



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Year 5 Parent Assembly — 17th October
Parents Evening — 18th & 19th October
End of Term Disco — 27th October
Inset Day School Closed — 28th October (staff only)

LETTERS HOME

Conway Residential—Year 4
Parent Governor—All



YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 5 have their class assembly on Monday 17th October. The assembly will run from 9am until 9:30am. We ask that due to limited space available that only two adults per child attend and no siblings, thank you.

PLEASE NOTE YEAR 6 STAY AND PLAY HAS NOW BEEN CHANGED FROM MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER TO TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT 10AM.

CANAL ART



On Tuesday Year 3 and 6 took part in a Roses and Castles painting workshop. All the children had a fantastic time making their own canal art masterpiece with the help of 'Day Star Theatre'. Pictures from this visit are on our twitter feed and will be on the school website next week.

FIRE SERVICE



KS1 had a visit from Ellesmere Port fire service on Wednesday morning. All the children were shown around the fire engine and told all about the different tools and equipment that are used in an emergency. Pictures from the visit can be found on our twitter feed.



Amy Y4 who took part in a dance competition and received good scores and comments, along with a special award for her kindness and good behaviour.

CHESTER SPOOK WALK



On Sunday 30th October, there is a Spook Walk at Chester race course. The first walk is from 5pm-6pm (less scary walk for under 10's), 6:30pm—7:30pm (even spookier! Aged 10 and over). Walk skip or run if you dare. Entry is £7.50 per person and all money raised will go to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, further details can be found on the school website.

LOST PROPERTY



A pair of girls school shoes have been found in KS1 in an Elton gym bag and a pink watch was found on the playground. If you think they belong to your child can you please contact the school office.

FRIENDS OF ELTON EVENTS



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and came along to support the Barnardo's coffee morning on Friday.

OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY



Please note from Monday any child who has any outstanding debt of over £11.25 will need to bring a packed lunch for the following week.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS **BEESTON ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER.**

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

This week's Star of the week is for 'Maths' and we would like to say congratulations to the following children:

Rec: HAYDEN



Year 1: OLLIE

Year 3: NATALIE

Year 5: GRACE

Year 2: FREYA

Year 4: AMY

Year 6: DECLAN



CELEBRATE



We would like to wish a Indiana Y1 and Sophie Y5 very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 1

Headteacher's Blog

I was delighted with the commitment shown this week by my new 'Ethos Group'... 4 children from year 5 and 6 randomly chosen to be children's advocates and to ask them what learning feels like in our school. They will report to me each week and tell me what they have discovered. At the end of term I expect them to write the RE and the P4C newsletters so that they can share what has been happening not just with me but the whole school community and you all too.

Big thanks again to our Friends of Elton committee who were in at the weekend painting the new library area and installing new shelving donated by Nat Tudor's company. I am very grateful to them and really hope that the bid I wrote to get a full library of books comes to fruition – I did have an email from them to say it may take 4 months for the board of trustees to decide....

Meanwhile, Friends of Elton committee also ran a fab coffee morning for Barnardo's today and again it was brilliant. They really do so much for the community and for children in general, as well as our children in school, and I am really grateful to them for their dedication and social enterprise. I am looking forward to hearing about how much they raised!

I have asked the office to put a link on the website which will take parents directly to the LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) website for Cheshire West and Chester (we fall into this area). I had Level 3 safeguarding refresher training in Blacon on Monday and although I always use the professional and the training tabs on this website, it was interesting to look at the parent section. There are loads of useful pieces of information and awareness for you as parents about lots of topical issues (for primary and secondary children).

Whilst I was at Blacon, Mrs Kinnear hosted our Harvest Festival assembly! It was apparently great and despite not all of the children bringing in food items they all agreed that the FoE making up food hampers for those needy people of the village was a kind and compassionate idea. I am grateful to everyone who contributed and the children who were chatting to me about making hampers and playing 'knock and dash' again this year were right – it really doesn't take much to be kind, one of them brought in a chocolate bar they had been given the night before.

I had a fab parent panel meeting on Thursday with the core of my new panel members: Jennie Rhodes, Janet Ninnis-Jeal, Claire Wright, Michelle Massey, Mrs Smith, Mrs Shipley, Emma Clarke and Andrew Canham. I know that Melanie Faulkner will be joining us next time too. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the website next week but the topics we covered were the new online payment system and the behavior policy. The discussion was very interesting and will inform future improvements to both of those systems. The next parent panel will be on November 17th and will be about RE/P4C teaching in school so if you have any points to make, either make them to me in advance via email or contact one of the above to share your views so that they can make your view heard!

It was the International Day of the Girl on Tuesday - International Day of the Girl was first recognized in 2011, when the United Nations general assembly voted to set aside October 11th as a day to honour girls and work to improve their lives. It's a day for sharing inspiration and spreading awareness. In the United States, President Barack Obama took International Day of the Girl as a moment to shed light on Americans' work to get more young women involved in the historically male-dominated science, technology, engineering and math fields, push for equal pay. International Day of the Girl is about more than just girl power — it's about redoubling global efforts to improve their lives. In some countries, the situation is bleak. We are very lucky here but still face discrimination. Sad really!

I was again hoping to teach Year 6 on Wednesday afternoon until the afternoon was hijacked by an incident at lunchtime so despite planning it with Mrs Edwards, I missed out again. I don't dare jinx it but I have planned a P4C lesson with Mrs Kinnear for Monday afternoon all about 'global healthcare' so fingers crossed...

Next week we look forward to welcoming you to parent's evenings, if you haven't already done so, make sure you make an appointment with your child's teacher... we love to tell parents of all the good things that go on in school!