

Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 16: March 9th 2018

Head's Message

It was lovely that so many of you were able to attend parents evenings this week. We are very proud of all our children and their achievements and look forward to seeing them continue to grow and develop over the coming months.

The choir have had a fantastic rehearsal today at Little Stoke Primary School, ready for their performance at the Colston Hall in the South Gloucestershire Music Hub Gala Concert on Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Kidger for all her hard work and to parents who have given their support to this wonderful event.

Coming Soon ... Key Dates

20/03/18 8.30-8.45 Term 4 OPEN CLASSROOMS for all classes

21/03/18 3.30-3.45 Term 4 OPEN CLASSROOMS for all classes

21/03/18 Sport Relief Mile

21/03/18 Sport Relief Lunch

22/03/18 European Day Lunch

23/03/18 Making Maths Learning at EP even better

23/03/18 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

23/03/18 Term 4 ends

Other Info

Year 6 French Visit to WIA

On Thursday 22nd February, I took our Year 6's to the WIA for a French Lesson. Madame Pascale had arranged for the children to be paired with Year 7's and the topic was sport and leisure. The children took part in a variety of speaking and listening activities and there was a real buzz in the air. The whole lesson was taught in French and gave our children a real taste of language learning in Secondary schools. Their behaviour was excellent throughout and they were a real credit to our school. Thank you to Mrs Patel, Mrs Vamplew and Mrs Moore for their help during the afternoon. *Mrs Wishart.*

Year 5 and 6 Visit to Steam Museum

The children in Years 5 and 6 visited the STEAM museum in Swindon on Tuesday last week. They explored the museum, learning lots about how steam trains were built and how the railways were operated. They participated in a workshop that showed what life was like for an evacuee in World War 2. Thank you to all the parents who provided costumes, the children looked brilliant.

We are very proud of the behaviour and the learning that the children showed. Well done!

Elm Class have been learning about using sentences with multiple clauses and this is a piece of writing about the trip by Joe.

When we went to the STEAM museum, we learned a lot about an evacuee's journey from home to the countryside and how they were picked. On the train (it was fake), it was cramped and there was not much room. We learned that evacuees were only given 1cm of water so that they wouldn't need the loo because there was only one bucket for the whole train to use for a toilet. The baby gas masks covered half their body so they would not be too uncomfortable and the toddlers had Mickey Mouse versions; adults and children had regular gas masks. Although the posh lady didn't want any evacuees, she still decided take in two girls and the farmer's wife chose 9 evacuees. The shop keeper chose 4 – they were all good at maths.

After we had done the evacuee workshop, we went and explored the trains: there were many facts that we learned about the trains, railway and machinery.



All the children will, once again, be taking part in the Sport Relief Mile in year groups, throughout the morning of Wednesday 21 March. The children are invited to attend school in their chosen sports kit for a donation of £1 to Sports Relief.

Sport improves the lives of millions of people across the world, it brings them together to play, learn and have fun. It improves health and wellbeing and can be used to bring about social change. The EP Sport Relief Mile is about encouraging all children to 'have a go' and seeing their own family members, teachers, school staff doing this is the best way to inspire and motivate them. Parents, relatives, carers, siblings are all welcome, on the School Field from 8.50am, to run, walk, hop, skip or jump(!) the initial mile (or part of) around our field whilst the children come out to support and encourage you. Hope to see many of you there, in 2016 we had 40 adults undertaking the challenge, let's see as a school community how many miles we can do :)