



Elmhurst Junior School

Motivated and empowered; influencing the world we live in to bring about positive change.



Spring Term 1
Week 4
WC 27/1/25

A message from Ms Airey

Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children 9-11 (For Years 5 & 6 only) . The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

For the full parent letter please follow the link:

https://elmhurstjuniorschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Parent-letter_2025.docx

A paper copy will be coming home with your child.

Friday 7th February

We will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 7th February. We will be taking part in a National TT Rockstars Competition and having some additional Maths Activities - investigations and enquiries throughout the day.



We will be asking everyone to DRESS UP FOR DIGITS! Your child can wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation. This could be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!



Elmhurst Events



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School calendar updated

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 4th February	Netball at Strode
Wednesday 5th February	Y5 after school Wellspring singing rehearsal at Millfield after school
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11th February	Y5 football against Millfield - parent transport needed
Friday 14th February	Parent Class open session 3:20 pm - 4pm
Friday 14th February	End of term

Spring Term 2

Monday 24th February	Term starts
Tuesday 4th March	Cross Country at Downside School

Trust

Kindness

Elmhurst Etiquette

Respect

Forgiveness

Y3

Lottie
(Pine)

Y4

Hannah
(Rowan)

Y4

Sienna
(Hazel)

Y3

Lilly
(Willow)

This week's
stars

Y5

Talia
(Oak)

Y6

Oliver
(Ash)

Y6

Jack
(Fir)

Y5

Lola
(Yew)

We enjoyed our workshop led by Natasha from the Somerset Heritage Museum. It really helped us to understand many of the areas that we are learning about in our Science topic, Rocks and Fossils.



We made rubbings of fossils
- the oldest was a trilobite
dating back 430 million
years!



We unpacked a 'mystery bag' which revealed clues as to its' owner, Mary Anning, the pioneering paleontologist.



We played a game of rock bingo, which helped us understand the properties of rock.



We investigated the properties of the three different types of rock - igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic.

Year 3: Pine & Willow Class



Lucy and Mr Tumnus meet for the first time.

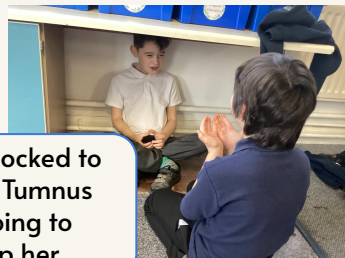
In English, we have been freeze framing the key parts of chapters 1 and 2. In Gym, we have been exploring weight on balances and tried out the Bunk Bed balance.



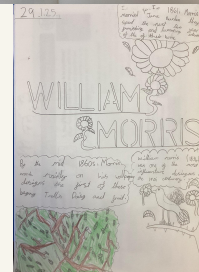
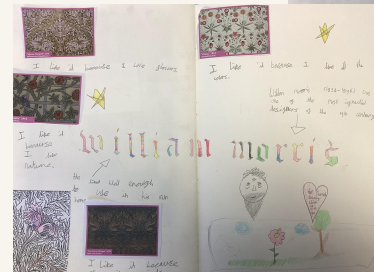
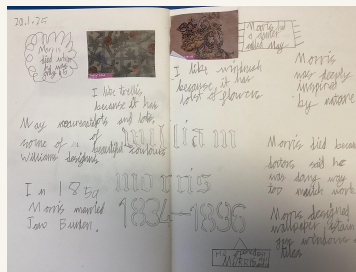
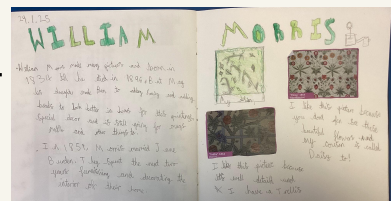
Mr Tumnus sends Lucy to sleep by playing his flute.



Lucy is shocked to hear Mr Tumnus was going to kidnap her.



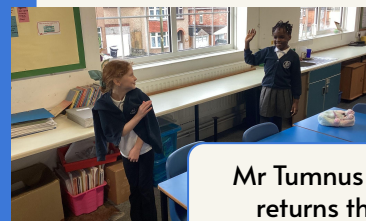
We researched William Morris in DT and took a closer look at his works. We thought about the features we liked and the reasons why they appealed to us.



Can you guess the book?



Mr Tumnus says goodbye, as Lucy returns through the wardrobe.

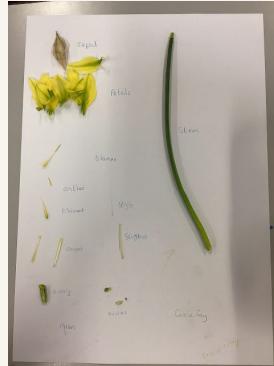


Year 4: Hazel & Rowan Class

We were lucky enough to visit Millfield where we learned about meteorites and meteors. We even held pieces of rock from the moon brought back by Neil Armstrong. They have been leant out by NASA!



In science we have dissected daffodils. We identified the parts of the flower.



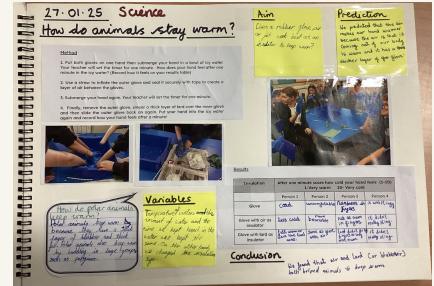
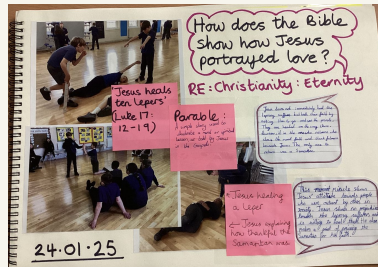
We have explored group balances during gym.



Year 5: Oak & Yew Class

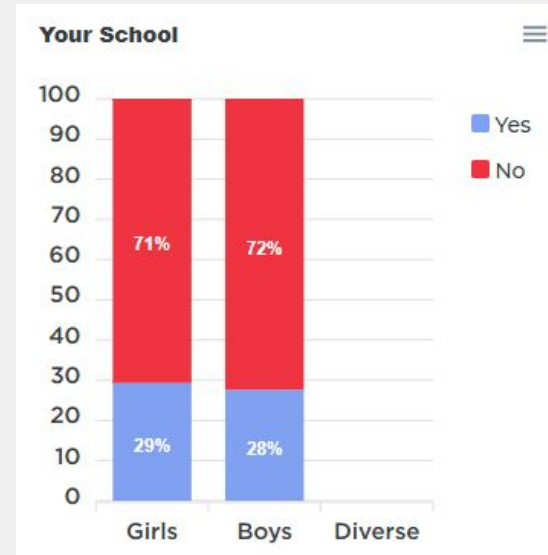
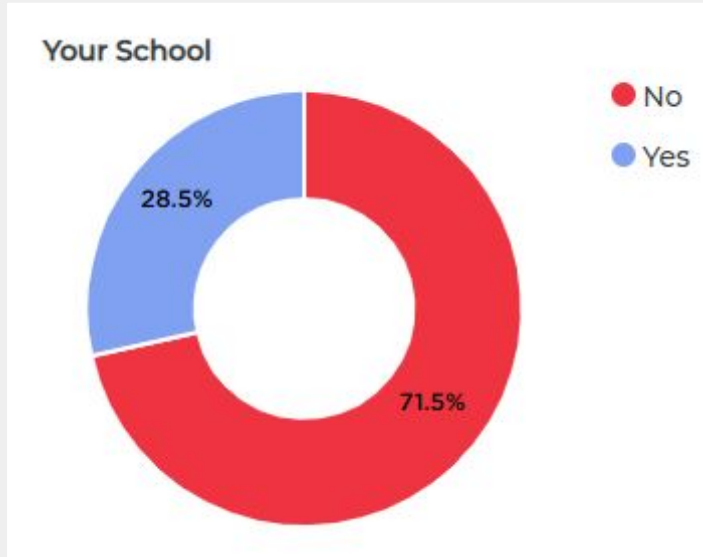


In RE this week, year 6 we have been reading Bible stories and considering how Jesus portrayed love. We dramatised the stories and freeze-framed the parts of the story that we felt showed Jesus' portrayal of love the most. In **Science** we have been investigating how polar animals keep warm. We filled latex gloves with air and lard and our hands! We then placed them in buckets of ice for a minute and observed the temperature.



Year 6: Ash & Fir Class

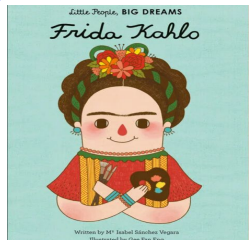
Should we be more worried about drone use?



This week, we have been talking about drones. Year 5 and 6 thought about the increasing use of drones in the UK and reflected on how comfortable they feel with this. Year 3 and 4 focused on privacy, and whether they know how to respect people's privacy (including their own). Meanwhile, our assembly investigated different types of surveillance in today's world.



Elmhurst Weekly House Points



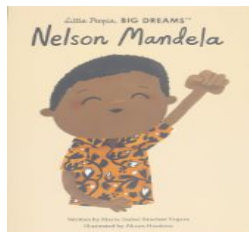
Frida Kahlo

29,943



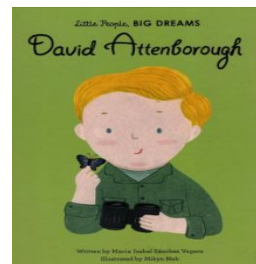
Florence Nightingale

28,754



Nelson Mandela

28,504



David Attenborough

31,158



Elmhurst Sports News



Poppy from Ash Class completed the Street road race for the 4th time on Wednesday night setting her fastest time so far with a minute 53 seconds in the 1km race. She is very proud of herself for getting faster at each race working hard training between each one.

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Reading Champions



Year 3

Bea
Izzi

Year 4

Henley
Angus

Year 5

Polly
Lacey

Year 6

LOIS
Arwen

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



Year 3

Willow
Class



Year 4

Rowan
Class

Most correct
answers on
Times Table
Rockstars



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 5

Oak Class



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 6

Fir Class

Most
progression
points on
Maths Whizz

Bronze Certificates

Rowan

Jack

Jasper

Ash

Alfie T

Josh

Fir

Daisy

Riley

Charlie

Yew

Leo

Lillie

Arthur

Grace



ClassDojo

100 points

Silver Certificates

Oak

Tyler

Demba



ClassDojo

250 points

Gold Certificates



ClassDojo

400 points

Forest School

Bow Saw



Cooking Popcorn



Toasting Marshmallows



Bird Watching



Bug Houses



Bird Feeders





Elmhurst Events



On Monday, January 27th, our Chinese club members enjoyed a fantastic Chinese New Year celebration at Millfield! The children were treated to an exciting live show cooking demonstration and got to sample a delicious array of Chinese delicacies. From savoury dumplings and flavourful egg fried rice to crispy seaweed, refreshing lychee juice, and iced lemon tea, there was something for everyone to try. Our students bravely tackled the challenge of chopsticks, which proved a little tricky with the rice! Jing led them in some basic Chinese phrases, and they confidently practiced greetings like "Happy New Year." A huge thank you to Millfield for their generous invitation and a wonderful lunch enjoyed by all!



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ✓ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ✓ Jewellery and Accessories
- ✓ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ✓ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Bring bags in now up until half term..



After half term we have our next rags to riches collection of the year.
We are accepting bags of donations now in preparation for this.

If you have any clothes, shoes or bags please bag them up and bring them to Oak Class near the main gate.

Or leave them on the verandah at the front of the school.

Fund Raising – All help gratefully received.



#6. Go Welly Wandering



When it's pouring with rain, what could be better than chucking on your wellies and waterproofs and zooming around in the puddles, soaking up all the watery fun?

If you're running around, you could jump in puddles, squelch in mud, jump over puddles, splash through paths and bounce across pavements, splish round your garden or splosh around the park.

TOP TIPS

You can post a photo of your adventures on our school Padlet page:

PADLET

