



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Monday 3rd June

Welcome back to the Summer Term. Whilst I feel really aware and emotional about it being my final term at the wonderful Elm Grove school, it is also very much business as usual. There is plenty to do between now and the end of term and lots is happening already to ensure everything is in place for a smooth transition in September.



Thank you so much to Lundscape and Grove Gardens for the donation of the new Olive tree in the top playground. Thank you also to all involved in the beautiful display of spring flowers along the fence line (Lundscape, PTA and ECO club).



Year 6 residential at PGL, Windmill Hill



Despite the extremely wet weather at times, our Year 6 pupils did a great job of aiming high, being resilient and challenging themselves during their recent 3 day residential. They tried lots of new and adventurous activities; learning and achieving so much in the process. They also enjoyed a campfire and disco in the evenings.

Well done to all who attended and thank you to the staff team for planning and facilitating this important educational activity.



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PTA updates: The **Spring Fair** is tomorrow!



Please sign up for the volunteer slots, we still have a few that need filling and cannot run our amazing stalls without your help. Please also come along to the fair on the day, we have lots of fabulous stalls, games, toys, books and the café. This is our biggest fair of the year and we can only do it with your help. If you can't come but would still like to support the fair please donate here -

https://localgiving.org/appeal/Spring_Fair_2024/

Please bake or buy your nut free **cake donations** and drop them on the morning of the fair at the canteen, thank you!

A reminder for those performing in the **Samba band** at the fair to meet in the top playground at 11.55 to perform and those singing in the café to come to the canteen at 12.30.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our **sponsored read**. If you haven't already please add your sponsor money to our Local Giving Appeal - https://localgiving.org/appeal/ready_steady_read_2024/ At the time of writing we've raised a staggering **£2944.88!!** Every penny will go towards buying books for the library!

There's still time to get your comedy tickets for our stellar **comedy night at Komedia** - <https://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/chuckles-for-charity-elm-grove-primary-school-fundraiser-2/> We get every penny of the ticket sales, so please do join us for a great night of comedy on Monday 17th June.

PTA continued –

The Pantry is in desperate need of help – can you spare 10 mins at any point in the day to help us keep it tidy and the shelves stocked? At the moment we have just a couple of volunteers doing it all and it is unsustainable. We can't continue to operate the Pantry and Uniform Library without more volunteers. Please email secretary@elmgrovepta.com if you can help, thank you.

We also ask if you use the Uniform Library that you do not throw uniform or hangars on the floor or shelves. Every day people search for uniform and leave discarded items in a mess. This is not OK and someone has to tidy it up after you – if you take an item off a hanger and don't want it, please put it back on the rail again after. This resource is free to use for everyone, but only works if you are considerate of others. Thank you.



Eid and Easter celebration – thank you to all who joined our recent Easter/Eid after school celebration and made it such a success. It was lovely to share treats and chat altogether in the spring sunshine.

ICT Suite Upgrade thanks to Very PC

We recently added new computers within our ICT suite to bring it up to date. The old computers were getting very slow and the new ones are much, much better. Many thanks to VeryPC who saved us £000's to overhaul the hardware.

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Parent/carer surveys 2024

Please help us identify areas for development on our next School Improvement and Development plan by completing the parent/carer survey which is being sent via School Ping today. It is important as many parents and carers as possible complete the form so we can celebrate our strengths and plan for improvements.

The closing date for the survey is May 15th 2024.

Thank you for taking the time to do this!

Cross country news - Congratulations to Sylvie in Y5 who was selected to represent Brighton and Hove Schools in the Sussex School Games Cross-country finals in Crawley. She did brilliantly to finish in 56th place out of over 180 runners, and her team finished in bronze-medal position



Are you or anyone you know interested in letting our school hall on a regular basis?

We have hall space free from 4.30 on Mondays, and Fridays - any interested party can contact Sean Copping (School Business Manager): seancopping@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Children's Parade – Saturday May 4th 2024 11am

Preparations are well underway for Elm Grove's 'phoenix' contribution to the parade. Please come and cheer us on on the day – Elm Grove is number 17.

Children participating in the parade will be sent more details early next week. Thanks to the great team of (super organised) creators.

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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Holiday cycle training courses

Cycle training is held at Hove and Preston Park during the school holidays and is for children aged 9 to 15.



Level 1 & 2

Children must have completed all level 1 activities before progressing to Level 2

Tuesday 28 – Friday 31 May 2024

10.00 – 12.30

Ages 9 –15

Cost per person is £40.00

Level 3

Children must have attended a level 2 course before progressing forward

Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 2024

13.15 – 15.15

Ages 11 – 15

cost per person is £45.00.

To book a place visit

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact 01273 293847 or email

east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Plea for loose parts – After such a wet winter, we really want to re-stock our sheds for the warmer weather and are in need of an injection of loose parts.

All donations are welcome but we especially need material, bedding and sheets as these help the children to make the ever popular 'playground dens'.

Please place any donations in the grey drop off cupboard opposite the school pantry/bike shed.



Brighton Festival Young Readers Programme

Discover the wonder of children's literature through the Brighton Festival [Young Readers Programme](#). Dream again and journey into lands of superheroes, dragons, magic and mysteries with our series of events for young readers.

Throughout May, join celebrated writers at readings and workshops, including the 'ingenious' [M.G Leonard](#) (12 May) and fantasy and young adult author [Jenny McLachlan](#) (18 May).

The 'brilliantly funny' [Laura Ellen Anderson](#) (11 May) and 2024 World Book Day author [Tolá Okogwu](#) (11 May) chat about their latest publications, action-packed author [Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre host an interactive drawing adventure](#) (12 May), and [Sophy Henn presents her new book, Lifesize](#), featuring to-scale pop ups, animals facts and challenges (12 May).

Older children can enjoy genre-bending young adult author [Alexandra Sheppard's writing workshop](#) and intro to her new book, *Alyssa and the Spell Garden* (5 May), and wind wonderous paths in [Vashti Hardy's Fantasy Map Drawing](#) (26 May).

Special Deals

The Wonder Panel! (ages 8+)

In *The Wonder Panel!*, festival Guest Director and award-winning children's author **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** hosts a lively discussion about storytelling and creativity for anyone aged 8 and up, featuring current Children's Laureate and poet **Joseph Coelho**, *How to Train Your Dragon* author **Cressida Cowell**, and drawing from Carnegie Medal for Illustration winner **Chris Riddell**.

We are delighted to offer you discounted tickets for £5 by using code WONDER5 at the checkout.

The Island of Brilliant (all ages)

Step onto the warm sands of *The Island of Brilliant* with **Frank** and award-winning author-illustrator **Nadia Shireen** in their live podcast recording, featuring very special guest **Julia Donaldson**, author of international sensation, *The Gruffalo*. 19 May, all ages.

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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Saturday 27 th April	PTA Spring Fair
Saturday 4 th May	Children's Parade
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Friday 24 th May	End of half term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET – school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June	Children return to school
Monday 17 th June	PTA Komedia comedy night
Mon 24 th June – Fri 5 th July	Sports Fortnight
Friday 28 th June	KS2 Sports Day at Withdean Stadium
Friday 5 th July	Secondary school transition day (Y6)
Monday 22 nd July	Last day of term for children



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	Charlie, Louise, Morgan, Aoife, Eden, Wilder
Cherry	Edie, William, Amy, Charlie, Eleanor, Sienna
Beech	Caspian, Jesse, Leo, Lighten, Nylaa, Hugo
Birch	Esme, Sia, Ola, Maia, Isla, Maggie,
Baobab	Hector, Hettie, Jackson, Isla, Rowan, Valentin
Bonsai	Cassie, Astrid, Esme, Elwood, Charlotte, Aniyah
Holly	Naya, Amelia, Leo, Christwen, Maria, Pippa
Horse Chestnut	Arabella, Joshua, Robyn, Echo, Lucie, Ivy
Cedar	Tyler, Evalie M, Mei, Evelyn, Joey, Alice
Cypress	Phoebe, Anne, Victoire, Anirudh, Sam W, Ethan
Redwood	Mia, Eli, Arlo, Fred, Jimmy, Akseli
Rowan	Molly, Harrison, Manaf, Misheck, Ollie, Cera
Elder	Toby, Sienna, Jacob, Isaac, Indi, Isla
Oak	Iscah, Emily, Jayden, Joseph, Kimberley, Charlie