

09<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

### Exciting Curriculum

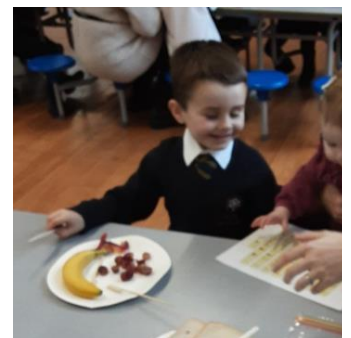
Reception walked down to Kinson library where they learnt more about the author 'Julia Donaldson' and found the hiding Gruffalo in some of her famous stories!



Reception



Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended the 'Gruffalo's picnic'! The children had a brilliant time making Gruffalo snacks!



#### Message from Mrs Wakeman

I will start with a HUGE congratulations to all the children and staff involved with Dance Live and making it to the grand final. So very proud of you all and thank you to parents for your continued support. Thank you to everyone who supported our mufti day and cake sale today too.

It was so lovely to see so many of you at parents evening last night, and thank you to all the parent who took five minutes to complete the survey, the feedback is very important to us to continue to make improvements.

Lastly I hope you all have a great half term, I will see some year 6 pupils during the week, keep safe especially if online.

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Y1 had lots of fun on our DT day. The children used their knowledge of the Great Fire of London to design a house, plan the materials they would need and then make a Tudor house. They were able to evaluate their models to say what they thought had gone well and one way that they could improve their house if they were to make it again.

## Year 1



## Year 2 – Marwell Zoo visit



## Year 2

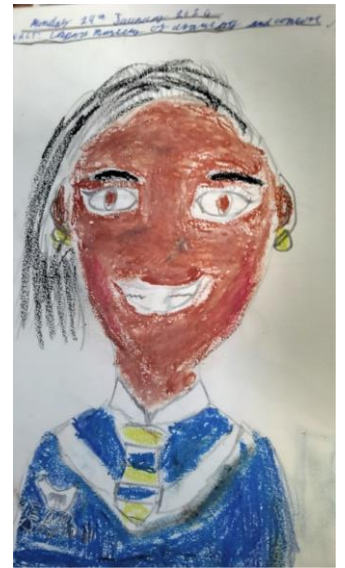


Year 2 made African silhouette pictures





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## Year 3

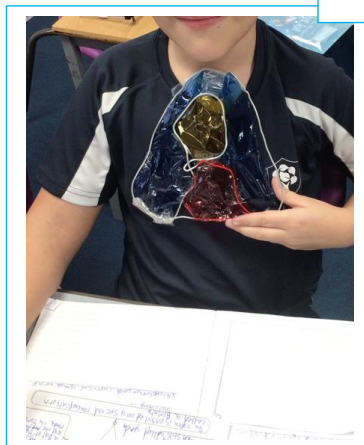
Year 3 have been artistic, drawing their peers and creating self-portraits in Art inspired by Van Gough's painting of himself and his friend Joseph Roulin. They have used oil pastels and are beginning to create colourful backgrounds for their pieces.

## Year 5



Year 5 had a great morning with AFC Bournemouth community learning about being safe online.

Year 5 enjoyed making stained-glass windows in art this week. They used craft wire and coloured cellophane.



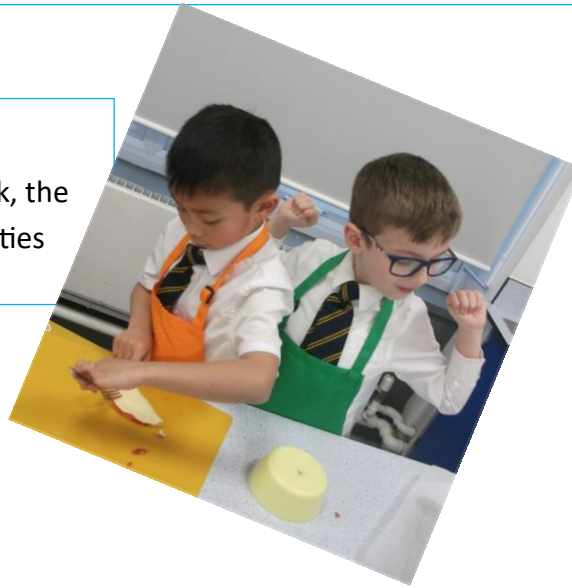




## Elm Afterschool Clubs

Year 2

In cooking Club this week, the children made jam Pasties



# Little Ambers

## Road Safety

The children have been learning about road safety.

Who can keep us safe and how to cross the road.

## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN



# Elm Attendance

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Class Attendance in Last Two Weeks

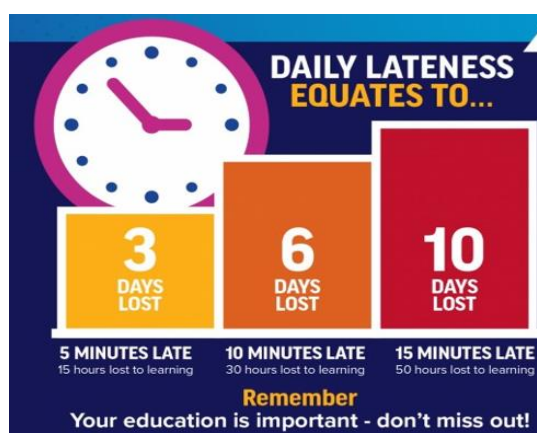
Squirrels 93.02%	4LL 96.97%
IC1 96.80%	4GC 96.52%
ISG 91.56%	5AM 95.61%
2TB 95.62%	5DE 92.08%
2JC 95.10%	6ET 95.13%
3AH 98.41%	6BH 95.77%
3CJ 96.89%	6SC 96.97%
3LH 92.50%	

## Attendance

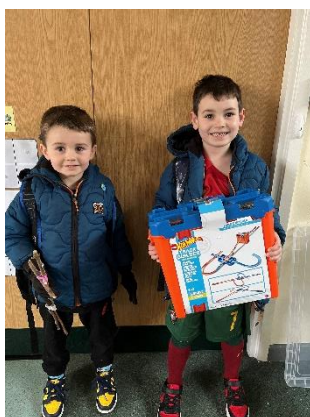
**Whole School Attendance:**  
**94.60%**

**Target for the year: 96%**

The expectation is for **every** child to achieve at least 96% attendance.



**From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.**  
**#AttendanceCounts**



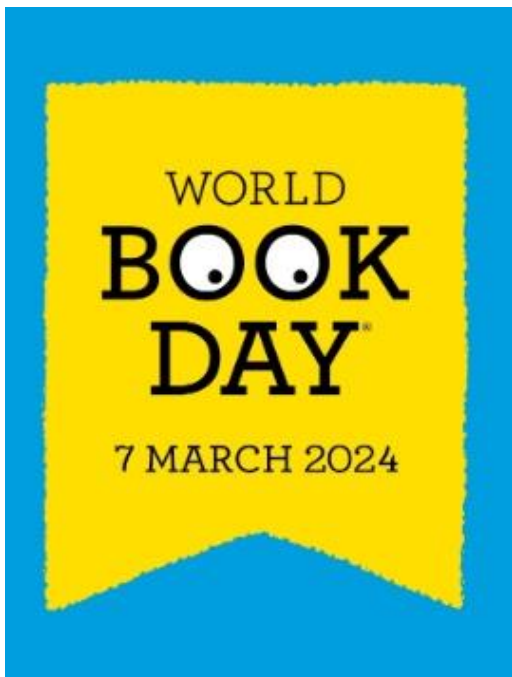
**Congratulations to our Attendance Raffle Winners.**  
Remember you need to be  
**'IN TO WIN'**

Please call the school office on 01202 574211 or email [absence@elm-academy.org.uk](mailto:absence@elm-academy.org.uk) if your child is going to be absent from school.

For all requests for leave of absence including for holidays during term time please ask the office for a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form. This needs to be completed and handed into school at least one week before your child is due to be absent. Mrs Wakeman will review each request and only requests for exceptional circumstances will be authorised.

**Absence from school can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices or Prosecution.**

# World Book Day



Each year we invite you take photographs of your child reading in the strangest of places. We have seen lots of reading on top of cars, under beds, during gymnastic moves and up on the roof, plus lots of other great photographs. The challenge is whether you can find somewhere even more extreme this year.

Please send your photographs to the school office with **EXTREME READING** in the subject box and your child's name on the email **before Wednesday 21<sup>th</sup> February.**

We look forward to seeing all the weird and wacky places you can find but please remember, photographs should be taken by an adult and selfies will not be accepted. Have fun but be safe.

After half-term there will only be 18 days to World Book Day and, in true Elm Academy style, we want to make it a fantastic day of book-related fun.

## **Costumes**

Every year we have a host of fabulous fairies, pretty princesses and terrible mutant teenage turtles but this year, we will be looking for costumes which have that home-made touch rather than shop bought. Can you create the costume of a literary character from the clothes you have at home? This could be as simple as adding a few ribbons to a dress, drawing on an old white t-shirt or even intriguing make-up or great hair? We look forward to seeing your fabulous creations. Of course, we still welcome all our fairies and monsters.

## **Sponsored read**

Last year, you helped to raise a lovely sum of money during the sponsored read. This will be running again this year so that we can keep the library stocked with the books the children really enjoy. Sponsor forms and details will be sent out after half-term. No matter how big or small, we welcome all sponsorship.

There will be all the usual fun on the day including the reading of *The Never-ending story*, writing and drawing competitions and, of course, Swap My Teacher.

# Inclusion team

## **Parent Champion for SEND – Confidential monthly support and advice for families**

As a school we want to play a role in improving SEND services for our children. We now have an opportunity to provide a confidential space here in school for families of children with SEND through a new Parent Champion project delivered and funded by SENDiass4BCP and Parent Carers Together.

Each month a dedicated Parent Champion will hold one session to support families in navigating appropriate local and national services and networks to meet the needs of their children. Your child does not have to be on the SEND register at school to be able to access the support. Time slots will be allocated to individual families on a first come first served basis and are held in confidence during the school day.

### **Our next Parent Champion sessions will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

To enable us to plan ahead for these sessions we are asking parent/carers to book onto a session by emailing [parent2parent@elm-academy.org.uk](mailto:parent2parent@elm-academy.org.uk).

If you are experiencing difficulties and are unsure where to access the support and resources you need please do get in touch and confirm your interest in writing. The role of the Parent Champion is to listen and to share knowledge of the services and the networks in your local community that may be of help to you.

This is a valuable resource we are so pleased to be part of. Together we can improve services and support for families across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

# PARENT SURVEY

Parents Survey February 2024



## **Parent/Carer Survey**

The Academy conducts Parents/Carers surveys biannually to ascertain views and aid self-review and future planning for pupils' needs. Your views do count and some changes are made as a result of parent views. If you feel very strongly either way and would like to discuss further with either Mrs Wakeman or another member of the Senior Leadership Team, please ensure your name is on the feedback. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cXwC5S3rfw>



# Dates and Reminders

19 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Pupils first day.
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	-	Dental Survey
26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Year 3 Egyptian workshop
26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Reception Kinson Common
13 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Year 6 Heights & weights
21 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Year 6 reward trip. Arrives at school 7.45am collect 6.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Pupils Last day

## Information Regarding Head lice

### **Head Lice:**

- Can't fly, jump or swim
- Are very unlikely to be spread by objects such as hats, combs and pillows
- Don't have a preference for dirty, clean, short or long hair
- Only affect people and can't be caught from animals

Once detached from the hair, head lice will usually die within 12-24 hours.

### **Preventing head lice**

It's very difficult to prevent Head Lice. You may want to consider regular detection combing on a weekly basis. Lotions and sprays don't prevent Head Lice and should only be used if a live louse has been found in your own, or your child's hair. Staying off work or school and washing clothing and bedding on a hot wash is unnecessary, as it's unlikely to help prevent the spread of Head Lice. It is also Ideal if your child has long hair to wear it up to lessen the chance the lice attach.



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# Elms Fun page

I start with a number. I multiply it by 8 and then add 6. I end up with the number 86. What number did I start with?

Hello Mr bookworm

Wriggling on your belly.

Perhaps you'd like to come

Inside and see what's on the telly?

Spike Milligan

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Can you find:

Mrs George

Mr Carden

Miss Howell

Miss West

Mr Edwards

Miss Beer

Mrs Wakeman



# ELEVATE FOUNDATION

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2024

### JANUARY - MARCH

JAN  
23



#### FLAVOURS COOKERY SESSIONS

6pm-8pm, Ages 8-11 years

A fantastic guided workshop creating 2 dishes in 2 hours

Location: Flavours School of Cookery, BH7 6BQ £5 plus Eventbrite Fee

FEB  
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#### FLAVOURS COOKERY SESSIONS

6pm-8pm, Ages 12-16 years

A fantastic guided workshop creating 2 dishes in 2 hours

Location: Flavours School of Cookery, BH7 6BQ £5 plus Eventbrite Fee

FEB  
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#### BUTTERFLY MIND AND MOVEMENT

10am-3pm, Ages 11-16

Dance workshop that transforms mindsets through self-acceptance.

Location: Mad4dance, BH23 1QE

£5 plus Eventbrite Fee

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#### STRESS RELEASE KICKBOXING

11am-12pm, Ages 11-16 years

A fun 1 hour kickboxing session to help alleviate stress.

Location: Mad4dance, BH23 1QE

£5 plus Eventbrite Fee

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#### SKI TASTER SESSION AND RINGO'S

1.45pm-3pm, Ages 10-16 years

A Ski taster session followed by bouncing down the slope in a ringo.

Location: Snowtrax, BH23 6AW

£5 plus Eventbrite Fee

FEB  
16



#### BUSHCRAFT SESSION

1.30pm -3.20pm, Ages 10-16 years

An enjoyable outdoor session teaching valuable wilderness skills.

Location: Avon Tyrell, BH23 8EE

£5 plus Eventbrite Fee

FEB  
25



#### EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

4-5:30pm, For school years 7-11

Covering self-awareness, stress release, mindfulness, self-care, positive relationships, purpose. Feb 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Location: Mad4dance, BH23 1QE

£10 plus Eventbrite Fee

5-WEEK COURSE

#### PARENT COURSES



We offer parent courses, please visit our website, and register interest.  
[www.elevatefoundation.co.uk](http://www.elevatefoundation.co.uk)

#### 1:1 COUNSELLING



We recognise that some children and young people may need extra support and are able to offer 1:1 counselling service to 8-18year olds in partnership with Relate.

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE VISIT:  
[WWW.ELEVATEFOUNDATION.CO.UK](http://WWW.ELEVATEFOUNDATION.CO.UK)

