



Elburton Primary



8th February 2019

Number 6



Message from Mrs Anderson

It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching half term, as you know the children have another week at school then a week off. It has been wonderful hearing about their learning this term and to see the great experiences they have had. Year 5 had a visit to the local quarry on Wednesday, finding out about quarrying and our natural resources. This all supports their learning in Geography and Science. Foundation were learning about Chinese New Year, taking part in lots of cooking, making spring rolls and also helping Mrs Tucker in the kitchen. Talking to the children about their learning is always a highlight of my job.

Safeguarding at Elburton

As a school, we are always vigilant in relation to keeping our children safe. Currently the key safeguarding team are Mrs Anderson, Mr Epps and Mr Smithers.

If you are waiting in the playground at the end of the day and a younger child needs to use a toilet, you must go to Reception and they will let you use the main toilets as an emergency. There is strictly no admission to other toilets during these periods.

Parking - please help us

We are aware as a school that parking is a challenge around the area. We are extremely fortunate to have the support of St Matthews Church, in enabling us to use their car park at drop off and pick up times. The bottom entrance to school really supports with the congestion but this could be stopped if we continue to have people stopping in the bus bay. The bus company have been taking photographs of the issues. Please can you support us with this and park in the agreed area. The City Council could ask us to shut this entrance if it becomes a safety issue for the bus company. Some people are leaving their engines running at these times which is obviously not good for the environment or our children who use this exit. We look forward to seeing you support us with this.

Comments box

The Governing Body have put a "Comments box" inside the main entrance of the school. We would really value your feedback, both developmental and positive feedback about what we are doing at Elburton. The Governors want to hear your thoughts and views, so please write them down and put them in the box. The box will be checked on a weekly basis.

Survey to Parents

In the next few weeks, there will be a parent survey issued for the school. The details for this will be sent to you and will be completed electronically, which I am sure you will all find much more straight forward. We urge you all to complete the survey as your feedback is really important to us. We want to know what we do well but also your views on what we can develop. Thank you in advance for the time it will take to complete this.

Staffing

As you are all aware Mr Epps will be leaving the school at Easter, we are in the process of recruiting an Assistant Headteacher. Once this appointment has been made we will notify you with the news.

Quick update: Mrs Sammels had a baby girl who arrived on her due date. Once we know her name we will let you know. We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Sammels on the new addition to their family.

2018-2019

29-10-2018 - 19-12-2018
03-01-2019 - 15-02-2019
25-02-2019 - 05-04-2019
24-04-2019 - 24-05-2019
03-06-2019 - 19-07-2019
06-05-2019 May Bank Holiday

2019-2020

04-09-2019 - 18-10-2019
28-10-2019 - 20-12-2019
06-01-2020 - 14-02-2020
24-02-2020 - 27-03-2020
15-04-2020 - 22-05-2020
01-06-2020 - 17-07-2020
04-05-2020 May Bank Holiday

Twitter

Do follow us on @ElburtonSch. and add to our 425 followers!

Used Stamps

We are still collecting used stamps in school for a hearing impaired charity. Any used stamps can be left at reception.

The PTA has been chosen as the local cause to be supported by the Co-op. The amount of money that the PTA will receive from them next October will depend on how many Co-op members choose to support us. Members need to login and select us online, so the more we promote it and let people know the better! Please do log on and select Elburton PTA and encourage family and friends to do the same.





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Primary Rowing Championships 2019

After struggling through the horrific weather, sixteen Year 6's, A Team and B Team, arrived at Plymstock's Sports Hall. Once we arrived, we were told that we had to wait for fifty minutes before our start time as we are a major school! Whilst waiting, the boys, who were up first, warmed up on the rowing machines, full of invigoration! however, as the girls' races were yet to come, they enthusiastically cheered on all the other schools. It was so noisy! You could hardly hear yourself think!

At last, the Elburton boys lined up for their individual races which was a two minute race against 15 other rowers! We had a some very impressive winners of races and some superb second and third place finishes. Everyone tried their very best. Before we knew it, the girls shadowed what the boys had done. What a team!

Once the individual races were over, we had a little break to do some fun activities. Now it was time for the thirty second relay team races : come on Elburton! As we were only racing for a short amount of time, we were able to give the race every little bit of energy we had left. Eventually it was time for the results...

In third place for the major school team race were Elburton Team B and in first place were Elburton Team A!

Well done Elburton!

What a result!

Ben Wotton, Sam Bancroft and Lucas Rogers

Maths Challenge Day 2019

On Wednesday 30th January, a group of eight year 6 children trekked through the icy paths in order to reach their final destination for the Maths Challenge Day at Coombe Dean Secondary School. We were invited as the more able Mathematicians to take part in a series of tests and challenges. We warmed up with a few algebra equations and then we entered the first activity : it was the group test. During each of the tests we were supervised by newly trained Secondary School teachers.

After half an hour of activities, it was time for the long awaited lunch time! Before we knew it, lunch time had come to a conclusion and it was time for the Maths relay rounds. In the relay round, we had to split into two pairs and each had to complete a series of seriously hard questions. The objective of the round was for pair A to complete two questions and run to pair B to relay the questions onwards. The team with the most points would win.

Finally it was results time... 6PA finished in 3rd place and 6EM finished in an impressive 2nd place - another great result!

We were really pleased with our day out and even more pleased with our prizes - chocolate!

Full of pride, we returned to school to tell Mrs Anderson all about it.

We had a great day!

Dylan Coughlin and Bailey Fry