



Elm Park Primary School
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Inspiring Enriching Achieving
Head teacher's Message



Dear Families,

Wow! What a mixture of weather we have experienced over the past few weeks! From seeing children arrive with summer clothing and being able to play on the field, we then moved to freezing temperatures overnight and a small flurry of snow!

As spring is firmly upon us, we see the school grounds bursting back to life. Daffodils have appeared and the trees are blossoming.

This week saw our School Challenge Partner (CSP) (a representative from the local authority) coming to complete a review of the school. Huw, our CSP, has been part of the Elm Park journey over the course of the past 4 years. The review of teaching and learning included talking to our children, looking at the learning they have been doing in their books and completing lesson observations. The leadership team, alongside representatives from our Governing Body, all joined the feedback at the end of the Huw's visit. These are a few things that he celebrated with us:

- Teaching is very strong.
- Children not only know information but they also have a depth of understanding when asked more challenging questions.
- Leadership throughout the school continues to grow as more staff become middle leaders.
- All staff 'speak like a leader' and are aware of their subject's areas of strength. They also have a clear evidence base for the next steps within their subject.
- Our children share a love of reading.
- Writing books demonstrate a clear teaching progression; they are well presented and marking is effective.
- The new phonics scheme has been embedded and is making a positive impact on early reading.
- He was also impressed with our progress towards our OfSTED targets, which focused on stability of the staffing structure and continuing to develop our connected curriculum.

As a school, we constantly reflect on how we can further develop our provision for all children to ensure they are receiving the very best education.

As Huw was leaving, he turned to me and congratulated the whole team on the incredible journey of transformation our school has been through during the past 4 years.

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the Elm Park Community for their part in making our school such an incredible place to be.

Wishing you a truly wonderful weekend.
Carol Bond
Head Teacher



On Friday 18th March, we raised money for Comic Relief by wearing red and having fun doing Wacky Races. The children raced in a variety of ways, some even involving jelly, beach balls and flour. We raised £151.20 for this inspirational charity and the children had a brilliant time. A huge thank you to Mrs Walsh for organising the event and to Mrs Clements for supporting.



The KS1 Art Club have been busy decorating a meerkat in the last few weeks, as part of this year's Easter trail in Broadmead shopping centre. The trail will begin on 9th April and maps will be available from John Wesley's New Room in Broadmead (opposite Boots), the information desk in Cabot Circus, and all participating venues during the trail. Alternatively, you can download the map from bristolshoppingquarter.co.uk/Easter

Thank you to Miss Dykes and Mrs Moore for helping the children to create such a wonderful meerkat for the trail. Please go and see him, and all the other meerkats, during the Easter holidays if you fancy a fun day out.



PE and Sports News

Our Y5/6 football team played against the team from Filton Avenue Primary last Friday. The sun shone and there were big smiles all round as we won 6-0. There were goals from Tobias, Alfie, Jaden and Max. They all played brilliantly as a team, communicating well and encouraging each other. A very special thanks goes to Mr Vamplew and Mr Bendall, who kindly came to coach and support the team. Well done to the team.

On Tuesday this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming a dance teacher to lead Indian Dance workshops for all the classes. It was absolutely incredible to see what each class were able to achieve in their short session. The children really enjoyed the opportunity and the teacher commented on how polite, enthusiastic and respectful they all were. We are so proud of you all.

As I write, this term's house sports competitions are taking place outside. R,Y1 and Y2 are demonstrating their tennis skills, Y3/4 are battling it out in a kwik cricket tournament and Y5/6 are competing against each other in hockey matches. We will be able to share the results in the next newsletter.

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House Team News

It has been another busy few weeks of house point collecting. The children have worked really hard to follow our Golden Rules and be the best that they can be in so many different ways. Keep it up everyone!

The house points so far are:

- 1st – Red – 610 points
- 2nd – Blue – 558 points
- 3rd – Yellow – 473 points
- 4th – Green – 439 points

