

ELEMENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – 18th February

Dear All,

I am writing to give you an update regarding staffing at Elements Primary School. Miss Horsbrough unfortunately is still unwell and will continue to be absent, any updates will be communicated to parents/carers as soon as we become aware.

I will continue to support Elements Primary School after the half term holiday supporting the staff team, aiming to be on site every single day. Dave Whittaker, Director of Learning is also continuing his support alongside other colleagues from the Positive Regard Team at the Trust.

I am delighted to inform you that all of our new starters will begin with us after the holidays – this is bringing great capacity to the team in classrooms and throughout the lunchtime period.

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you of Mrs Martin's new job role. She will unfortunately be departing from school at the Easter break to take up a new position with White Rose Academies Trust. This is an excellent opportunity for Mrs Martin and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success. Please be assured I am continuing to work closely with the Trust team to put in place dedicated leadership capacity through the summer term. I will update you as soon as I know the details of our plan.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my half term at Elements Primary School, what wonderful pupils we have! I hope everyone has a brilliant half term break.

Please continue to contact me, so that we can continue to ensure the school is the best it can possibly be.

Best wishes,

Miss C Green
Executive Principal

Events For Your Diary

- 18th February – Break up for half term
- 28th February – First day back after half term
- 28th Feb– 4th March No Curriculum clubs (Football & Ballet/dance paid clubs will still run)
- 4th March – World Book Day –(Dress inspired by a book)
- 21st–1st April – No Curriculum clubs (Football & Ballet/dance paid clubs will still run)

After School Clubs

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



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



STOP

Attendance

Stars	96.3%
Diamonds	93.3%
Shine	91%
Dazzle	95.8%
Inspire	96.6%
Discover	95.5%
Motivate	93.3%
Excel	91.2%
Whole school	94%



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.

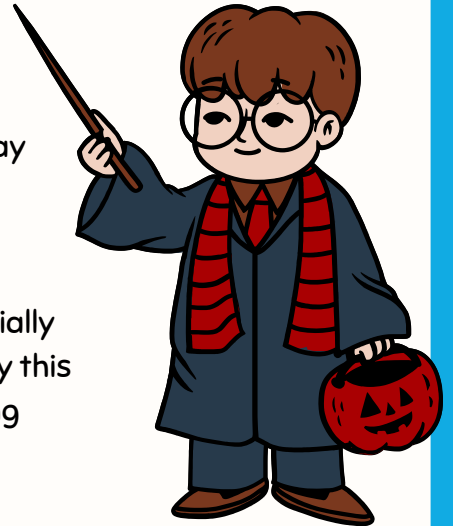




World Book Day

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.

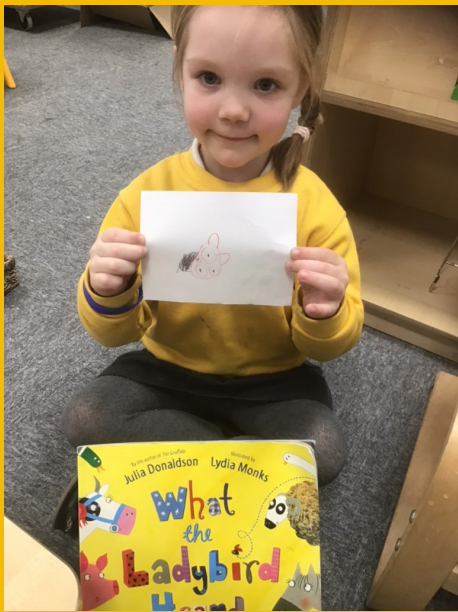
Good luck!



Weekly Class Snapshot

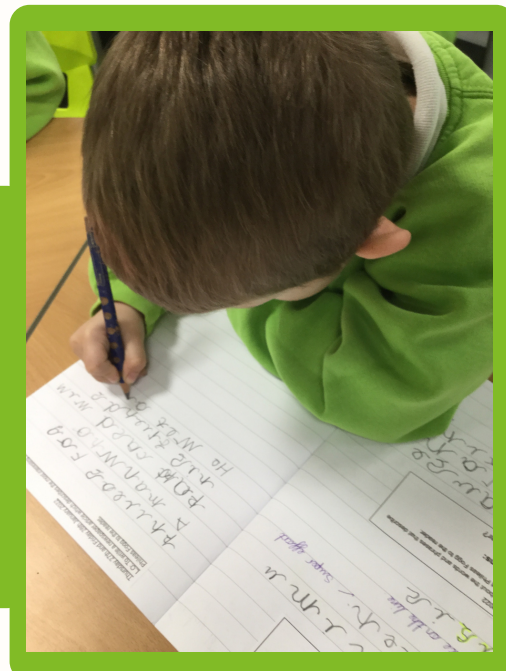
Reception – Stars

This week, we've been using ladybirds to help us with doubling. The children have really enjoyed adding spots to the ladybirds then counting them to form number sentences.



Reception – Diamonds

We've been looking at our favourite book characters recently and the children were inspired to draw them. We looked carefully at the pictures then chose the right colours and labelled our drawings.



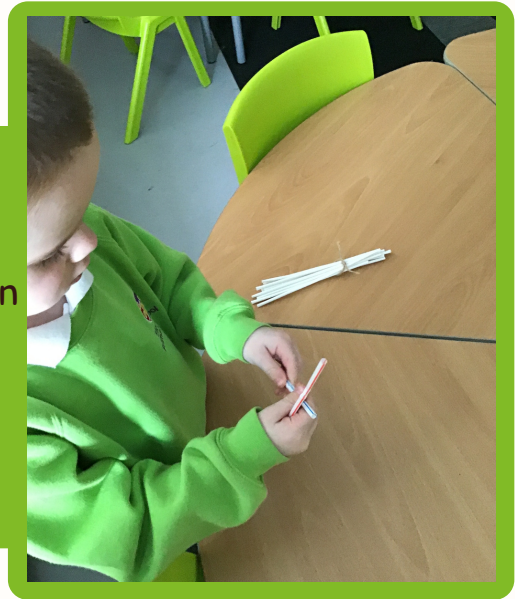
Year 1 – Dazzle

This week we have loved working on instruction writing. We linked this to our book 'Around the World in 80 days' and thought about what Phileas Fogg might need to pack for his journey. We had lots of fun learning some of the key features of instructions and have taken great pride in our work!

Weekly Class Snapshot

Year 1 – Shine

We have been learning all about place value in maths this week. We have loved building our own tens and ones. We have been able to partition numbers and get super practical in the classroom.



Year 2– Inspire

As we haven't had very good weather at the moment, we have had to spend our playtimes indoors. Inspire class decided they would like a wet playtime box and made a list of what they wanted in there. They decided on colouring sheets, word searches, step by step drawings, jigsaws and a reading table. It kept us very engaged!



Year 2 – Discover

Since we have been practising our catching and throwing skills with a ball in PE, we played piggy in the middle and had lots of fun working collaboratively!



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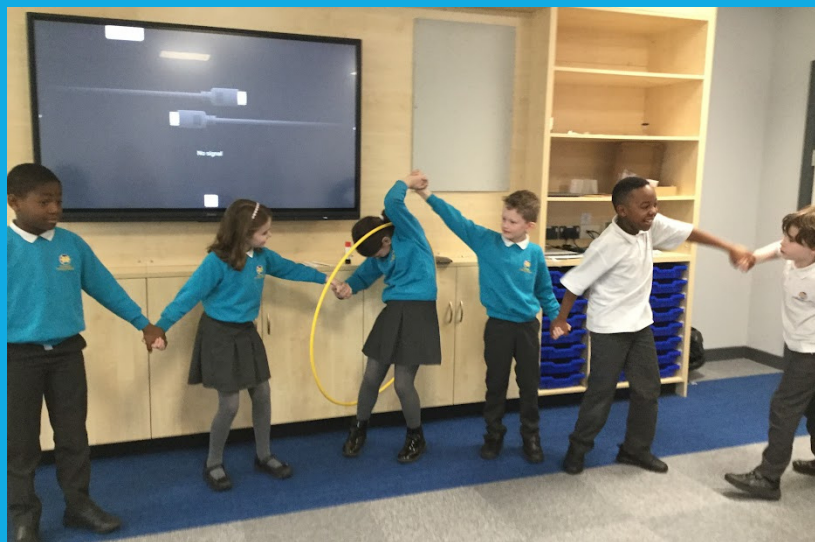
Year 3 – Motivate

This week, Motivate class has been making dreidels in RE. They cut and stuck their net together and then played the dreidel game to explore one of the most famous Hanukkah traditions. They showed a great amount of engagement and resilience.



Year 3 – Excel

This week, Excel class have enjoyed working together, taking part in lots of team building games. The children particularly liked moving a hoop from one end of a line of children to the other without letting go of each others' hands. They did a super job when working collaboratively and offered lots of words of encouragement to their teammates as well as congratulations or commiserations to the opposing team!



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

MOVE IT Monday –
Hip Hop Dance, ring games,
ballet

Snacks

Crumpets/
Crackers with Cheese &
Fruit & yoghurt

4:30pm- 5:30pm

TIME TO RELAX – Star
Wars yoga, mindful
colouring

Tuesday

CHALLENGE Tuesday –
Build the tallest tower, the
strongest bridge, the longest
path....

Sausage/cheese &
onion Roll
Yoghurt & Fruit

TIME TO RELAX –
meditation, mindful
colouring

Wednesday

PEN PAL Wednesday –
Children can write to or draw
a picture for a friend

Brioche bun
Fruit Bar & Yoghurt

TIME TO RELAX – puzzles,
mindful colouring

Thursday

CREATIVE Thursday –
play dough, painting,
collage making, origami

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 touchdown have enjoyed looking at the book HIP and HOP. This rhyming book focuses on dreams and never giving up. The children enjoyed drawing pictures of their dreams and writing a letter to themselves to open in the future to see if they have achieved any of their dreams. The children made a dream jar to keep adding their wonderful dreams into. We also had a dance to some Hip Hop music!

