



Elmhurst Junior School

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

Spring Term 2

Week 6

WC 30/3/26



A message from Ms Airey



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break. It has been a fantastic and incredibly busy term here at Elmhurst, and I am immensely proud of the hard work and dedication shown by both our staff and students.

It is wonderful to see spring finally arriving. The brighter days and warmer weather mean we are now able to take even more of our learning opportunities outside. There is something truly special about seeing our pupils engaged with the curriculum in the fresh air.

OPAL Play Update

We are excited to share that our OPAL Play areas are currently undergoing a revamp. To ensure the best possible experience and safety for the children, we are bringing many of the play zones closer to the main playground area. This change will significantly support staff supervision during lunch and break times.

Specifically, you will notice:

- The Mud Kitchen: This will be relocated to the gazebo area.
- The Tyre Zone: This will now be situated next to the wooden fence.

A Quick Reminder: We kindly ask parents and carers not to allow children to play in these zones before or after school hours. This helps us maintain the equipment and ensures everyone's safety when staff are not on duty.



A message from Ms Airey



School News

We would like to apologise for the lack of a newsletter last week. To make up for it, we have doubled up this week to ensure you are fully caught up on all the brilliant things happening across the school.

A massive well done goes to Mrs. Rousell and all our families for a fantastic Easter Bingo night. It was a brilliant event that brought our community together. We are still tallying the totals and will let you know the exact amount raised in due course.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy term. We hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday filled with joy and relaxation. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for the summer term,

All our best Ms Airey and the team at Elmhurst



Office Messages



School Lunches

Reminder - please order on SchoolGrid, next term menu is live and available to pre-order.

Year 6 - Leavers Hoodies

Link now live on their website for ordering, all details are also on their website. Orders placed before 30th April will be delivered to school free of charge around end of May. Note, orders placed May onwards, will have the additional hoody charge as well as a delivery charge.

<https://www.torprinting.co.uk/product/elmhurst-yr6-leavers-hoodie-2026/>

All years - History Club

Mr Cohen-White, one of our governors will be running a new History Club after school, this is initially running for Summer Term 1 for 5 weeks on a Tuesday. This is now live on MCAS to book your child a place, places are limited to 15 and are on a first come basis.

Our sincere apologies for having to cancel parents coming in to our assembly this week. We will celebrate these pupils in the first celebration assembly after Easter break on Friday 24th April.

Lola (Fir)



Ayda (Willow)



Brooke (Oak)



Ralph (Hazel)



Jake (Rowan)

We value you!



Elmhurst Events

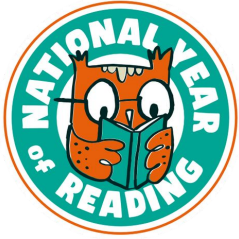


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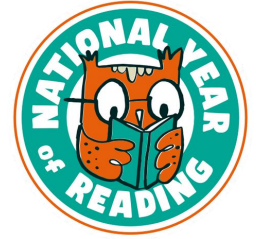


Summer Term I

Monday 20th April	Start of term
Thursday 7th May	Year 4 Swimming commences (All pupils)
W/C Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	Year 6 Swimming (All pupils)
W/C Monday 25th May	Half Term



Reading Champions



Year 3

Nevah
Jacob

Year 4

Phoebe

Year 5

Year 6

Alfred

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



We celebrate the most improved statistics over the last 7 days for...



Accuracy

Coins

Correct Answers

Minutes Played

Studio Speed



Emily H
Year 3

Samuel H
Year 5

Demba N
Year 6

Arlo A
Year 3

Erin S
Year 3



Year 3 & 4 Egyptian Day



In **English**, we 'boxed up' the story of *The Golden Scarab*. We will be using this story as our model text for our own portal stories.

<p>The Golden Scarab A Portal Story</p>		
	<p>OPENING one school day he went to a museum he was looking at a stone bag with solid gold on it one second later the floor began to melt then thud.</p>	<p>BUILD UP he looked around and began to stand up he saw a river he started to walk to it his head still hurt from the fall then he got to the river then turned around he saw the pyramids then he looked back to the river he saw EGYPTIAN GUARDS</p>
		
<p>PROBLEM what do you need with me you are trespassing and why are you wearing a backpack but you should be working we have to kill you now for escaping.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION well I have the gold bug! I should lead you I'm your king now help me leave this place ok mister.</p>	<p>ENDING pop he was back at the museum what a happy end.</p>



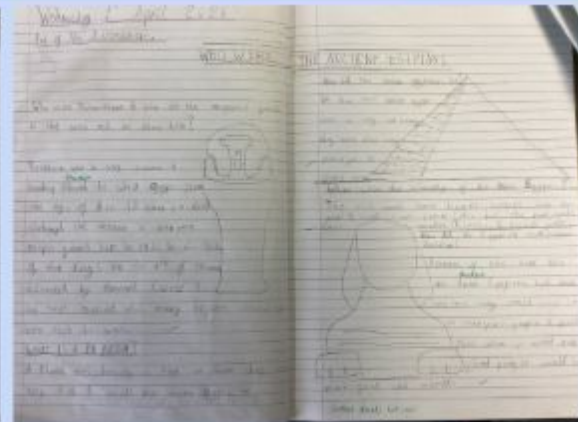
In **Science**, we learnt how scientists classify plants flowering and non-flowering plants and worked in teams to sort different plants into the two groups.

Year 3: Ash & Fir Class

In **Design & Technology**, we used junk modelling materials to make a simple machine (as requested by Pharaoh Amun-Lift) to help build the biggest pyramid in Egypt. We made a range of machines that combined mechanisms such as pulleys, levers, wheels and axles and inclined planes.

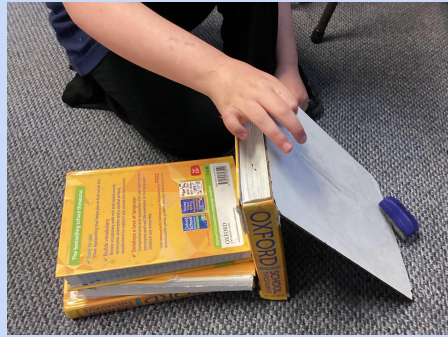
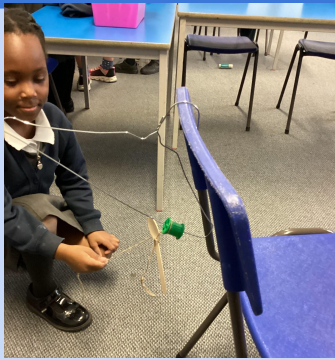


Year 3: Ash & Fir Class



In DT, we used our designs from last week to make prototype machines that would have helped the Ancient Egyptians to build the pyramids. In History, we finished our Ancient Egyptians topic by creating posters to show off all our new knowledge.

Year 4: Ash & Willow Class

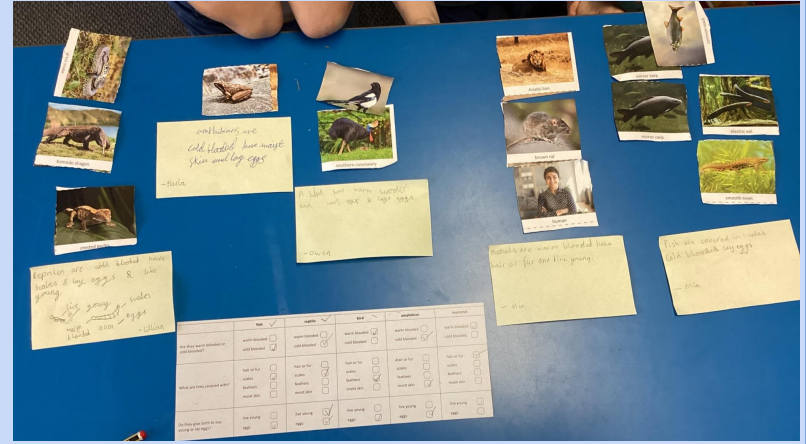


In Science, we worked in groups to classify vertebrates into one of the following groups: mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

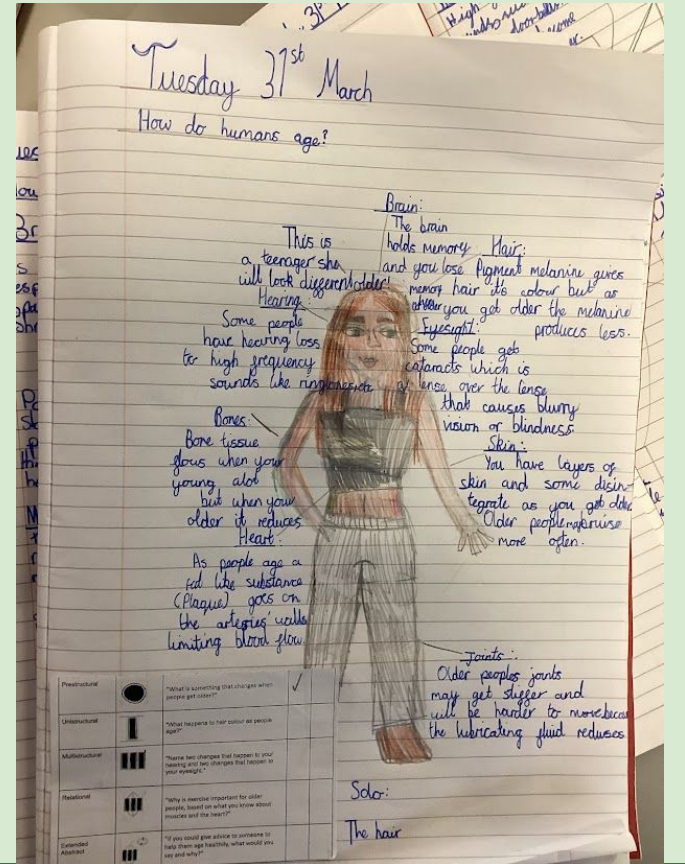
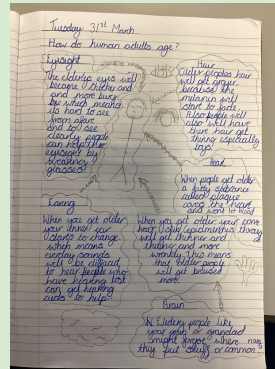
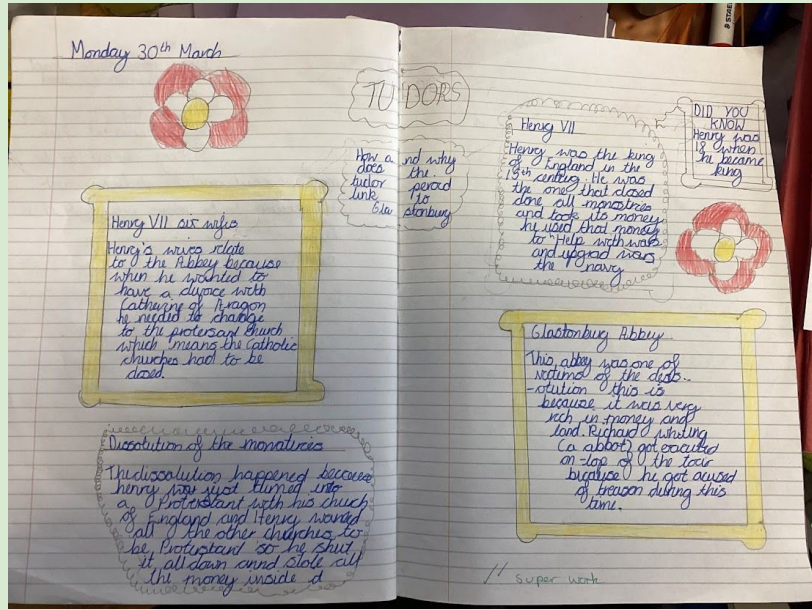
We had a great time watching Millfield Science Show and enjoyed learning all about dry ice and liquid nitrogen.



In DT, we made a range of simple machines to help us next week when we make a machine that would have helped the Ancient Egyptians build the pyramids.



Year 4: Ash & Willow Class



In **History** we have been producing our final pieces about the Tudors and looking at what links Glastonbury to them.

In **Science** we have been finding out what happens as humans develop into old age.

Year 5: Oak & Yew Class



We were lucky enough to attend **Millfield Science Department's Frozen Show** on Tuesday and see lots of exciting experiments. The highlight being ice cream and exploding dustbins.

Year 5: Oak & Yew Class

We have been measuring electric current with voltmeters in **Science**, investigating how bridges can be strengthened in **DT** and considering what was the greatest cause for the loss of life on the Titanic. In **English**, we have been proofreading and editing our persuasive adverts for the Titanic. We have also enjoyed watching Millfield's fantastic science show.



Year 6: Hazel & Rowan Class

In this lesson, you are going to independently write an advert for the Titanic to persuade first class citizens to buy a ticket!

Catchy opening.

Use of repetition

Use of exaggeration (hyperbole)


Rhetorical questions

Emotive language

Use of alliteration

Use of imperative verbs

Opinions, facts and statistics



Monday 30th March 2026

Charging Voltage

Prediction: What do you predict will happen to the brightness of a lamp as the voltage increases?

Variables: You will use your test fair?

Prediction answer: I predict that it will be brighter because the voltage is higher.

Variables answer: Keep the stuff the same except the voltage and adding more bulbs (from having the school down in night).

Cells	Voltage (V) of the cells	Observations	Light Intensity (Lux)
1 x AA	1.5V	Very dim / barely any light.	111
2 x AA	3V	a bit brighter outside.	111
3 x AA	4.5V	brighter than a bit bright.	111
4 x AA	6V	bright so you can't look at it.	111



We have been publishing our Titanic adverts in English, investigating what happens to the brightness of bulbs in electrical circuits when you increase the voltage in Science and auditioning for our Summer Play!

What will happen to the brightness of the bulb as the voltage is increased?

I predict that...

I will keep my test fair by...



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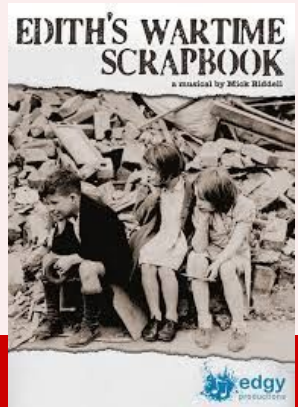
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Elmhurst Sports News



Huge congratulations to Heath in year 5 who ran in the school's cross country relays at Millfield on Wednesday.

Heath did not have any other runners in his team so he ran all 4 legs of the relay by himself and we are pleased to announce that he won the race by over 2 minutes.

Heath beat some very accomplished runners - many of them year 6 children.

Heath ran a total distance of 5200m.





Elmhurst Sports News



Xander has shown impressive dedication to a range of sports.

He has successfully earned all 12 stickers in gymnastics, has excelled in Tag rugby, scoring tries and making key tackles during tournament play and has earned a Player of the Week medal.

He is also taking part in cross country events. Well done, Xander!





Choir Club Spring Concert



On Thursday evening, Choir Club performed their Spring Concert at Millfield accompanied by a live band of Millfield musicians. Everyone sang beautifully and the concert was a huge success! Well done Choir Club!



Learning to Lead



Last Tuesday a group of Year 5 children who are part of a programme called learning to lead and is run by South Bristol Youth got to go to Wookey Hole for the day. The children all had a fantastic time .



Elmhurst Sports News



Well done to Henley in year 5, who at the weekend scored in his team's semi final to help them win 6-5 and progress to the finals.

Have a wonderful Easter!

Well done to our pupils for all of your hard work this term and thank you to parents and carers for your support and communication.



We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on **Monday 20th April**.
Best wishes from all of the Elmhurst staff.

Trust

Kindness

Respect

Forgiveness