



THE ELMS EXPRESS



NOVEMBER EDITION

Message from Mr Jacques

What an action-packed November here at The Elms. We started a new term and celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. The message this year was '**Choose Respect.**' Our Kindness Krew ran a lunchtime club everyday which involved colouring, drawing and playing games. In class, children discussed how they can show respect to others, and they discussed respectful conflict tools. They also had a range of activities to complete.

On the 11th of November, we came together as a school to honour those who have served and sacrificed. Mr Saunders' Remembrance Day assembly discussed the importance of the poppy and remembrance. At 11:00 AM, we observed a two-minute silence.

A huge well done to Year 3 and 5 for their brilliant assemblies. Year 5's assembly saw children share their learning through performance with songs and dancing. Year 3 children performed their times tables song they had learnt and spoke with passion about their learning so far.



School Values

Our school value this term is **Kindness**.

This term started with my assembly at the beginning of Anti Bullying Week. I shared a story about filling kindness buckets. Children shared in class how they have been kind to others and how others have been kind to them!

Kindness day saw children discuss the importance of kindness and ways in which we can fill someone's bucket.

Sporting news

On what felt like one of the coldest day of the year so far, 14 children from Years 5 and 6 attended a Tag Rugby festival at FCC. The children were taught different skills to help them develop their understanding of how to play Tag Rugby. Everyone came back cold and muddy, but smiling. They were all eager to have another go. Thank you Mrs Castle for taking the children and to Mrs Kenyon for organising the event.



Roles and Responsibilities

At the start of the year, we created a range of roles and responsibilities so children feel a sense of belonging and share their ideas. See below who has volunteered for each role.



Reading Ambassadors



Head Pupils



Forces Head Pupil



Welcomers



Play Leaders



Office Assistants



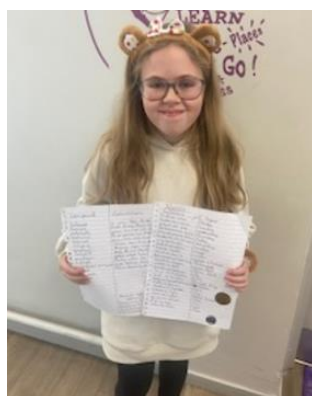
School Councillors



Kindness Krew

Elms Excellence

Megan completed extra homework where she had to find different types of nouns. Harry was so proud of his pully system he had created in D&T. Some Year 1 children showed me how they made 10 in lots of different ways using Numicon. Well done everyone!



Safeguarding

Last term, we were visited by our Local Community Support Service adviser, Anna Crockford. At times, families may need support from universal, targeted and specialist services. Early help can make the biggest difference. When needs are identified in a timely way, children and families can be supported before problems escalate. Working with a child and their family to address their needs early can reduce risk factors (needs) and increase protective factors (strengths).

- Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Calum Jacques.
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Shelley McIntosh.



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CHRISTMAS ONE DAY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
GRUFFALO INSPIRED WORKSHOP



4 TO 6 YEAR OLDS

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
JINGLE BELL WORKSHOP



7 TO 16 YEAR OLDS

WHEN: MON 23 DEC 2024

WHERE: ELMS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIMES: 9:45A TO 3:45P

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The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School

We love to welcome new children to our singing school and receive such wonderful feedback each time. If you have any queries, please do let me know and thanks in advance for sharing this information.

Here's the key information:

Oxford Course: for those aged 7-13

When: Saturday 21 and Monday 23 December 2024

Where: St Mary Mags on Saturday and St Barnabas' on Monday.

Rep: Festive and Seasonal music, selected to both challenge and engage young minds, including: I wonder as I wander, Adolphe Adam's O Holy Night, Elizabeth Poston's Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, and Gaudete, a 16th century Christmas Carol.

Tutors: - Dr Edward Wickham (Director of Music at St Catharine's College, Cambridge), Caius Lee (Director of Music at Worcester College, Oxford) Hope McNamara Sear (voice coach at Christ Church, Oxford) and Tom Moy (freelance singer and conductor).

How: booking is via our website [here](#) . **We are a Not-for-Profit organisation. Bursaries are always available on our courses.**

Concert - There will be an informal concert at the end of each day to which families are warmly invited.

For those who don't know us, here is what is being said about us:

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Many thanks for your help in helping to spread the word about us. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Samantha Wickham

Director

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School

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