



THE ELMS EXPRESS



JANUARY EDITION

Message from Mr Jacques

Welcome back to a brand-new year and term! The children have settled back into the routines of school quickly and lots of exciting learning has been taking place. We always enjoy the start of the new term, as we launch our new books and topics with engaging hooks!

A martial arts specialist visited and put on workshops for all year groups. Year 1 and 2 children visited FCC to learning different ball skills and improve their hand-eye co-ordination. Year 2 visited Folly View Primary to help immerse them in their Great Fire of London topic.

Over the course of the year, members of the Cambrian Trust's education team visit our school to assess the quality of our education. The team found that children showed exemplary behaviour, and lessons were well taught and engaging. Pupil Voice was strong – children felt happy and safe at school and were able to articulate their learning well!



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!

Open afternoons

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the open afternoons recently! The turn out was our biggest so far and we hope you enjoyed seeing your children in their learning environments. I loved seeing children explaining to their parents what to do and the variety of activities that teachers had planned.

We also hoped you found the information regarding reading and how we teach this throughout the school at the Elms useful.



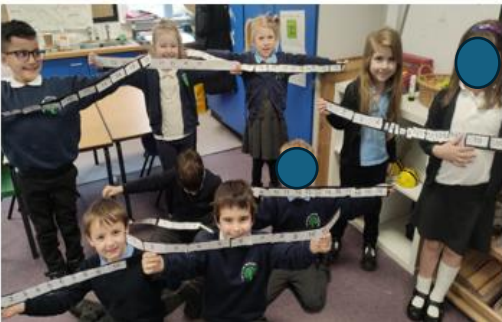
Lunchtime Clubs

At lunchtime, we have a range of clubs that are offered to the children throughout the week. We have a sports club on Tuesday and Thursday run by Henry who works with Adam Bradley. He works with a different year group each day playing games and working on skills. We love that lots of children offer to run clubs at lunchtime with the help of adults including gymnastics, colouring and rugby club. Children have been so proactive in creating resources, finding spaces and announcing them in assembly. Lots also have certificates given out in celebration assembly.



Elms Excellence

Year 1 were so pleased with their work on number lines. Year 2 had written a brilliant newspaper about the Iron man and Justin was so proud of his descriptive writing. Amazing work, 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.
- The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Shelley McIntosh.

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