



Newsletter

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March News

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I'm Back!

Despite the children's best efforts to depose me and take over Elm Grove, the prospect of office tidying, spreadsheet-analysis and inbox-wading was too much for our three new Heads and they've decided to relinquish my throne (standard office chair) and return to the easy life. There's more about their day in charge on Page 2. I was sort of hoping that they'd write the newsletter!

It's been a short term but by no means boring. To celebrate World Book Day, we were joined by some Hollywood A-listers for an unforgettable journey down a coccinellidae's cochlea in the West End-worthy performances of What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside. Thanks as always to our wonderful PTA for organising and running the brilliant World Book Day Book Bonanza and the Head for the Day event.

The Let's Dance competition at Brighton Dome was truly magical. Enormous congratulations and thanks to Mrs Haisell, Miss Ahmed and all of the dancers for putting on some awe-inspiring, award-winning performances and for bringing back a trophy that doesn't even fit in Mr Waring's cabinet!

The biggest thanks of all to all of our brilliant staff for everything they do everyday. The sound of samba reverberating around the school reminds me that there's more to look forward to next term but, for now, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. Take care everyone and see you in summer! **Mr Massey**



Head Teacher for the day

Estelle, Felix, and Jax were the lucky winners of our *Head Teacher for the Day* raffle. They had a fantastic experience which included welcoming Reception and Year 1 grown-ups on their school visit day, taking part in the Golden Book assembly, completing a learning walk and premises inspection, and even hosting the Friday Hot Chocolate Club. The competition raised an impressive £714, which will be used to purchase new musical instruments and equipment. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle by purchasing extra tickets!





Golden Book Merits

Beech	Hunter, Ophelia, Lily
Birch	Raphy, Finn S, Tija
Baobab	Edith, Sienna, Harry
Bonsai	Suleiman, Angus, Morgan
Holly	Esmail, Ishani, Sophie
Horse Chestnut	Yuki, Sia, Ipek
Cedar	Rusty, Ellie H, Tym, Iris, Pearl, Elijah
Cypress	Harry, Finnlay, Ed
Redwood	Truman, Rosie M, Dotti
Rowan	Dinugi, Al-Amin, Maria
Elder	Whole class, Fred, Esme
Oak	Phoebe, Betty, Levi

Key Dates:

Event	Date
27th March	Y3 Cake sale & non-uniform
30th March—10th April	Easter Holidays
13th April	Back to school
1st May	Y1 Cake sale. NOT non-uniform
2nd May	Children’s Parade
4th May	Bank Holiday
16th May	Spring Fair
20th May	School Class Photos
22nd May	Reception Lolly sale & non-uniform
25th —29th May	May Half term
1st & 2nd June	Inset Days
3rd June	Back to school
22nd June	Year 6 PGL Trip
29th June	KS2 sports day at Withdean Stadium
30th June	Year 2 sports day (9:30-10:30am)
1st July	Reception sports day (9:30-10:30)
2nd July	Year 1 sports day (9:30-10:30)

Hot Chocolate Club

- Tori from Beech
- Finn W from Birch
- Alex from Baobab
- Angus from Bonsai
- Romy from Holly
- Essie-Mae from Horse Chestnut
- Euphemie from Cedar
- Cassie from Cypress
- Adanna from Redwood
- Ruby from Rowan
- Lilly from Elder
- Luke from Oak



REMINDER: We have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods /packed lunches which contain nuts into school.



Year 5 News

Year 5 have been busy bringing their World War II topic to life this term. The children created their own gas masks, tried their hand at cooking a traditional wartime soup, and rounded off their learning with a cheerful VE Day picnic. It's been a fantastic way for them to experience history in a hands-on and memorable way.



Year 5 News



Mr Waring's Sports News

Dodgeball championships

We took a team to the first ever primary school dodgeball championships to be held in Brighton. We had a huge amount of fun, eventually finishing 5th out of the 8 school teams, although 3 of the 4 games we lost were by the smallest possible margin, so a medal was within our grasp for much of the day! Well done to: Rodayna, Jack, Ruby M (Rowan); Luca, Dulcie (Oak); Kieran, Arthur, Oscar, Gabe (Elder).



Netball Competition

We took a team of netballers to play in a competition against 7 other Brighton/Hove schools recently and we were very excited to discover at the end that we had won the tournament! There will be another trophy to admire in our trophy cabinet before too long. Very well done to: Ethan, Betty (Oak); Kit, Otis (Elder); Rodayna, Raven, Ruby M, Estelle (Rowan).



Football

Our footballers in Y5/6 won a fantastic match against Downs Juniors in the Geerts Shield, winning 5-4 after trailing 4-2 at half-time. We're now through to the quarter-final stage. Well done to: Amari (Oak); Freddie, Riley, Arthur, Kieran, Sami (Elder); Isaac, Truman (Redwood).



Volleyball competition



We took a group of Y6 children to represent the school in a beach volleyball competition at Yellowave Hove. Despite the cold, windy weather, we had great fun learning a new sport, and we finished the event as winners! Well done to: Momo, Ella, Betty (Oak); Willow, Mei, Kieran, Arthur, Sami, Gabe, Otis, Charlie (Elder).

Mr Waring's Sports News

Cricket competition

We took 2 teams to an indoor cricket competition recently. The children really enjoyed the experience, and their progress over the course of the afternoon was impressive. Both teams finished in 3rd place out of the 5 schools in their respective groups, although one of our teams was actually involved in a 3-way tie for 1st place and only lost out on runs scored.



Sussex cross-country championships

Huge congratulations to Jago in Y5, who represented Brighton & Hove schools in the Sussex cross-country championships - his team managed to finish in 1st place!



Let's Dance!

An enormous congratulations to the Let's Dance crew who were remarkable at the Best Dance competition on Wednesday with their outstanding performance, coming 1st and winning the trophy for Best Dancer in Brighton. 8 schools entered and all the children truly supported each other, regardless of school. It was a privilege to take them and Kelly and I are very proud of the teamwork and energy they put in. A special mention to Ruby who came 1st in her year group solo section and Frankie who came 4th in his. There is now an enormous trophy sitting on top of the trophy cabinet, and the children involved have now been invited to perform in a Streetfunk show at the Dome in June! Well done. **Miss Ahmed**



Save the date - our summer fair is on Saturday 16 May 12-3pm.



The PTA have started planning for our annual fair, more information and volunteer sign ups will be shared soon. We look forward to adding some new activities and seeing lots of you there. It promises to be a really fun event whatever the weather!

Behind the scenes is where the magic happens, we are a few people short for the planning and setup involved and it's a lot of fun and really rewarding. If you think you can help with prep and running of a space like cafe or games a stall please email chair@elmgrovepta.com.

Spruce up volunteer days

The PTA are working with school's site manager Mr Dancer on some spruce up days - is anyone free to help out Saturday 28 March or Sunday 29 March?

We may reschedule depending on availability and weather.

Register your interest here - <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1452020820>



Parking and Road Safety Reminder

Please park responsibly and safely at pickup and dropoff times. Thank you for keeping our school community safe.



Let the Hall!

Are you or anyone you know interested in letting our school hall on a regular basis?

We have hall space free from 6pm on Mondays, and Fridays. Any interested party can contact Sean Copping (School Business Manager): seancopping@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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 WED 15 APR CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: EASTER TREATS & BUSHCRAFT
 THU 16 APR EASTER NERF DAY
 FRI 17 APR WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

