

Elmhurst Junior School Newsletter wc 21/3/22

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who came to the coffee morning, it was lovely to see you and I really appreciate hearing your ideas and feedback. I will be sending out a feedback survey in the coming days.

Pupils from across the school have been going on visits to help enrich their learning and I am delighted to tell you that the feedback from the visitor centres is that our pupils are a credit to the school and to you as parents, we are so proud of them.

Best wishes

Miss Airey



Ash Class

This week we have had a go at writing in Hebrew to create our own Torah scroll. We quickly realised their alphabet differs to ours and we were not able to write our names or a message. It was a challenge!
In science we learnt about magnetic poles. We did a small bit of work in our books before we had some time to explore different types of magnets, what they were attracted to and what they repelled.



Pine Class

In maths we have been recapping what we know about metres and centimetres. We had fun measuring lots of objects inside and out.

We have also been writing a shared finding tale based on our class book journey to the centre of the earth. Read this fantastic extract written by Oliver :

It was a scorching hot day when Jamie, my uncle, blew the door open like lightning. I could feel his excitement like electricity as he shouted "What on earth in the name of Larry the sungod is that?" I reached out to grab the note that fell out of the ancient book, but my uncle beat me to it. "It's gibberish!" Jamie exclaimed as he stormed out of the library.

Congratulations to Neve - this week's Maths Whizz-ard!



Sycamore Class



We are loving learning about magnetic forces! We have explored a whole range of magnets to help us understand about the north and south poles attract or repulse.



In Curriculum for Life, we have been considering ways that we can be good citizens. One way is to protect our environment and **REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**

We made posters to encourage people to do this.

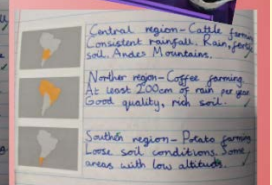
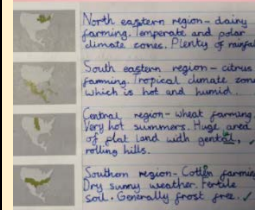


Year 4 visited Ashford Water Treatment Centre to learn about the water cycle and how water from reservoirs and rivers is cleaned. We couldn't quite believe the transformation. We also measured the velocity of a river and built dams and shelters, which links to our living things and their habitats learning. We got **soaking** wet, but had great fun and showed fantastic resilience!



Willow Class

Our shallot, strawberry, broad bean and potato plants from last term are coming along nicely!



In geography, we have been learning about **North and South American** farming and how this differs in different regions.



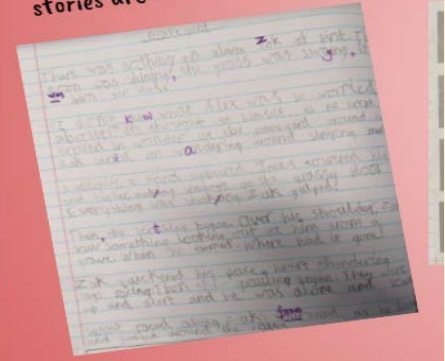
AJ was poorly for World Book Day but he treated us with a display of his amazing costume this week!

Hazel Class



We have also been exploring land art in low relief forms. These are creations from Aaron, Rohan, Leela, Faith, Elodie, Ruby, Elif and Francesco.

In literacy, we have applied our editing skills using **purple polishing pens!** Our stories are now ready for publishing.



Yew Class

STEM learning with Somerset Museum.

This week we designed and built bridges to find out whose design was able to bear the most weight. We were inspired by the great Isambard Kingdom Brunel, whose designs are still in use and admired by many people today.

We also built boats to see how much weight they could endure before sinking. It was great fun and we learnt a lot! Some of us would make good engineers in the future.



Yew Class

We had great fun dressing up in the clothes worn by Victorians in the era of Isambard Kingdom Brunel!

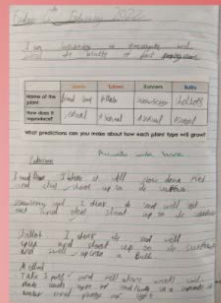


We have been working with newspapers to help us identify the features of a newspaper report, in preparation for writing our own.



Our propagated seeds are growing into beautiful, healthy plants. We are growing vegetables and herbs such as broad beans, cress and shallots.

Rowan Class



Rowan Class have been recording the effects of propagation in Science. This is Isaac's work.



Cedar were the winners this week with 95%. Well done. Hazel Class came in second with 82% and Fir were in third place with 81%. Well done but who will be the next to reach 100%?

Events

Football: Saturday 19th March.
1pm Y5 boys and Y6 girls football tournament at Millfield Prep School. Letters have gone out.

Gymnastics : Friday 25th March.
Competition at Elmhurst 9.30am (children have trained during PE. Their teachers will let them know if they are competing and they will need to have their hair tied back and appropriate PE kit.)

Cross Country: Tuesday 28th March - final cross country race of the season at Downside School, Stratton on the Fosse.
First race 4pm. Children will need to leave school early to get there.

Y3 are visiting a quarry 21/22/23 March



Ash Class and Oak Class are the top performing classes this week in Maths-Whizz

Clubs

- Monday Year 3 and 4 Art Club
- Wednesday Chinese Club
- Thursday Year 5 Football Club
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Year 6 Brunel Workshop



Year 6 had a fantastic workshop looking at Brunel and building bridges and boats and they then tested their engineering with weights. Some bridges held over 2kg. We also got to dress up as Brunel and people from the same period.

Elm Class

Like the rest of year 6, we have been looking at building bridges to see how much weight they could take. We also made some boats and tested them by placing weights inside them.

In Geography we have been looking at tourism in the Antarctic.



Netball - 15/3/22



This week the B team, helped by Zane and Sidney, got to play against Brookside at Strode. They played really well and everyone is picking the rules up really quickly.



Silver Certificates

Pine: Oakley, Poppy, Logan, Eva, Emily

Sycamore: Arliya, Arwen, Charlie, Harry, Jamie, Jonsi, Katie, Leo, Neve, Rosie, Sophie Zac

Holly: Oscar, Lucas and Frankie

Cedar: Cohen, Eliza, Evie and Jacob F

Ash: Roman, Riley, Tamzin

