

12th Jan 2024

Exciting Curriculum



Message from Mrs Wakeman

To all a very warm welcome to 2024.

What a busy start to the term we have had – we began the term with an invasion of Romans in Year 4! A football tournament in Y6, and the Dance Live crew are busy rehearsing for their performance in early February.

Well done to the children in Year 1 and 2 some wonderful home learning of safaris and wonderful fire engines, thank you to all the grown-ups who helped with these.

As the weather gets colder please make sure the children are coming to school with coats which are clearly named.

I really am looking forward to this half term and all that will be achieved and look forward to welcoming you all to another parents evening later in the half term.



Reception have enjoyed the start of their new topic "Room on the Broom". The children designed and then made their own edible witches hat.



Reception

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed completing their half-term homework for the topic of 'The Great Fire of London'.



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Year 2

Looking at maps and mini globes in Geography to locate and name the 7 continents.



Year 2 enjoyed completing their half-term homework for the topic of Safari



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Here is year 3's iron man for our Iron man topic. He is made of all the recycling the children, did a wonderful job, of collecting over Christmas.

Year 3

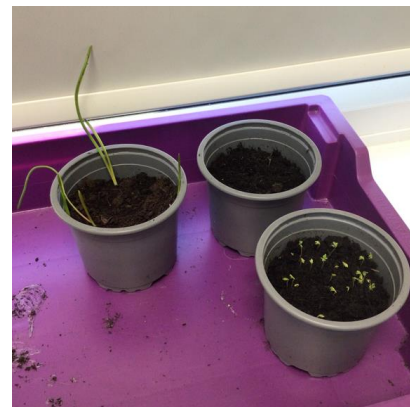


Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed starting their Art topic based on William Morris this week. We set up an art gallery in the classroom and the children used it as inspiration to sketch their favourite part from each piece.



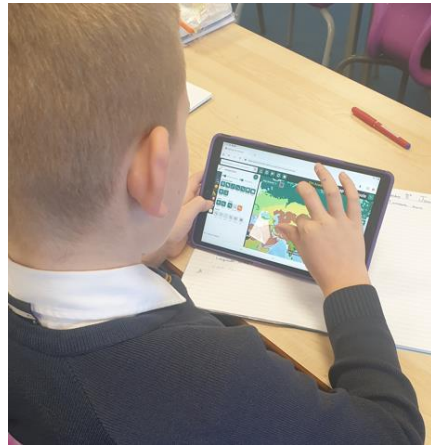
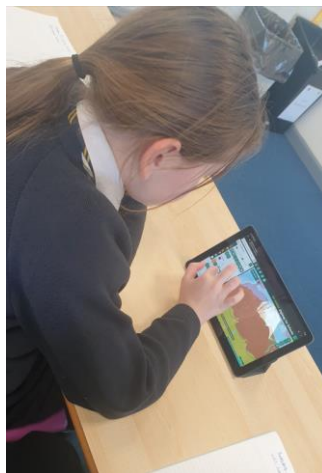
In Science, we have begun learning about how plants reproduce. We have planted bulbs, seeds and cuttings and are going to check how each of the plants grow over the next few months.



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Year 6

This week Year 6 enjoyed using Digimap on the tablets to investigate different biomes around the world.



Elm Events



Well done to the boys for attending the invitation tournament – they played well and kept their spirits high throughout the afternoon.

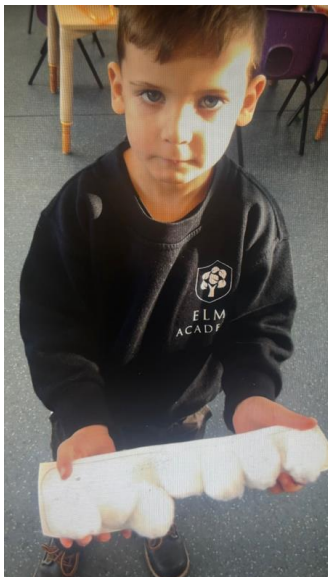
Elm Afterschool Clubs

Year 1

The year 1 art club loved their first week. They read the story the "Leaf Man", then went outside to collect their own leaves and made their very own pictures.



Little Ambers



Our focus this week has been the dentist, the children have enjoyed making toothbrushes and learning about the importance of keeping our teeth clean.



Library News

Olivia was delighted to meet Chris Aziz, local author, last term. Olivia wrote a review of Chris' latest book, *The Kingdom of Broken Magic*, which will be published on her website. Chris was so impressed, she invited Olivia to review the latest book she is working on before Chris sends it to the publisher and will include an acknowledgement to Olivia in the book. Olivia was also given a copy of *The Kingdom of Broken Magic*.



Since coming back from the holidays, the librarians have been busy collecting the year 5 and 6 topic books from classes and putting them away, and sharing out and delivering the books for this half-term's topics of Victorians and Survival. They have also put away year 4 topic books from the library and displayed the new ones. The Christmas selection have been stored ready for next year. They have had a good tidy up and are in the process of changing over titles in the library so there will be some fresh reading books available. As well as that, a brand new selection of green banded books were introduced in assembly and will be on the shelves next week.

Elm Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 94.37%

Target for the year: 96%

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

Class Attendance

Squirrels 94.20%	4LL 95.16%
IC1 94.52%	4GC 95.62%
ISG 94.49%	5AM 94.64%
2TB 95.22%	5DE 94.18%
2JC 94.70%	6ET 93.30%
3AH 95.91%	6BH 93.32%
3CJ 95.97%	6SC 92.09%
3RG 92.15%	



Congratulations to our Attendance Raffle Winner



Please call the school office on 01202 574212 or email 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.

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 30th January 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.

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.

Dates and Reminders

16 th January	-	AFCB Tournament
16 th January	-	Year 4, 5 & 6 PHSE Videos 9.15am or 5.15pm
17 th January	-	Football tournament – vs Christ the King
19 th January	-	BCS Football tournament
23 rd January	-	Indoor Athletics Event
30 th January	-	Indoor Athletics Final
01 st February	-	Marwell Zoo trip year 2
02 nd February	-	Dance Live Competition
06 th February	-	Gruffalo's Picnic 2.30pm – Reception
06 th February	-	Football tournament
08 th February	-	Reception eye screening
08 th February	-	Parents Evening & Reports
09 th February	-	Pupils Last day
10 th Feb – 18 th Feb	-	Half Term
19 th February	-	Pupils first day.



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Elm Events) and Twitter @ElmAcademyAAT

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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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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

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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
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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

PARENT COURSES



We offer parent courses, please visit our website, and register interest.
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:
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