

# ELEMENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – 4th February

Dear All,

I would like to thank you again for your patience around COVID-related disruptions to normal operations in school. We have missed more of our children again this week but we have been proud as always for their hard work on Google Classroom. We are looking forward to having our belated celebration assembly with all of our children in school on Monday.

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Week'. We are looking forward to having more in-depth discussions with our children on how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. Please see details in the newsletter below regarding our special 'Dress to Express (non-uniform) Day' on Thursday 10th February.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Martin

## Attendance

Stars	91.9%
Diamonds	95.1%
Shine	96.5%
Dazzle	92.1%
Inspire	88.5%
Discover	94.3%
Motivate	95.8%
Excel	98.2%
Whole school	93.8%

## Events For Your Diary

- 10th February – Dress to Express
- 11th February – Training Day
- 15th February – Year 2 Reading Workshop
- 18th February – Break up for Half Term



## Vacancy in School

We have a vacancy for a Breakfast & After School Club worker. If you would like more information visit our website [HERE](#)

## Consent Forms

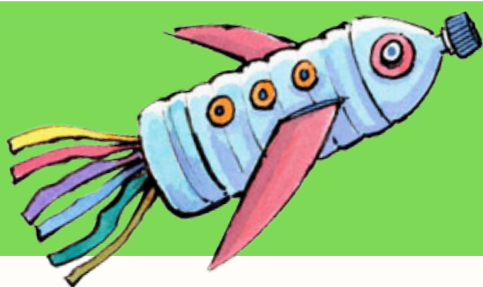
On Monday we will be sending out consent forms for photos and social media and also a data sheet for you to check and update if necessary. Please return these asap with your child

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is children's mental health week and we are inviting children to express themselves through dress on **Thursday 10th February**

## Junk modelling

We need some donations for our junk modelling. If you have any plastic bottles with lids at home it would be very appreciated if you could bring them 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](#)

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

We have a training day on **Friday 11th February**



# Weekly Class Snapshot

## Reception – Stars

This week the theme has been based around bears. The children have enjoyed reading a variety of stories related to bears. One of the most popular stories which the children have enjoyed reading to each other has been: We're going on a Bear Hunt.



## Reception – Diamonds

The Reception children have been working hard to sit properly and use their manners at lunchtime. This week, we have used the playdoh area to practise using a knife and fork!

## Year 1 – Dazzle

We have loved learning all about shape this week. We have explored the different properties of 2D and 3D shapes and used this knowledge to help us name the different shapes we can see in the classroom!





# Weekly Class Snapshot

## Year 1 – Shine

This week we have been creating wanted posters to catch the thief from our story 'Around The World in 80 Days.' We drew a picture of the thief and created some fantastic illustrations. We wanted to make sure he looked dangerous and scary. We loved following a step by step lesson to create our pictures.



## Year 2 – Inspire

This week we have started to "Write as readers" and we have begun the first draft of our stories. We have created our own antagonists and protagonists as well as using powerful adjectives to describe the settings. We really enjoyed creating our own mind movies ready for Salomy Doku to begin illustrating!



## Year 2 – Discover

This week in History, we have been learning about Mary Seacole who used herbal medicines to fight the cholera disease. It was exciting to know how there was a link between Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole as they were both nurses. Using our knowledge, we looked at images of old medicine and compared it to modern day medicine.





# Weekly Class Snapshot

## Year 3 – Motivate

This week Motivate class have been learning from home. The children been using their digital literacy skills to complete their learning! This week they have recapped some of their science knowledge from earlier in the year. Using their learning, the children have completed their own science experiment on friction!

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

L.O. To investigate the friction of different items around my home.

### Question

What am I trying to find out?

I'm trying to find out what my car will move faster on.

### Research

What do I already know about friction? Check the google slides!

Friction is a opposite force.

### Hypothesis

What do I think will happen based on my research?

I think that the car will move faster on a smooth surface.

<u>Table of results</u>	
<u>Surface</u>	<u>Time taken to move 30cm</u>
Carpet	4s
Gymnastiks mat	4s
Tabel	3s
sofa	6s
Book shelf	2s

### Conclusion

What does your table of results show you?

Was your hypothesis correct?

My hypothesis was correct because my car moved quicker on smooth surfaces.



## Year 3 – Excel

This week, Excel class has enjoyed adding to their beautiful embroidery designs. The children have shown some amazing resilience and positivity towards a completely new skill and have had some absolutely stunning results. We have learned lots of new vocabulary related to sewing and embroidery, encountered lots of new equipment and discovered how to deal with problems faced competently.

# Touchdown

We are very excited to inform you about what is happening in Touchdown Club 7th –11th February. 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 Roll/cheese and  
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

Pain Au Chocolat  
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!

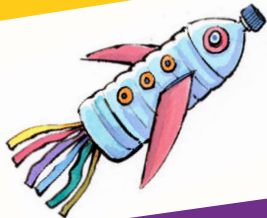
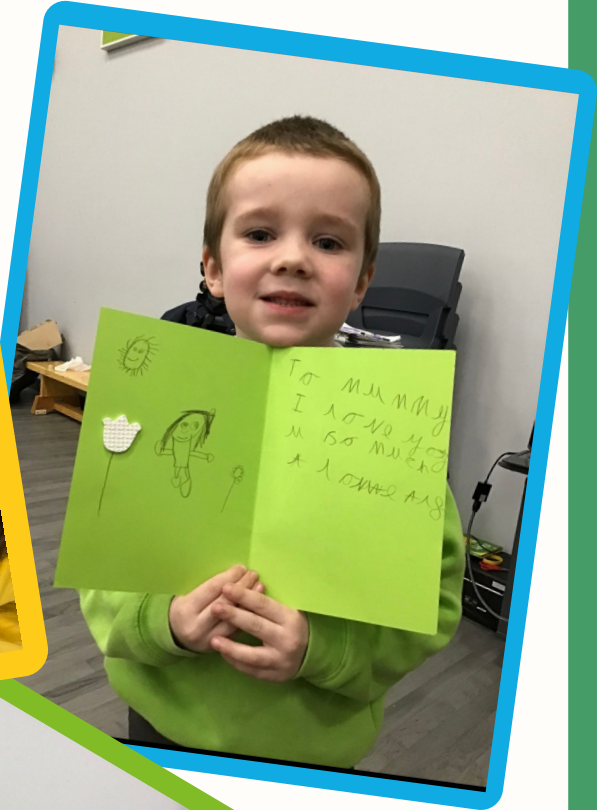
Sandwich (cheese or ham)  
Fruit & Yoghurt

TIME TO RELAX –  
the film finale.



# Touchdown

This week we have been looking at kindness and how to be kind to our friends.  
We have made cards and posters



# Meet our new staff members



Hi my name is Kelly Langton I am a mum of three girls. I have just completed a degree in Children and young people's care and education and now just waiting for my results. I worked in nurseries for 13 years before starting at Special Inclusive Learning Centre (SILC) where I have supported children and young people for the last seven years. I may be familiar to some of you as I am the leader in charge for 3rd Middleton rainbows, I have been volunteering in girlguiding both in Brownies and Rainbows for the last four years.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, going to the gym, reading and watching movies in my spare time.

I am excited to begin this chapter starting a new role, meeting new people and working in partnership with both children and their families.

Hi my name is Miss Lyons, I have experience working with children for 13 years starting in a Nursery and then to a SEN school to a SEMH school. I enjoy spending time with my two children who are age 11 and 6.

I am very excited to be joining Elements and looking forward to getting to know all the children.

