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Spring Term 2
Week 2
WC 3/3/25

A Magical Week at Elmhurst Junior School!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another truly wonderful week at Elmhurst Junior School, filled with learning, laughter, and a touch of magic!

While every week brings its own unique highlights, Thursday was particularly special. You might have been forgiven for thinking you'd stepped into Hogwarts, as we celebrated World Book Day in spectacular style!

The school was transformed into a realm of fantasy, with a fantastic array of witches, wizards, and a whole host of beloved book characters brought to life by both our amazing children and dedicated staff. We saw everything from classic literary figures to modern favourites, showcasing the diverse reading interests of our school community.

World Book Day was a day brimming with fun and creativity. We delved into the world of fiction and non-fiction, engaging in a wide variety of literacy-based activities that sparked imaginations and fostered a love of reading. From storytelling sessions to creative writing workshops, the day was a celebration of the power of books.

We were incredibly impressed by the effort everyone put into their costumes and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the day. It was a truly memorable experience that highlighted the importance of reading and the joy it brings.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making World Book Day such a success! We are so proud of our children and their engagement with literacy.

On a different note:

Next week is NSPCC week and a reminder that the teachers will be holding assemblies and activities from NSPCC.

www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.**

- All survey questions are multiple choice and focussed on the programme.
- The survey is anonymous and confidential. However, if in the process of completing the survey, a teacher becomes concerned for a pupil's welfare (e.g., through something a pupil says) we will follow our school's safeguarding procedures.
- If you **do not** want your child to take part in the **survey**, sign the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher.
- If you have agreed that your child can take part in the survey but your child changes their mind on the day, that is also okay.

Online Gaming

We understand that online gaming is a popular pastime for many children, and it can offer opportunities for fun and social interaction. However, it's crucial to be aware of the potential dangers when children play games that are not age-appropriate.

Why Age Ratings Matter:

Online games, like films and videos, are given age ratings (such as PEGI ratings) to indicate the suitability of their content. Games with higher age ratings often contain:

- **Violence and Gore:** Graphic depictions of violence, which can be disturbing and desensitizing for young children.
- **Inappropriate Language:** Swearing, offensive language, and hate speech.
- **Sexual Content:** Explicit or suggestive themes that are not suitable for children.
- **Online Interactions:** Contact with strangers, potential for cyberbullying, and exposure to inappropriate conversations.
- **Gambling and In-App Purchases:** Encouragement of spending real money, which can lead to financial problems and exploitation.
- **Exposure to harmful ideologies:** Some online games can expose children to extremist or harmful ideologies.

Online gaming

How Parents Can Help:

- **Check Age Ratings:** Always check the PEGI rating before allowing your child to play a game. You can find these ratings on game boxes, online stores, and dedicated websites.
- **Play Together:** Play games with your children to understand the content and online interactions.
- **Set Parental Controls:** Utilize parental control settings on consoles, computers, and mobile devices to restrict access to inappropriate content and manage playtime.
- **Talk Openly:** Have regular conversations with your children about online safety, including the risks of talking to strangers and sharing personal information.
- **Educate About In-App Purchases:** Explain the concept of real money being used in games and set clear rules about spending.
- **Monitor Online Activity:** Keep an eye on your child's online gaming activity and be aware of who they are interacting with.
- **Establish Time Limits:** Set clear time limits for online gaming to ensure a healthy balance between screen time and other activities.
- **Report Inappropriate Content:** If you encounter inappropriate content or behavior, report it to the game's developers and relevant authorities.

Online gaming

Helpful Resources:

For further advice and support, please visit these UK-based websites:

- **NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children):**
 - Provides information on online safety and parental controls: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **Internet Matters:**
 - Offers practical advice and resources for parents on online safety: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre:**
 - Provides information and resources on online safety, including guidance on parental controls: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>
- **PEGI (Pan European Game Information):**
 - Information regarding game ratings: <https://pegi.info/>
- **Childnet International:**
 - Resources for young people to stay safe online: <https://www.childnet.com/>

We are committed to working with you to ensure our children's online safety. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Elmhurst Events

Spring Term 2



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School calendar
updated

Tuesday 11th March	Netball tournament - Strode College
Wed 12th March	Yew Class - Longleat Experience at Millfield
Thursday 13th March	Y5 trip to Glastonbury Abbey
Friday 21st March	Non Uniform for Easter Bingo Prize donations /
Tuesday 18th March	Oak Class - Longleat Experience at Millfield
Saturday 22nd March	Year 5 football tournament at Edgarley
Tuesday 25th March	Cross Country at Millfield - 4pm
Friday 28th March	Y4 Egyptian workshop (in school)
Friday 28th March	Easter Bingo - 7pm



Easter *Bingo*

Friday 28th March

Elmhurst Junior School Hall

Doors at 6.30 | Eyes down 7.00



Trust

Kindness

Elmhurst Etiquette

Respect

Forgiveness

Y3
Eliza
(Pine)

Y4
Florence
(Rowan)

This week's
stars

Y4
Sophie
(Hazel)

Y3
Ellie
(Willow)

Y5
Connor
(Oak)

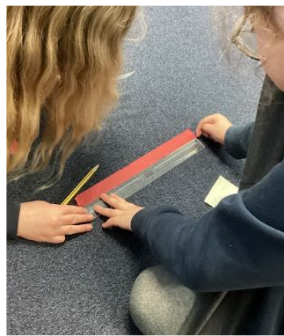
Y6
Cameron
(Ash)

Y6
Caleb
(Fir)

Y5
Mya
(Yew)

These pupils' family members will be invited to our celebration assembly next week.

In Maths, we put our measuring skills to the test by choosing the most appropriate unit of measurement and equipment to accurately measure objects around the classroom.

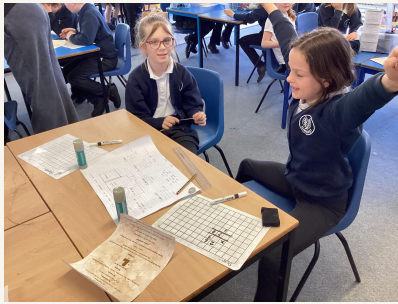
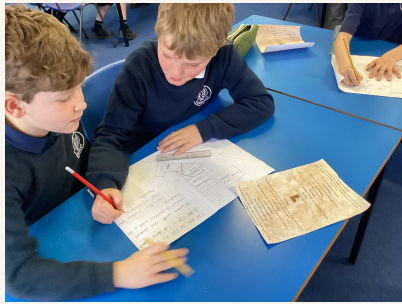


In Science, we learnt that magnetism is a non-contact force. Magnets have two poles (north and south).

Opposite poles attract, whereas like poles repel.



Year 3: Pine & Willow Class



The Treasures of Tutankhamun!

You are part of Howard Carter's team, exploring the amazing tomb of Tutankhamun! You've discovered several rooms, and each one needs a special golden rope to protect the priceless treasures inside.

Here's the information about the rooms:

The Burial Chamber
It has 4 sides. One long side is 8 meters. One short side is 5 meters.

The Antechamber
It has 4 sides. Each side is 6 meters.

The Treasury
This room has 5 sides. They are 4 meters, 5 meters, 3 meters, 6 meters and 2 meters.

The Annex
The annex looks like this:

Your Mission:

Draw the Rooms! Draw a picture of each room on the squared paper, showing the measurements. Pay special attention to drawing the Annex correctly.

1 square = 1 metre

Find the Perimeters! Calculate the perimeter of each room. Show your working out.

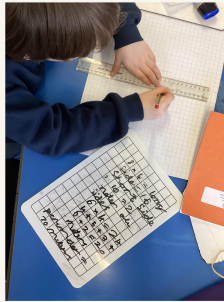
Compare and Contrast!

Which room needs the most golden rope?
Which room needs the least golden rope?

Which two rooms have a combined perimeter of exactly 48 meters?

Cost Calculation! If the golden rope costs £3 per meter, how much would it cost to put the rope around all the rooms you have calculated?

Now, my young friends, I need your help. This discovery is so vast, so filled with intricate details, that I can't possibly record it all myself. I need your artistic talents! Could you draw me pictures of the tomb layout? Imagine you're explorers, using your perimeter to draw the newly discovered land!



After receiving a letter from Howard Carter we used our perimeter knowledge to work out how big Tutankhamun's tomb is. We then priced how much it would cost Lord Carnarvon to put a golden rope around the discovery to protect it!

Year 4: Hazel & Rowan Class



At the weekend some of the children performed at Wells Cathedral in the Wellspring concert. They sounded absolutely amazing and we are so proud of them all.



Listen to [spotify](#) to the recording that all of year 5 performed on



We have also enjoyed forest school this week.



In Tag Rugby, we have been practising our lateral passes.

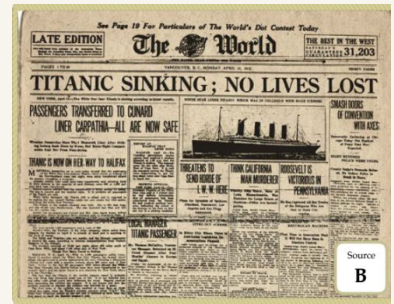
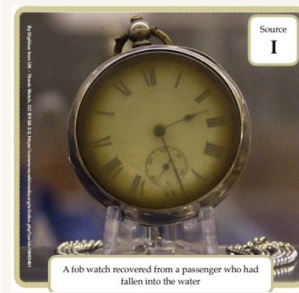


We have been learning various steps in dance and are putting together line dancing routines.

Year 5: Oak & Yew Class



In **Science** , we have been constructing electrical circuits and recording them and **PE** we have been developing our attacking principle of play.



In **History** we have been looking at different types of historical sources and considering their reliability in our quest to find out what happened to the Titanic. In **RE**, we have looking at Christian symbols and considering their purpose.



Year 6: Ash & Fir Class



Elmhurst Sports News



Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the U9 tournament at Millfield Prep school on Saturday 1st March. It was a glorious day and all of the children put their heart and soul into it. They played brilliantly as a team and got better and better. Special mention to Mabel who stepped in at the last minute to ensure that we had a full team in our first game. They showed fantastic sportsmanship and made us very proud.



Elmhurst Sports News

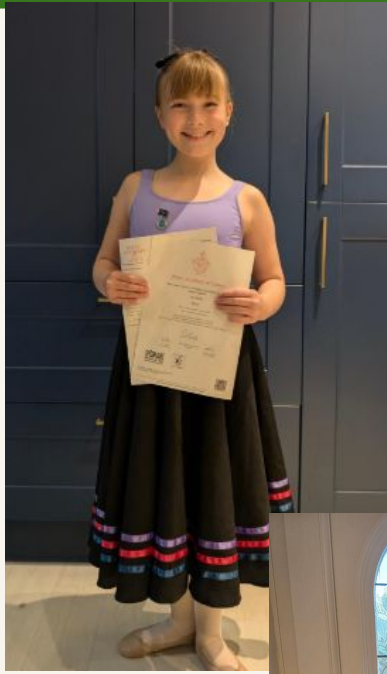


**Next race Tuesday
25th March at
Millfield.**



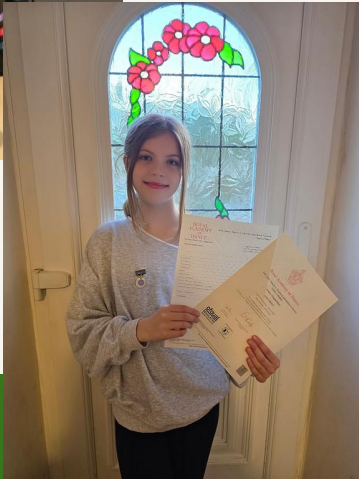
Well done to Poppy and Heath, who both ran in the school's cross country event at Downside School on Tuesday 4th March. They ran brilliantly. Heath ran from the front and roared to victory. He has now won all 3 races. Poppy ran a very tactical race and gets better and better.





Last week, Lola from Yew class received her certificate for her Grade one ballet exam. She took the exams before Christmas. We are incredibly proud of her!

Arwen from Fir class also received her ballet exam certificate and achieved a high merit. Well done girls.



Wellbeing Warriors



gemma daye
3 days ago

Fossil hunting & clambering over rocks!



Lewis loved looking for ammonites at Kílve beach!

1

Elmhurst Junior School
less than a minute ago
What a fantastic find, Lewis. Great to see you ammonite hunting - this will be brilliant inspiration for your artwork this term!

Add comment

baia su roxana1984
6 days ago

#29exploring a cave



It was Richie's birthday and he wanted to go to Wookie hole cave.

1

Elmhurst Junior School
1 minute ago
Happy Birthday, Richie! It looks like you had a great day in Wookey Hole.

Add comment

Samantha Rayner
a month ago

Den building



Because the weather wasn't great we brought the fun inside and Abbie's doll Mirabel went camping in the kitchen!

2

Elmhurst Junior School
a month ago
Great improvisation, Abbie!

Add comment

Chubby Seahorse
24 days ago

Aeris' den (for cats)!



They love it!

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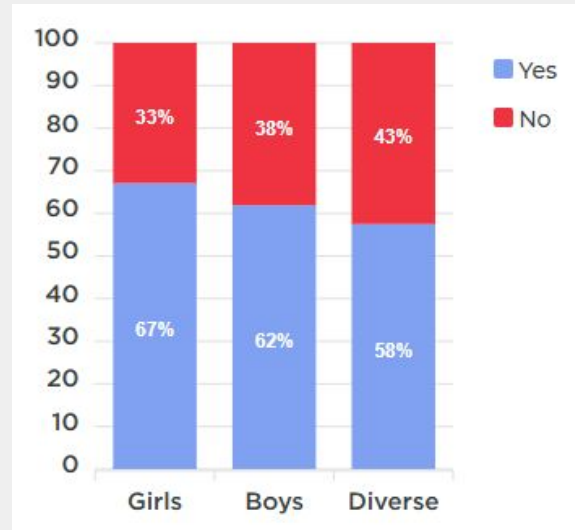
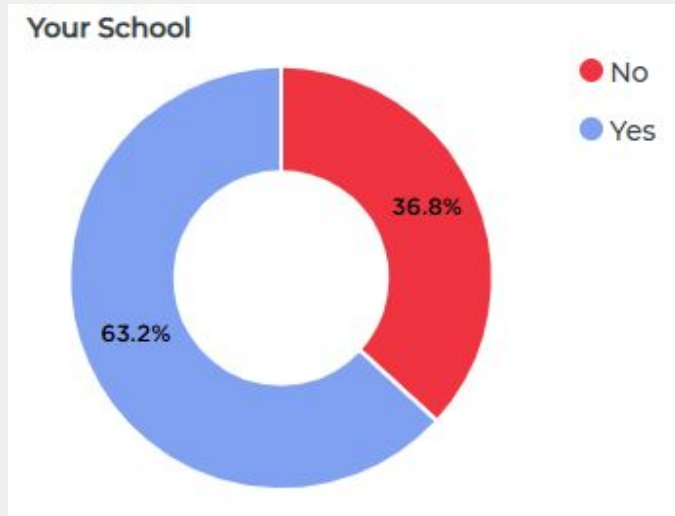
Elmhurst Junior School
less than a minute ago
Your cats look so comfortable, Aeris!

Add comment

PADLET



Would you like to start your own business?



This week, voters marked National Careers Week by considering whether they would like to start their own business. Meanwhile, the assembly took a closer look at business speak.



Reading Champions



Year 3

Jacob W
Myla

Year 4

Angelica
Diana

Year 5

Talia
Cooper

Year 6

Archie D
Riley W

These pupils were chosen for their commitment and attitude towards reading this week.



Year 3

Pine Class



Year 4

Hazel Class

Most correct
answers on
Times Table
Rockstars



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 5

Class



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 6

Class

Most
progression
points on
Maths Whizz

Bronze Certificates

Rowan Class
Henley

Yew Class
Lola



ClassDojo

100 points

Silver Certificates

Oak Class
Grace
Alfred

Pine Class
Lewis

Willow Class
Isobel
Mia



Jacob WV
ClassDojo

250 points

Gold Certificates

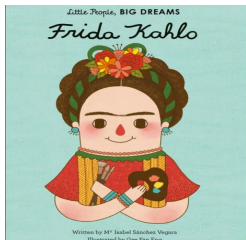


ClassDojo

400 points



Elmhurst Weekly House Points



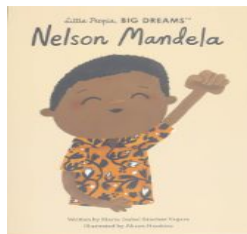
Frida Kahlo

62,501



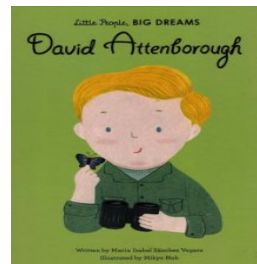
Florence Nightingale

57,462



Nelson Mandela

57,853



David Attenborough

62,750



Please place donations in the red bag, located in the school car park.

Now Collecting:

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| - Tyres | - Watering cans | - Plastic animals |
| - Guttering/pipes | - Wheelbarrows | - Dressing up clothes |
| - Wooden planks | - Pushchairs | - Dolls |
| - Cable drums | - Blankets | - Toy cars/trucks |
| - Wood chippings | - Kitchen equipment | - Scooters |
| - Astroturf | - Traffic cones | - Ride on toys |
| - Pallets | - Waterproof clothing | - Wellies |

**CHECK BEFORE
YOU CHUCK!**