

ELEMENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – 11th February

Dear All,

We've had a very successful week learning more about mental health and how we can keep ourselves healthy. The children have taken part in various activities in their classes and there have been some fantastic conversations on how we can look after ourselves and each other.

We are quickly approaching Half-Term and there is a lot happening in school. Please can I draw your attention to information regarding Touchdown Club in this newsletter. It is imperative that parents book slots needed when booking opens on Monday. All details around this can be found below. There have also been changes to curriculum clubs; please see the accompanying letter found in your email.

I am really looking forward to Year 2's Reading workshops on Tuesday. For parents of children in other year groups: please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks regarding workshops relevant to your child's class.

Have a great weekend. Let's hope the sunshine sticks around for us!

Best wishes,

Mrs Martin

Attendance

Stars	94.9%
Diamonds	97.5%
Shine	97.5%
Dazzle	88.8%
Inspire	96.6%
Discover	95.5%
Motivate	100%
Excel	97%
Whole school	95.5%

Events For Your Diary

- 15th February – Year 2 Reading Workshop
- 18th February – Break up for half term
- 28th February – First day back after half term
- 4th March – World Book Day



After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs on the weeks commencing 21st and 28th March due to staff training and WOW week.



Cooking Club

Cooking club will now run on Wednesdays after half term.

School Shoes

Please ensure your child's is wearing plain black shoes with no logos or names.

Medicine

If your child requires medication whilst at school, please hand this in to the office where we will give you a form to fill in.

Reading Workshop

Year 2 Parents are invited to attend a workshop to discuss reading provision in school. We are hoping this will be an in person session. (1 parent per child)

This will take place on Tuesday 15th February at 9am or 5:30pm

[Please fill click here to book your space](#)

Driving Safely

We have had reports from parents and local residents about unsafe driving in the area and inside school. Please drive and park safely to prevent accidents and to be considerate to the local residents



Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please call Leeds City Council on 0113 2224404.

If you need any support with this please come to the office and we can help you with the forms.

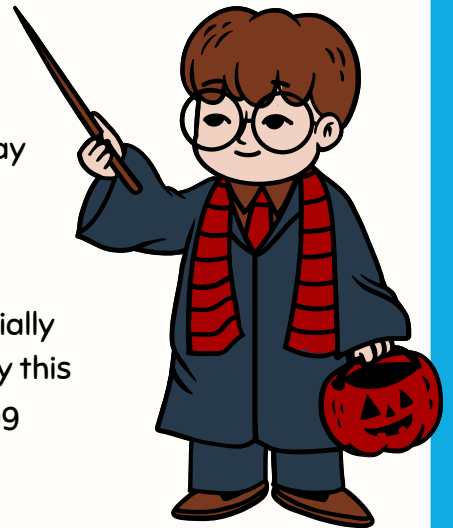




World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Friday 4th March 2022 and not Thursday 3rd March. This is to allow our PE sessions with specialised coaches to continue as normal.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. Elements Primary School's exciting theme for World Book day this year is "Reading is magical!" We would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.



On this special day, your child is invited to dress up as a favourite character from any book. Again, the dressing up possibilities are endless: Postman Pat, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Danny- Champion of the World, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Twits, Cinderella, Gruffalo, Elmer the Elephant, Three little Pigs, Harry Potter etc... Alternatively (in keeping with this year's theme) they may also opt to dress as something magical: a witch, fairy, wizard or dragon.

The children will be participating in lots of exciting activities throughout the day, sharing their teacher's favourite bedtime stories and designing book covers. Writing magic spells inspired by George's marvellous medicine and there will also be a reading inspired magic show.

If your child would like to take part in the very exciting "Supertato" competition then all entries for it must be submitted by World Book day. Each child will be provided with a £1.00 token which can be deemed against any book in bookshops. We look forward to seeing your child dressed up for the special day on Friday 4th March.



Thank you for your support in always making the day a wonderful success.



Supertato Competition

It's time to get creative!

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a 'Supertato' competition at Elements Primary School this year.

If you would like to enter, you will simply need a potato or perhaps a couple depending on your entry. Choose your favourite book character and decorate your potato to resemble them.



Don't forget to include the name of your book and the name of the author! All entries must be in school by THURSDAY 3rd MARCH and the winner will be announced on Element Primary School's World Book Day (Friday 4th March).

There will be prizes for the winners in each class.

Good luck!



Weekly Class Snapshot

Reception – Stars

The children have really enjoyed starting PE in the hall on Fridays. We are working towards getting changed so have started by removing jumpers, shoes and socks for now. We've had so much fun pretending to be different types of beans!

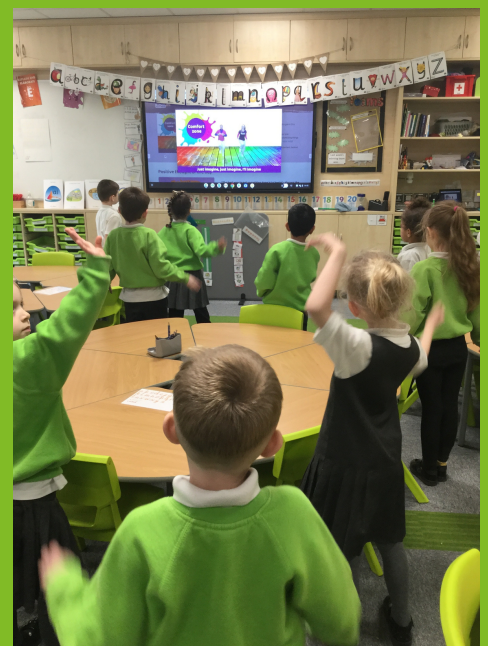


Reception – Diamonds

This week the children have been getting busy outside. We noticed our windows were a bit mucky, so we got soapy water and sponges and set to work cleaning them. We loved using the squeegee to wipe off the soap suds!

Year 1 – Dazzle

We have loved being active every day as part of Children's Mental Health week! Each day, we danced along to a new song, looked at a positive affirmation and thought about how we can look after our mental health.



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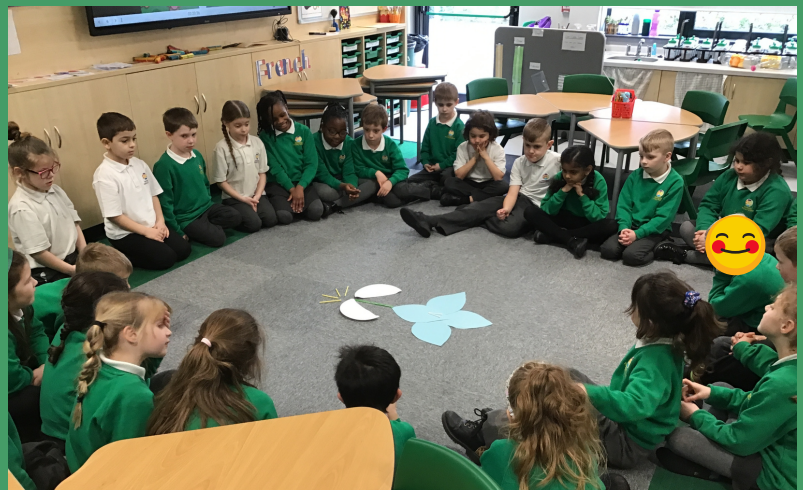
Year 1 – Shine

For our project this week we have been learning about the Taj Mahal in India. We applied the skill of sketching for our creative project and could recall lots of interesting facts too!



Year 2– Inspire

This week in Inspire we have been learning all about plants in preparation for planting our own seeds. We looked at different parts of the plant and their functions and even created our own diagram.



Year 2 – Discover

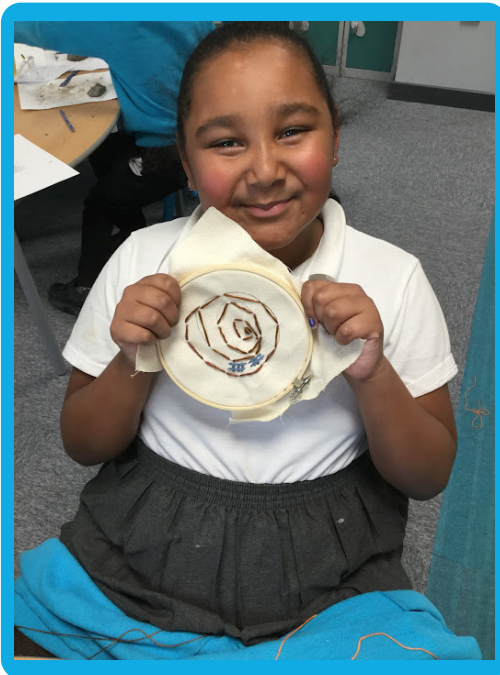
This week in PE, we enjoyed getting loose and doing lots of fun exercises, focusing on our positive mental health this week. We took part in challenges against each other, which included; skipping, hopping, running, crawling, and jumping.



Weekly Class Snapshot

Year 3 – Motivate

This week we have been finishing our projects making bags! The children have continued to work on their stitching and they have focused on how to attach their straps. Their finished piece looks great!



Year 3 – Excel

This week we finished the last stage in our fossil castings project work. For the past two weeks, the children have been applying the skills they have learned through curriculum inputs into creating different representations of fossils. All of this work has been fully independent! The children have used drawing pencils to create some beautiful sketches, used modelling tools to sculpt and mould clay fossils and embroidery to consolidate their newly learned skills!

Touchdown

We are very excited to inform you about what is happening each day at Touchdown Club! We do lots of fun things to help us relax after a busy day of learning. You'll also get to read about the yummy snacks that we will enjoy!

Monday 3pm– 4pm

The Colour Monster – monster craft, colour hunt, making monster sensory bottles

Snacks

BEANS on TOAST,
YOGHURT & FRUIT

4:30pm– 5:30pm

TIME TO RELAX – Star Wars yoga, mindful colouring

Tuesday

Ruby's Worry –
Painting a worry monster,
making a 'Touchdown Worry Box'

CRUMPET, FRUIT BAR,
YOGHURT & FRUIT

TIME TO RELAX –
meditation, mindful
colouring

Wednesday

The Big Bad Mood –
Dream catcher craft, balloon
people

NOODLES, YOGHURT &
FRUIT

TIME TO RELAX – puzzles,
mindful colouring

Thursday

The Big Book of Feelings
–
emotion stones,
emotion buddies craft

Bagel
Fruit & Yoghurt

TIME TO RELAX – reading
and bean-bags, classical
music

Friday

FILM Friday –
A Disney Favourite!

Sandwich (cheese or ham)
Fruit & Yoghurt

TIME TO RELAX –
the film finale.

Touchdown

This week in touchdown we enjoyed making our very own monsters, we made some funny ones, some scary ones and some cute ones. We have also enjoyed listening to lots of stories this week and some of the older children in year 3 have enjoyed reading to their friends.

