



Elmhurst Junior School

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



Spring Term 1
Week 5
WC 3/2/25

A message from Ms Airey

Dear Parents and carers,

What a wonderful week it has been here at Elmhurst! The children have been so engaged and enthusiastic in their learning, and it's a joy to see their progress. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the academic year!

As a junior school, we play a vital role in preparing our young people for the next stage of their journey: secondary school. At Elmhurst, we are committed to doing this in a fair and nurturing way, while ensuring we maintain high expectations for all our pupils.

We ask for your support in helping us maintain these high standards. One important area is school uniform. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform, which includes proper school shoes (not trainers), trousers (not leggings), and school jumpers (not PE hoodies). Our teachers will be reminding you of these expectations, as the children will wear what you provide for them. Working together, we can ensure our children are always presented smartly and ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Wellbeing Warriors



A collage of social media posts from the Wellbeing Warriors group, displayed on a green background with large white leaves. The posts are arranged in a grid-like fashion, showing various activities and nature-related content.

Post 1: 50 Before You're
 10 days ago
 Here is the complete list of the 50 Things To Do Before You're 11 3/4. Each time you complete an activity, you can tick it off or even post a photo to show what you did. Have fun!

Post 2: #1 Get To Know A Tree
 20 days ago
 Enjoying the spectacular Autumn tree display in Central Park.

Post 3: #1 Get To Know A Tree
 17 days ago
 Lewis enjoying nature on his doorstep...getting to know a tree on the green outside our house!

Post 4: Nature night time walk
 16 days ago
 We ventured out in the snow we had recently, Archie had lots of fun making the snowball bigger as we walked.

Post 5: Our tree in the garden
 15 days ago
 Abbie got to know the tree in our garden. She gave it a face, name and personality! This is Bobalena Robertson and she likes to sway in the wind, drop leaves in the winter and protect our house.

Post 6: What is nature?
 15 days ago
 Fabulous Kangaroo
 Fabulous poster

Post 7: Den building
 10 days ago
 Because the weather wasn't great we brought the fun inside and Abbie's doll Mirabel went camping in the kitchen!

Post 8: 5#skim a stone
 3 days ago
 What a great name for a tree!

Post 9: #44bird watching
 3 days ago
 A wonderful autumn scene, Miss Carpenter!

Post 10: #6 Miss Porter, Bertie and Dougie wandering in wellies
 2 days ago

Post 11: Jumping in puddles
 2 days ago
 What a fantastic adventure, Archie!

Post 12: 5#skim a stone
 3 days ago
 How marvellous to have Bobalena's protection for your house, Abi!

PADLET





Elmhurst Events



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School calendar updated

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 11th February	Y5 football against Millfield Prep - 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 25th February	Final day to bring in clothing bags for Rags to Riches
Tuesday 4th March	Cross Country at Downside School
Thursday 13th March	Y5 trip to Glastonbury Abbey

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

ELMHURST JUNIOR SCHOOL

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.

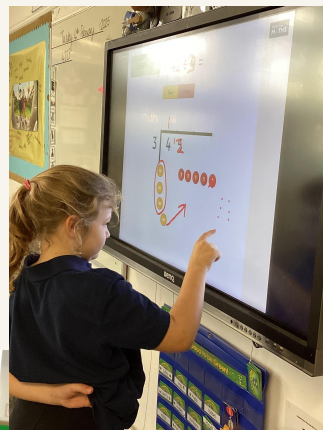
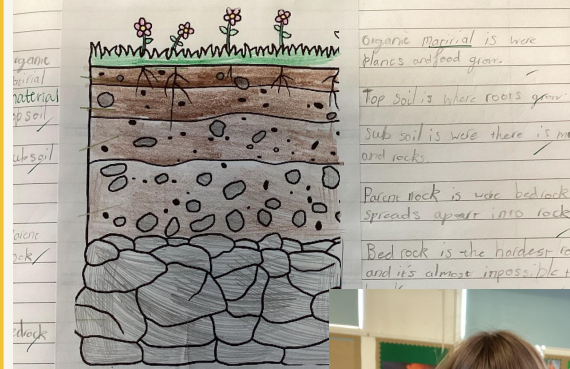
If you have any clothes, shoes or bags please bag them up and bring them to Oak Class near the main gate.

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

Fund Raising – All help gratefully received.

Monday 3rd February 2025

What are the four layers in a soil profile?



In Maths, we have been learning short division with exchange. Lilly has been sharing her knowledge!

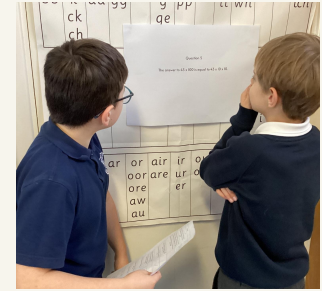
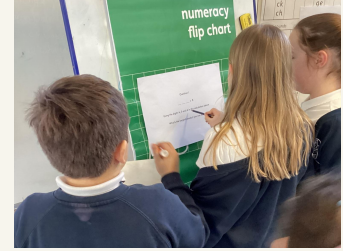
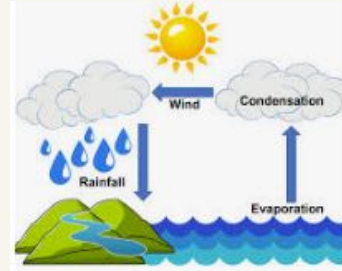
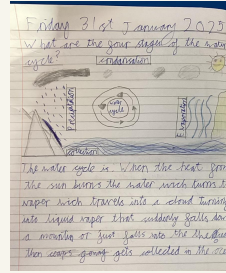
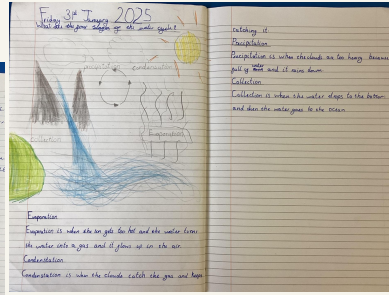
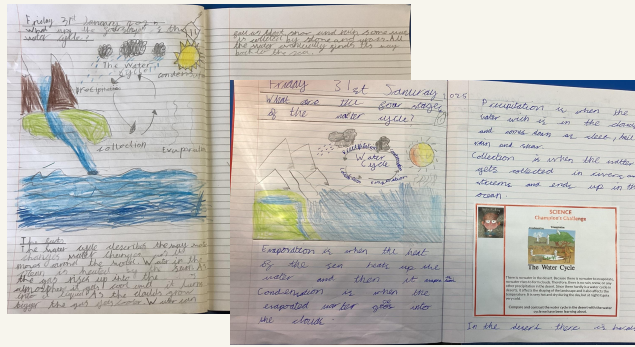


We made edible soil profiles to help us remember the four different layers (plus bedrock!). Yummy!



We were invited to Millfield School to learn about meteors, meteorites and moon rocks - we even got to hold some!

Year 3: Pine & Willow Class



True or false?
All the digits to 7
multiplied
together is greater
than 5000.

This week we have written our own narratives about transporting into Narnia. In Science, we learned about the stages of the water cycle. We have finished our Maths unit on multiplication and division and completed an enquiry based on this. We answered a variety of questions using the skills we have been using.

Henny

Year 4: Hazel & Rowan Class



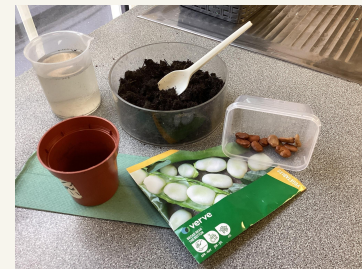
It was Oak Class's turn to make soup in DT. chopping, cooking and tasting their seasonal veg soup.



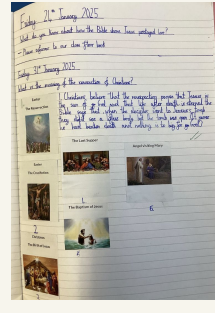
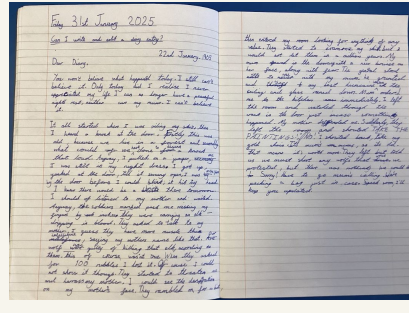
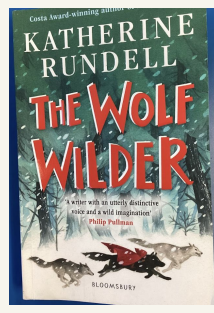
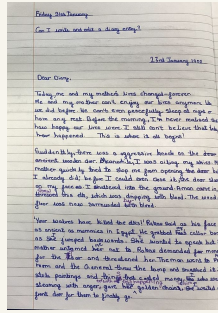
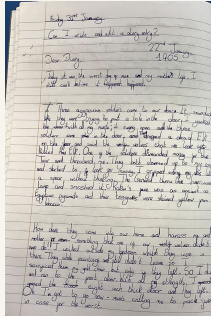
We re-visited flight in PE and tried vaulting.



In Science, we planted broad bean seeds. We are going to observe the seeds as they germinate over the next few weeks.



Year 5: Oak & Yew Class



This is a /
an :
A Ice Field
B Glacier
C Iceberg

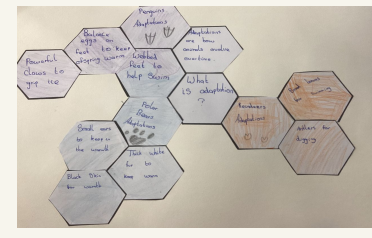
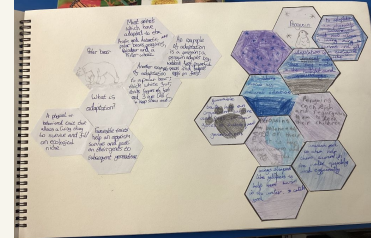
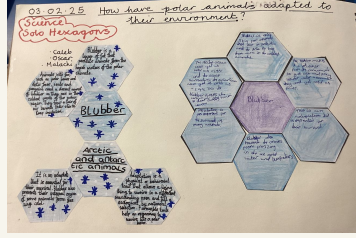
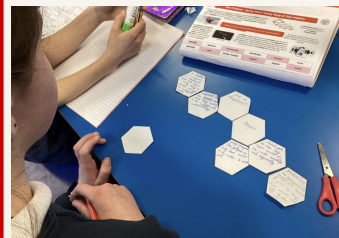


Another busy week in year 6. We have been: publishing our diary entries based on our year group book – The Wolf Wilder; continuing perfecting our group balances to incorporate them into a sequence; playing “Would I Lie to You?” when learning about the physical features of polar landscapes in geography; concluding our science topic by relating all our learnt facts together using our Solo Hexagons in Science and reflecting on which Bible stories are the most important to Christians and why in RE.



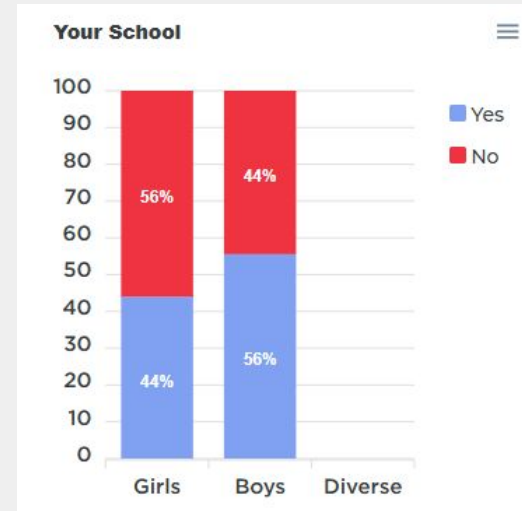
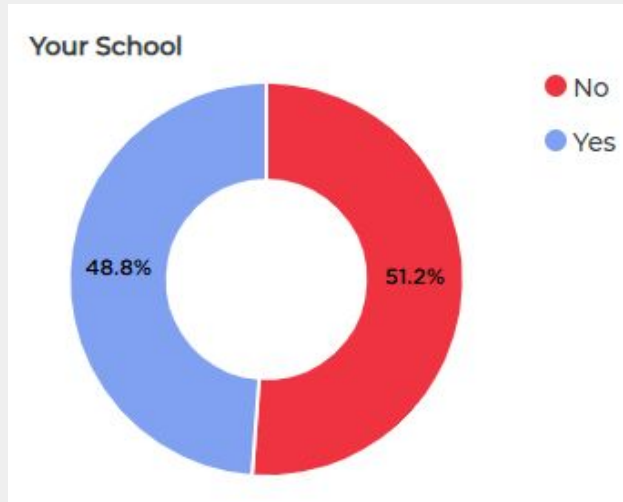
The following are physical features of polar landscapes:

- A. Boreal forests, ice fields and tundra
- B. Bare rock covered with sand, scattered boulders, coarse gravel and stone.
- C. Forests of hardwood, broadleaved trees.



Year 6: Ash & Fir Class

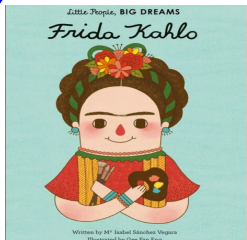
Does learning about your emotions help you feel better?



This week, voters marked Children's Mental Health Week by reflecting on whether learning about their emotions makes a difference to them. Meanwhile, the assembly took a closer look at brain health and how we can boost it.



Elmhurst Weekly House Points



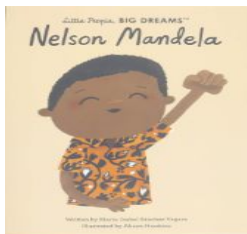
Frida Kahlo

37,358



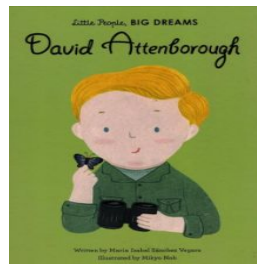
Florence Nightingale

35,854



Nelson Mandela

36,407



David Attenborough

38,462



Reading Champions



Year 3

Lillian
Myia

Year 4

Florence
Dominic

Year 5

Billie-Lou
Clark

Year 6

William
Zac

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



Year 3

Willow
Class

Most correct
answers on
Times Table
Rockstars



Year 4

Rowan
Class



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 5

Oak Class



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 6

Fir Class

Most
progression
points on
Maths Whizz

Bronze Certificates

Ash

Cameron

Leo

Joshua

Rowan

Georgia

Theo

Yew

Isabel and Wren



ClassDojo

100 points

Silver Certificates

Oak

Archie

Willow

Ayda

Bea

Daisy



ClassDojo

250 points

Gold Certificates



ClassDojo

400 points



Elmhurst Sports News



Well done to the year 6 children who braved the weather to try netball on Tuesday 4th February. We played 2 tough matches against Walton and Spimead Prep school. Each player got to try every position and we also played some friendly quarters against Butleigh and Ashcott.





#4. Build A Den



TOP TIPS

What will your den be? A meeting place for spies, a pirate hideout or maybe a fairy castle for the night? Dens are great spaces for letting your imagination run wild. Collect some snapping branches and crunchy leaves and start building your hideaway in the heart of nature.

Whether you're building your den in a local wood or your back garden, you'll need to find a good tree to start. Look for a sturdy tree with lots of nooks and nobbles, or a low branch. This will help keep your sticks in place when you start building. It can be interesting to have visible tree roots inside your den, but flat ground is easier to build on. You'll also be able to roll some log furniture inside your den then too.



Trust

Kindness

Elmhurst Etiquette

Respect

Forgiveness

Y3

Kara
(Pine)

Y4

Jasper
(Rowan)

Y4

Merve
(Hazel)

Y3

William
(Willow)

This week's
stars

Y5

Obi
(Oak)

Y6

Treasure
(Ash)

Y6

Scarlett
(Fir)

Y5

Lillie
(Yew)

These pupils' family members will be invited to our celebration assembly on Friday 14th February.