



Newsletter

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January News

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Wet Wet Wet!

Congratulations to everyone for making it through January! We've had enough wet plays to last a lifetime but we haven't let the grey skies get us down.

This half-term we have been mostly: hunting bears (big ones!), avoiding air raids, dancing at the disco, booting balls, empathizing with iron men and excelling at athletics.

Reception have welcomed a series of 'Surprise Readers' (inspirational folk from around the school) and have also held a wonderful and very popular maths workshop. It was brilliant to have such a great turnout and to see the children's inner teachers shining through! Thank you so much to the whole Reception team for organizing and running these brilliant events.

Running a school disco—let alone four of them—is no easy undertaking and I'd also like to thank Antonia, the PTA and all of the parent volunteers who made the discos such a roaring success. I genuinely believe that Elm Grove school discos are the very best!

Have an utterly wonderful half-term everybody. I'm looking forward to an action packed spring 2, which will include, among other things, the opportunity for three children at the school to become Headteachers for the day! (I deserve a bit of a break after all!)

Mr Massey





Golden Book Merits



Beech	Tori, Avery, Violet
Birch	Grace, Sol, Raphy
Baobab	Oona, Logan, Harry
Bonsai	Lyra, Tom, Connie
Holly	Romy, Jesse, Maia
Horse Chestnut	Gus, Isla, Elizabeth
Cedar	Kara, Rhett, Autumn
Cypress	Ellis, Marnie, Annie
Redwood	Zuzia, Amy, Simi
Rowan	Ibuke, Ava-Rose, Mia
Elder	Evelyn, Sami, Otis
Oak	James I, Sam C, Dulcie



Golden Book Merits



Beech	Rona, Freddie, Hudson
Birch	Finn S, Aurora D, Stevie
Baobab	Alex, Elijah, Bjorn
Bonsai	Whole class
Holly	Lev, Morris, Hugo
Horse Chestnut	Nyla, Gus, Sia
Cedar	Agnes, Elijah, Valentine
Cypress	Summaya, Aniyah, Cassie
Redwood	Whole class
Rowan	Marley, Jack, Robyn S
Elder	Mei, Freddie S, Arthur
Oak	Ethan, Sonny, Isla C

Hot Chocolate Club

- Lily from Beech
- Eleanor from Cedar
- Harmony from Birch
- Summaya from Cypress
- Edith from Baobab
- - from Redwood
- Forrest from Bonsai
- River from Rowan
- from Holly
- Noah from Elder
- from Horse Chestnut
- Luca from Oak



Hot Chocolate Club

- Lily, Lyra, Arthur ST from Beech
- Rowan from Cedar
- Harmony, Otis, Robin K from Birch
- Mia from Cypress
- Truman from Redwood
- Edith, Juno, Elijah from Baobab
- Dinugi from Rowan
- Forrest Poppy from Bonsai
- Riley from Elder
- Ornette from Oak
- Bea from Holly
- Jack, Isla from Horse Chestnut



Key Dates:

Event	Date
16th to 20th February	Half term break
3rd and 5th March	Parent consultations
6th March	School World Book Day
20th March	Headteacher for the Day

Year 5 News

As part of the year 5 topic “We’ll meet again”, year 5 visited Downs Air raid shelter where the children got to experience a real insight into what life was like in the air raid shelters and everything else World War II.



WW2 baking



As part of their learning on World War 2, Robin from Rowan and Josh from Redwood baked a VE day cake and Ibuki made the condensed milk cake from the WWII times. Proving that learning can be delicious!

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.



Parking and Road Safety Reminder

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



Reception News

Reception are “ Going on a bear hunt” as they found bear paw prints, red berries, a fish bone and even brown bear Pooh in their class rooms. They’ve been exploring their wider school environment in search of this furry friend. They’ve been making bear faces using different materials & media. They’ve made a large collaborative collage to illustrate the story. They’ve also read the book and can chant out the story in chorus!



Large-print versions of the newsletter are available by request at the school office.

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

Mr Waring's Sports News

Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics

We took a team of Y5/6 children to an indoor athletics competition at BACA against 6 other primary schools recently. They performed brilliantly, and we were thrilled to discover at the end of the event that we had won! A new trophy should appear in our trophy cabinet within the next couple of weeks. Huge congratulations to all who competed.



Girls' Football

Our girls' football team played Queens Park Primary recently in the SportsCool Cup. Whilst we were well beaten (the final score was 8-1), I was incredibly proud of the children, as they showed real grit and determination and played in really unpleasant weather with smiles on their faces. Raven also scored the best goal of the game! Well done to: Lilly, Mei, Ripley (Elder); Momo, Betty (Oak); Estelle, Raven, Ruby M (Rowan).



Year 3/4 Football Festival

We took some Y3/4 girls to a football festival at Varndean School. They had great fun, despite the cold weather, and represented the school brilliantly! Well done to: Euphemie, Eleanor, Ellie H, Elsie, Lula (Cedar); Esme, Isla G, Isla T (Cypress); Romy (Holly); Frankie, Megan (Chestnut).

