



# THE ELMS EXPRESS



FEBRUARY EDITION

## Message from Mr Jacques

A short but busy February here at The Elms. Year 6 children took part in 'Bikeability Training' where they were taught the correct road signs on the school playground and then went onto the road to practise. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and now are safe on the roads!

We celebrated 'Safer Internet Day'. Mrs Grant, our computing lead, held an assembly and discussed the pros and cons of the internet. The children were very knowledgeable and knew what to do if they were worried about something. In the classroom, teachers completed age-appropriate work which continued the theme of the assembly.

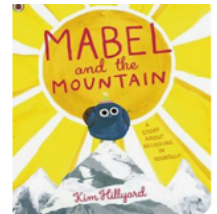
Year 2 led a fantastic assembly which shared all their learning from Term 2 and 3. They created the whole assembly by themselves. They performed gymnastics routines, retold the Great Fire of London and showed off their times tables knowledge. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended!



## School Values

Our value this term is Resilience. I launched our value by reading MABEL and the Mountain! Mabel is a small fly with big plans:

1. Climb a mountain.
2. Host a dinner party.
3. Make friends with a shark.



Although her friends do not support her at the beginning, Mabel believes in herself and learns to take small steps at a time to accomplish her goals. Mabel's confidence rubs off on her fly friends who come up with their own goals.

Look out for our new display coming soon!

## Updating our school environment

We are very excited to share with you how we are starting to improve our school environment. You may have noticed the brand-new outdoor equipment to support our children's outdoor learning in Key Stage 1. The children have loved exploring the equipment and are now completing their weekly tasks by using the equipment.



Several members of staff joined after school to help start phase 1 of our library revamp. The PTA have worked hard and bought lots of exciting books however there was little space on the shelves. We sorted through books, threw out old furniture and rearranged the library to create a more appealing space. Phase 2 to be completed soon....



## Elms Excellence

A huge well done to all our Big Science semi-finalists, who shared their investigations with me and Miss Booton! They all did an incredible job and were such credits to themselves! It was so interesting to see all the scientific questions that each year wanted to investigate, and how they presented their findings.



## Key Dates

Date	Event	Time
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February- Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Parents Meetings	Times to be confirmed individually.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Magical Maths visiting KS1	-
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Wear Pyjama's to school.	-
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Sublime Science – All Years (Funded by The Parents Association)	-
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening	4pm-7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening	3.30pm-6pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Indian Dance Workshop– All Years	-
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Great Athlete Visting– All Years	-
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Assembly	9.15am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Assembly	9.15am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1,2 and 3 trip to All Saints Church	9am-12pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 3 trip Aylesbury	9am-3pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of term- 1.15 finish</b>	<b>1.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Back to School</b>	<b>8:40am</b>

## 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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**3 DAY EASTER HOLIDAY  
BORN TO HAND JIVE SHOWCASE  
7 TO 16 YEAR OLDS**



# GREASE

**MONDAY 7TH TO WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2025**

**9:45 TO 15:45**

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MINIONS WORKSHOP  
4 TO 6 YEAR OLDS**



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