



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



End of Term Disco — 27th October
Inset Day School Closed — 28th October (staff only)
Stay and Learn—Y4, Wed 9th Nov—Y6, Tues 15th Nov
Parents Panel— Thurs 17th Nov

LETTERS HOME

Parent Governor — All
Sleepover—KS2



TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Cheshire West and Cheshire Borough council will be introducing a 20mph speed limit on the following lengths of road: School lane between its junction with Parklands Drive and Ince Lane, and the entire length of Dairy Bank, The Courtyard, Rycroft, Farndale Drive, Glendale Avenue, Glebecroft Avenue, Whitefields and Brakendale. If you wish to object to the proposed order, or any provisions contained in it, you may do so in writing by Friday 18th November. Further details can be found on the school website under latest news.

GOOGLE EXPEDITION



On Thursday, Google came into school to show KS2 children virtual learning. All the children had a pair of virtual glasses and experienced different adventures. Year 5 and 6 explored outerspace and went deep sea diving, while Year 3 and 4 became palaeontologist. All the children had a wonderful time. The app is available to download on to a smart phone and cardboard glasses case can be purchased separately.

PREHISTORIC WORKSHOP



Year 3 and 4 took part in a Prehistoric workshop on Tuesday. The children learnt all about archaeology and even met a real Stone age Hunter. Pictures are available on twitter and will be on the website next week.

QUICKSTICKS TOURNAMENT



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Quicksticks tournament, everyone played and behaved brilliantly, making Miss Hughes very proud.

STAY AND LEARN DATE



Year 4 — Wednesday 9th November at 9am. Year 6 — Tuesday 15th November at 9am.
We kindly ask that no sibling attend these sessions, thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS



MENU CHANGE: Monday 7th November, Sausage & Chips, Jacket potato or Cheese toastie, followed by Sticky toffee pudding.

ELTON BONFIRE AND FIREWORK SPECTACULAR



On Friday 4th November, Ince and Elton Scout's are having their annual firework event. Admission is free, there will be food and drink available. Hot dog have been very kindly donated by Friends of Elton with the money from the Blackpool trip. The bonfire will be lit at 7pm and the first rocket will be at around 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Further details can be found on the school website.

FRIENDS OF ELTON EVENTS



Friends of Elton's fancy dress school disco is on Thursday 27th October. Infants from 5pm to 6pm and juniors from 6pm to 7pm. The price is £2.50 per child, this includes drink and snack.

OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY



Please note any child with an outstanding debt of over £11.25 will need to bring a packed lunch for the following week.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Madonna (Rec), Jacob (Rec), Tyla (Y4), Chloe (Pre-school) and Reece (Y4) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 1

Headteacher's Blog

Monday morning started with a big celebration when I received this in my inbox- well done to all of the PTA:

"I know you will be busy but I wanted to take the time to congratulate you on some of your students and their families that I met on the trip to Blackpool on Saturday. Knowing that I was looking for a coach trip, your PTA offered myself and my family a seat on trip that she had organised for your school. coming from Chester and not being a part of the Elton community I didn't know what to expect so was very pleased to be welcomed in. The children's behaviour on the coach was impeccable, and considering the time spent viewing the lights on the way home I was amazed. The whole trip was well organised from start to finish, your PTA members have also done you proud, Clare was great will both children and their parents. Once again I would like to congratulate and thank you all for a lovely day and for making us feel a part if the group, in my experience you have a school to be proud of."

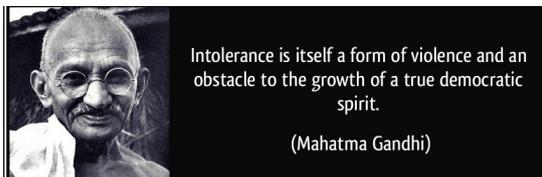
We have also had several letters and emails thanking us and the PTA for the food hampers that were created after Harvest Festival so a big well done one and all.

As you know, this week we celebrated Inclusion Week in school (nationally it was 'Anti Bullying week'), and it was also Black History week for us (nationally it is Black History Month in October).

I was delighted to welcome one of our Governors, Reverend Ruth, in on Wednesday to speak with me about all the work we do for your child's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. It was a pleasure for me to tell her that in early years. In year 1 children thought about 'What is Fair?' In Year 2 children learned about Rosa Parks, a very famous lady in "Black history". In year 3 Miss Hughes worked on "How are we different?" In Year 4 children read 'The Soccer Fence' story. In Year 5 Miss Blake lead with a lesson on Nelson Mandela. In Year 6 Mr Manning lead on a lesson about Martin Luther King and this developed into a whole session on equality and opportunity.

Miss Blake did an assembly on Monday all about inclusion and disability and shared many real life stories of people who are disabled, who may look different, who may have had to cope with bullying over time and repetitive name calling because of how they look, yet they have become amazing human beings: people such as Ted Rummel who is a surgeon in America! He is paralyzed from the waist down after a nasty illness but this doesn't stop him saving people's lives. Jillian Mercado is a 26-year-old New Yorker who suffers from muscular dystrophy, and has been signed with IMG models! As a student, teachers told Michael Phelp's mum that he would never be able to focus on anything ... this record-breaking swimmer was diagnosed with ADHD at a young age and struggled to do well academically at school....

We have also debated religion, I had the pleasure of joining a Y5 and a Y2 lesson in RE and again I was completely bowled over by the logic and discussion of the children. Impressive. It is such a privilege to work so closely with your children, our children and watch them grow. Philosophers since the times of ancient Greece have disputed with one another about the nature of God, Man and the universe. If all the brightest minds since the fifth century B.C. (or before) have not been able to agree on the subject of religion or anti-religion, we have no hope of working out the right answer! So we teach our children to tolerate the beliefs of others and celebrate the similarities between all peoples of faith in a world of differences and conflict.



Today I talked about law and liberty. The Law is the system of rules which our country or community recognises as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties. We said this was a bit of a confusing sentence so we discussed that it basically meant knowing and following the rules and if you don't then you end up in trouble. From a school perspective this means doing the right thing (the D in **D**REAM TEAM). If we are following the rules and doing the right thing then there will be no bullying or name calling, and that means that all of our teaching about tolerance, sexism, racism and homophobia will have had the impact that we hope! Our school will be an oasis of calm in a world of chaos. Dream big!

On Wednesday our KS2 children had the pleasure of working with Google and going on virtual expeditions! Year 3/4 went on a paleontology trip to the Stone Age and Y5/6 went on a journey through the respiratory system! Thanks to Mrs McCarroll for organizing this, it really was brilliant and Andrew Canham, Chair of Governors, was really impressed too.

Also, this morning, Michelle Massey, our Safeguarding Governor, and I, hosted several headteachers and the advisor from the LSCB for a Safeguarding meeting. We have these half termly and our paperwork and practice is examined and discussed thoroughly. It is a very productive meeting and I am grateful to Michelle for giving up her time to do this for our school.

Have a great half term and we will see you all fully refreshed and ready for Autumn Term part II on Monday November 7th.