

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 13th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It’s an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school.



Sports news:

Sports Leaders - the following children in Y5 have been chosen as sports leaders, to work with the sports leaders who are already in position in Y6. Amongst other things, they will help to run KS2 sports day and will run multi-skills sessions on Friday afternoons for the children in Y1/2. Diggory, Harrison, Reuben K, Sylvie, Eliza, Molly.

Football tournament - we took a team to a girls' football tournament recently. Most of our players were relatively new to the game, but after a heavy defeat in our first match, our performances improved enormously and we won two of our remaining five matches, conceding just two goals in the process. Overall, we finished in 7th place out of the 12 schools. Well done to the following children, who should all feel immensely proud of their efforts: Kimberley, Poppy, Rosie (Oak); Erin, Danielle (Elder); Eliza, Audrey, Sylvie (Rowan); Elina (Redwood).



Remembrance Day – 11am on 11.11.2023

Poppies have been on sale at school all week and the children heard about Remembrance Day in assembly on Tuesday. We spoke about remembering members of the armed forces who fought in wars in the past, but also noted that there are still wars happening around the world at the moment.

Many children spoke proudly of ancestors who had been involved in World Wars but they also shared how current news of wars can be worrying.

We spoke (in age appropriate ways) about these worries and to follow the following advice:

- Share your worries
- Its normal to feel upset
- Do things that make you happy
- Remember its rare

These websites may be helpful for supporting children's worries -

- [Advice if you're upset by the news - BBC Newsround](#)
- [NewsWise for families | The Guardian Foundation](#)



PTA news –

It's only 3 weeks until our **Winter Fair and Makers Market** on Saturday 2nd December and the PTA are in full swing getting everything ready. We will have our wonderful Santa's grotto, 20 local makers selling their home-made gifts, rainbow raffle, games room, craft room, book stall, bric-a-brac stall, pamper room, café and performances from the school choir, so there is something for everyone!

As always we will need volunteers on the day so watch out for the **Sign Up link** next week. We cannot run our fairs without your help, so please put your name down for an hour to help on any one of our stalls.

Can't help on the day? We also need help sorting toy and book donations the week before. If you can spare half an hour w/c 27th November please email pta@elmgrovepta and help us out.

As well as your time, we also need **donations for our stalls**, so if you're having a clear out before Christmas please put aside the following items and bring them to school for donations week - 27th November – 1st December.

PTA news continued –

We're after good quality:

- Kids toys, games, teddies, fancy dress etc for our bric-a-brac stall
- Kids books
- Cakes & bakes on the day of the fair

On **Friday 24th November** we are holding a **RAINBOW NON-UNIFORM DAY** to collect colourful raffle prizes for our **RAINBOW RAFFLE**. Please send the children in dressed in their most colourful clothes, and instead of the usual £1 donation we ask if you are able to, to please donate a colourful raffle prize for our lovely hampers to be raffled off at the fair. Suggestions for donations include:

- Luxury biscuits
- Posh tea & coffee
- Craft Beer, wine or fizz
- Fancy soft drinks
- Pampering goodies
- Tasty treats
- Yummy choccies
- Condiments & preserves
- Candles and home gifts

The **library** is coming along wonderfully, with the shelving now painted and books delivered. Mr James is coordinating Y6 volunteers to scan and input all of the books into the library cataloguing system, so we hope to get the library open to the children by the new year. We will share photos of the space as soon as it comes together.

The **green wall** is also making great progress. The brick planters are complete and all of the children will learn more about the project in their assemblies on 28th November, with the eco committee and eco club getting involved in the planting the first week of December. In the mean time we also hope to get the willow screening up along the railings of the top playground to create an immediate barrier whilst we wait for the plants to grow.

Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Fair!



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Miss School Miss Out

If you're not going to school you will miss out on...

- Learning new skills
- Your friends
- Support and help
- School activities
- Having fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.
90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education in a year.
Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!

If you need help with school attendance, please talk to your school for advice.

Brighton & Hove City Council

Please support good school attendance – daily attendance (unless a child has a contagious illness or is too unwell to learn) has a huge impact on children’s learning and progress, as well as their social skills.

Please contact Sam in The Nest if you want to discuss any attendance barriers the school may be able to help you with –
sambarfoot@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Parent Workshop - Behaviour that Challenges -
Does your child have a diagnosis of Autism, DLD or has an active referral in place for Seaside View Child Development Centre?
Is their behaviour challenging at home?

We are hosting a 'Behaviour that Challenges' parent workshop on **Thursday 23rd Nov from 9:15am.**

The workshop is delivered by a Family Support Worker from the BHISS Autism and Language Team. The workshop will share information, strategies and further resources to support children with behaviours that challenge in the home environment.

To book - please do contact: admin@elmgrove.-brighton-hove.sch.uk providing your child's name and who will be attending when you email.
Many thanks, Carla Kemp (SENDCo)

The Safe and Well School at Survey (SAWSS) is an online questionnaire designed to gather information from children and young people about their health and wellbeing. SAWSS includes questions on a range of health issues, such as emotional wellbeing, exercise, diet and lifestyle.

Children from across the city participate in the survey bi-annually. Elm Grove pupils in Y4 – Y6 will do so the week beginning 27th November 2023. The survey is anonymous and staff will talk through what is required prior to the children completing it.

We run this survey to help our school further improve our approach to health and wellbeing, anti-bullying and equality. Data from all schools and colleges is also collated to provide city-wide information about bullying and health and wellbeing and this is used to improve services and support for children and young people.

Please park safely and considerately if you need to drive your child/children to and from school. Cars are regularly parking on the corners of surrounding roads, often causing a hazard for pedestrians, including our pupils, trying to cross the road. Local residents have also reported cars bringing pupils to school parking in the disabled bays in Bonchurch Road, stopping disabled drivers from being able to access the spaces.

We always encourage pupils to walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to school wherever possible. Thank you



World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006. It is marked every year on **14 November**, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922

Every year, the World Diabetes Day campaign focuses on a dedicated theme that runs for one or more years. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is **Access to Diabetes Care**

[About WDD | World Diabetes Day](#)

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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
w/b Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day (Anti bullying week)
Wednesday 15 th Nov	Individual photos
Thursday 16 th Nov	Prospective parent tour x2
Thursday 23 rd Nov	Parent workshop
Friday 24 th Nov	PTA rainbow non-uniform day (colour raffle prize) Flu vaccination – Reception to Year 6
Saturday 2 nd December	PTA makers Market
Monday 4 th December	KS2 Cast A xmas performance – St Martins Church 6-7.30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Cast B xmas performance – St Martins Church 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December	One Voice choir
Monday 11 th Dec	Reception & KS1 xmas performance 1.45pm PTA Children's Raffle draw
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Al Start Xmas entertainment – all year groups (PTA funded)
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Xmas Dinner
Thursday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 xmas performance 1.45pm
Friday 15 th Dec	Last day of term/PTA Cake sale
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET (staff only)
Weds 3 rd January	Children return to school

Christmas performances (further details to follow):

Reception and KS1 - Due to space limitations in the hall, we have to restrict numbers to two adults per pupil (younger siblings can attend too). Tickets will be made available for collection at the office from 17th November. Each performance will start at 1.45pm (doors open at 1.30pm)

Monday 11th December = Apple, Birch and both Y2 classes

Thursday 14th December = Cherry, Beech and both Y2 classes

Please note – Y2 children will perform on both days but parents and carers need to choose one or other date to watch.

KS2 – performances will be at St Martins Church on Lewes Road. Pupils to arrive by 6.10pm, performance to start at 6.30pm.

Monday 4th December = Cast A (Y6 Elder, Y5 Redwood, Y4 Cypress, Y3 Horse Chestnut)

Tuesday 5th December = Cast B (Y6 Oak, Y5 Rowan, Y4 Cedar, Y3 Holly)



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Beech	Hugo, Nylaa, Greta, Ishani, Freddie, Lizzie
Birch	Zofia, Imogen, Max, Alex, whole class
Baobab	Valentin, Autumn, Ed, Naly, Eleanor, Sebi
Bonsai	Rhion, Effie C, Amelie, Finlay, Harper, Henry
Holly	Rosie S, Rosie M, Amelia, Robyn, Dinugi, Maisie
Horse Chestnut	Oscar, Ruby, Mina, Eddie, Simran, Ursula
Cedar	Clara, Riley, Gabriel, Oren, Kit, Evelyn
Cypress	Oliver, Juno, James O, Luke, Elijah, Amari
Redwood	Amelia, Niko, Rudi, Teddy, Reuben O
Rowan	Molly, Tom, Marcus, Marcus, Diggory, Harrison
Oak	Scarlett, Joseph, Cleo, Nathaniel, Jayden, Rosie
Elder	Kas, Anna, Marcy, Kasper, Thalia, Harrison

Our next INSET day is **Tuesday January 2nd 2024**.

Only staff are required to be in school on this date. All pupils will therefore return to school after the xmas holidays on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**.

Homework – please look out for homework grids on:

Friday 17.11.23

Friday 01.12.23

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

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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