



# Elmridge Primary School

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## End of Year Newsletter July 2021

I hope that you have been enjoying the hot summer weather that we have been experiencing. We always hanker after this kind of weather and then, when it arrives, we realise that we aren't equipped for it!

The end of the year is a good time to look back and to look forward. Looking back, it has been another demanding and challenging year for everyone with the continuation of the pandemic. I remember speaking to a parent in June 2020, who was incredulous when I said that we may still be impacted by the pandemic in September 2020. Little did we know that, just over a year later, we would be navigating through a third wave of infections. Looking forwards, September should bring the return of a more normal looking school experience for everyone, something that will be welcomed by all.

Every challenge, presents learning opportunities and the pandemic has been no different. Our staff have become skilled at remote teaching and children at remote learning. Teachers have undertaken many and varied courses remotely and also become remote learners. Assemblies have moved to zoom and phrases like "You're on mute" have become part of everyday work language. As parents and carers, many of you have had to cope with working from home whilst overseeing the education of your children. We have all had to show resilience and adaptability in bucket-loads and learn to accept, and even embrace, more change in a year than we ever imagined possible.

Despite the restrictions and disruption, you will be able to read below about some of the fantastic work that has been going on in the Elmridge school community during the academic year. Recently, the pupils completed projects on their cultural heritage. The work produced was stunning, with some fascinating accounts of family histories from all four corners of the world. We truly have an amazing school community. This community has pulled together more than ever this year, to secure the best outcomes for the children. Everyone should be proud of the role they have played in this. Whatever you are doing this summer, have a fantastic break and stay safe and well.

Mark Edmundson—Head of School

### Sports News

#### Football



Unfortunately we have been unable to take part in any tournaments this year. Both the girls and boys football team had a friendly match against Acre Hall on Thursday 8th July. Our teams were mostly Year 5 pupils that attend the after school training and Acre Hall were represented by both Year 5 & Year 6 players. The girls team played really well and kept their heads up even when they were trailing 4-0. We scored a last minute goal to end the game 4-1. The boys team were more evenly matched and had a great game losing 8-4.

#### Y5 & Y6—Multi Skills Event

On 25th May, Year 5 and 6 took part in a multi skills event at Timperley Sports Club organised by Trafford School Sports Partnership. Elmridge teams competed against each other in a range of sporting activities including hockey, golf and athletics. It was fantastic to be out and involved in sporting events again and the children represented the school brilliantly showing teamwork and sportsmanship.



#### Other Sports

We have welcomed Cheshire Cricket Club to school this half term and they have provided lessons for both Year 5 & Year 6 as well as an after school club. We hope to continue with the club next year.

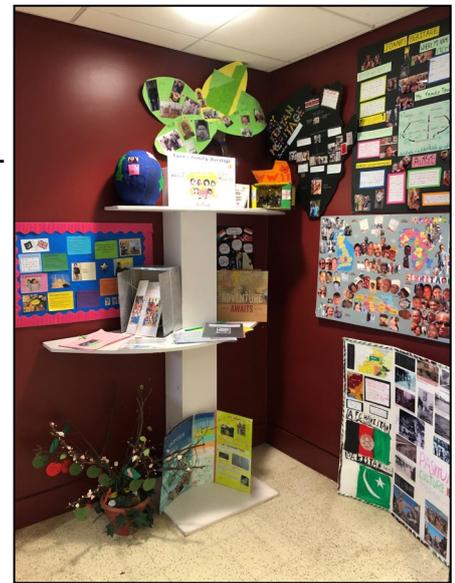


We were able to hold a sports day for all our pupils. We hope that you were able to see some of the photos on twitter.

### Other News

#### Cultural Heritage

Our pupils have completed some wonderful projects for our virtual Cultural Heritage Museum. The children were able to share their projects in class and learn about each others heritage. The projects will be available to view on the school website soon.



#### Competition Winners

Elmridge was invited by Galliford Try to enter a competition to design a mascot for the M56 roadworks. We were delighted to find out that Tharan was the winner! His design has been computerised and will feature on the Galliford Try newsletter and publications.



Matilda in Nursery came second and Muhammad in Year 2 came third. All prize winners received an Amazon voucher as well as a copy of their designs to keep. Well Done winners!

## Nursery



Even though I have only been with you a short time, Miss Wood has been telling me about all the exciting things you did in Autumn Term. I know your Nativity was a little different this year, but you gave it 100% and delivered a fantastic (virtual) performance for your grownups at home.

Spring Term brought more time apart, but we made sure we were able to enjoy story time together, every day! It was great keeping in touch with all our friends and finding out about the fantastic home-learning you were doing.

Summer Term, we were able to come together and finish off our Nursery year with fun and enthusiasm! You have enjoyed several special events, including Science Week, 30 Days Wild, Sports Day and our latest topic of Dinosaurs has been a great hit!

I'm sure you will all enjoy Reception. It does bring new challenges, but I am confident you will all be amazing!



## Reception

Despite numerous lockdowns and popped bubbles, Reception have had a fantastic year! They have shown resilience and courage at all times and can be super proud of their amazing achievements. In school we have covered many topics but favourites have always been celebrations; from Diwali to Hanukkah, Christmas to Ramadan and countless others in-between - it's safe to say this will be a class who loves a party! And moreover, one who loves to celebrate and support their friends. This was reflected even further in the heritage projects that the children produced. We were so proud of how well the children did with these and even prouder to listen to them share their family history. The progress each person has made is also to be celebrated, with an additional shout-out going to the parents during times of home-schooling and zoom; together you helped our learning keep going as well as create many craft masterpieces under the direction of Mrs Watson! We have enjoyed all the topics since September; looking at seasons and making bird feeders, travelling into space and building rockets, learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic and all the animals who live there, playing in our own castle and getting a call from the Queen, growing beanstalks, learning about many different minibeasts and finally, becoming pirates!



Our key highlights of the year include learning to sing in Spanish and sign in makaton for the Christmas performance, watching our caterpillars become butterflies, cheering each other on at sports day and having a sing and dance each day before lunch! As we write, we are preparing to end the year with a pirate party because celebrating is what we do best! Have an amazing summer, you're all ready for Year 1 now!

## Year 1



Year 1, I have really enjoyed our time together even though some of it was virtual for a while over Zoom and SeeSaw! You have been an absolutely amazing class and have worked so hard and done so well despite the challenging circumstances of this year. We started the year by learning about our local area and many of you enjoyed using our mini "Booths" in the roleplay area. Towards Christmas we learned about Remembrance Day and learned sign language (very quickly!) to sign along to "I Wish it could be Christmas Every Day" so we could record a Christmas performance to share with your grown ups at home. We had a really fun Christmas party together with lots of prizes and cool moves on the dance floor! You've worked really hard developing your reading, writing and Maths skills and Mrs Glazebrook, Mrs Talat, Mrs Lynch and Miss Jenkinson were all fantastic in supporting you with your progress! In the



Spring term you showed that you were dinosaur experts in our English work on non-fiction texts. Those of you in school were just like Andy from his Dinosaur Adventures in our Dinosaur Museum roleplay area. It was absolutely wonderful when we could all be back together in Spring 2! We had a fun Easter Egg hunt and crazy hair day and you made my big birthday very special by celebrating with me! You were all fantastic at our KS1 sports day demonstrating a wonderful attitude. I will really miss you in September as you move to Year 2 but I'm glad you will only be a classroom away!



## Year 2

Another very strange year but we have still managed to create many special memories and squeeze in lots of fun learning experiences.

During the Autumn term we welcomed Miss Ruane into our teaching team and we had an amazing time writing our own fantasy stories, reading and exploring The Iron Man and creating our own houses in Design Technology. Mrs Lynch and I were particularly impressed with the houses you created, we could have some amazing architects in the future!

The Spring term was a little different as we taught some children virtually and some children in school. I was so proud of you all during this time. You all worked hard at home and showed great resilience and determination. We really did have Home School Heroes and School Superstars! I was blown away with the work you completed at home and was particularly impressed when you used the recipes I gave to you for our cooking and nutrition unit in Design Technology. The rainbow omelette cakes looked delicious, yum, yum!



We then moved into a very busy but fun Summer Term. We began the Summer term by enjoying British Science week. We have engaged in a variety of fun activities including, building bridges, investigating how to fix a hole in a bucket, creating our own 'journey stick' and taking fingerprints to see who had stolen our brownies. You worked brilliantly as a team to investigate a range of scientific enquires. We then enjoyed Art Day where you demonstrated a range of skills to produce a fabulous display! You made a clothes peg figure, a portrait in the style of Julian Opie and some pop art. Mrs Lynch and I were amazed by the standard of work you produced. Mrs Lynch, Miss Ruane and I are immensely proud of each and every one of you. We want to thank you for your hard work throughout the year. It has been lovely to see you grow and progress both socially and academically. We wish you continued success in Year 3.



## Year 3

What a super year it has been for Year 3. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you this year and I am immensely proud of each and every one of you. During the Autumn term we were learning about the Stone Age, you made your own castles in D&T and worked together to create a 3D Earth using play dough. We had to hold our breaths when cutting them open to make sure you had the correct amount of layers! The Spring term didn't start how we wanted but it was great to see so many of you every day on Zoom and engaged with your learning. When we were all joined back together, we began with an investigation using plants and writing a letter using the video 'Partly Cloudy' which you all found funny, especially all the injuries that Peck suffered! Finally, our Summer term meant only one thing, Harry Potter. You wrote some interesting instructions for a potion, excellent character descriptions and then we completed our unit with some much loved drama sessions. One of the last exciting things this year was the trip to Chester. It was great for you to all be engaged during the session and marching through the streets chanting! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach you all this year and to watch you grow and mature. You are definitely ready for Year 4.



## Year 4



It has been a fantastic year for Year 4. We started the year getting used to new routines and catching up with our friends before Miss Steel joined us in October. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about the water cycle and going on our field trip to the River Bollin. Although we were on a hunt to spot different types of pollution, we realised how lucky we are to have such a beautiful place on our doorstep! In the second half term, we had a wonderful time roleplaying as important Anglo-Saxon figures in history and writing beautiful winter poetry in English. The spring term started strangely but we showed fantastic resilience and quickly adapted to home learning. Learning on Zoom was very different but we remained positive and continued to work hard. Unfortunately, we did not make it to Robinwood this year but I know the children will have a fantastic time when they go on a residential in Year 6.

Returning to school was exciting and it was great to be back with our friends. We have enjoyed adding to our YourTrak scores and achieving multiple marathons around the world. We have finished the year with the most completed miles by any class on the track. We participated in a Taskmaster competition where we used our fantastic teamwork and our creative minds to solve unusual problems. Miss Law and Mrs Lowe were extremely impressed by the quality of the Cultural heritage projects and the effort put into them. It was lovely to see how proud the children were when sharing what they had found out about their families. I would like to thank all the children for their hard work this year and I would like to say how immensely proud we are of every one of you. Mrs Lowe and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching this class, both face-to-face and virtually. Have a wonderful summer!

## Year 5



It has been a pleasure to teach year 5 in what has been a very different year at Elmridge. I was immediately impressed with the children's resilience, independence and determination to make the

most of every opportunity. They have met all challenges head on with endless energy, enthusiasm and a wonderful sense of fun. I will miss them next year but also know that they will continue to shine and achieve amazing things in year 6.

It has been an action packed year full of laughter. Despite restrictions, we had opportunity to get out into our local area. We took part in a litter pick at Halecroft Park for World Earth Day. The sun was shining and we were surprised by a few of our finds, which included a chair, twenty pounds and a very friendly frog. We also had opportunity to



attend a sports festival and compete against our bubble in a series of sporting challenges. However, my personal favourite was our visit to Quarry Bank Mill. In the autumn term we learned about the Greg family and the positive impact they had upon our local area. It was fantastic to visit Apprentice House, built by Samuel Greg, where Mrs Shawcroft put our pupils through their paces, even asking them to empty the chamber pots!

We have enjoyed a range of creative opportunities this year and the work produced has been incredible. I know that the children enjoyed designing and making their own phone cases and sandwiches during our DT lessons. The Great Elmridge Afternoon tea was a huge success and we enjoyed having a very special picnic. Our marble run challenge was brilliant fun and highlighted how the children have come together as a team.



Year 5 also loved drama and jump at the chance to show case their talents. In the summer term we had the opportunity to study Shake-

speare. The class rose to the challenge of creating and performing a Shakespeare play in sixty minutes and our film version of Romeo and Juliet was fantastic, or should I say a tragedy? I will always remember our dance sessions. Whether it was creating a spy dance, submerging ourselves in the sixties, attempting Greek traditions or 'Making it Jingle', it was always fun and boosted our wellbeing.

It has been a busy year and I know we are ready for a well-earned rest!



## Year 6

Well, what a year we've had Year 6! We could dwell on the things that we've missed out on such as monitor duties and a Leavers Assembly yet, despite the lock down in January where we were separated, we have managed to squeeze an awful lot of fun things into our final year together at Elmridge! One of our first challenges in English was to write a biography of an amazing black woman who made sporting history. Our brilliant work was displayed in our classroom in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. As Christmas approached we made plans for a slightly different Christmas party to usual and we performed the song White Christmas using sign language as we were not able to sing for our Songs Around the Tree production. We have enjoyed themed days during this year where we have created our own version of Munch's Scream using self-portraits, achieved our Crest Awards in science for completing 8 science based tasks in one week and the tricky marble run which challenged us more than we thought it would!

One of my highlights was our Great Elmridge Afternoon Tea where we designed a hot drink for a teacher (thank you to those who made one for me!) and a sandwich which we made and bought in to eat during our Afternoon Tea. The sun was shining and, following our delicious home-made lunch, we played garden games on our field. You've waited with baited breath to see who would be taking home Mrs Bryden's Brilliant Book Box on a Friday afternoon and your book reviews and recommendations to the rest of the class have really inspired me!

In April, we took part in a litter pick at the local park as part of Earth Day's project titled Restore Our Earth. We collected 16 bin-bags full of rubbish and the school had 1000 trees planted under our name in Madagascar which was a huge achievement!

I am delighted that we were able to go on our residential to Castle Head as it was brilliant to watch you all push yourselves out of your comfort zones and attempt activities that you may not have tried before. Your huge smiles and infectious laughter told us how much fun you were all having!

We also managed to take part in the multi-sports event at Timperley Sports Club and enjoyed meeting local poet Matt Goodfellow who taught us about how writing poetry has no rules! Our Leavers' Party was an epic evening and it was so lovely to see you all enjoy precious time together before you move on to your new adventures. It has been an honour to be your teacher for Year 5 and Year 6 and I am so proud of the mature and independent young adults you've become.



# TEACHING TEAMS AT ELMRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2021/2022

Head of School: Mr Edmundson

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Pilkington

Nursery- Mrs Charlton-Jones, Miss Wood and Mrs Talat

Reception- Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Watson and Mrs Rathour

Year 1- Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Glazabrook

Year 2- Mrs Bridge and Mrs Lynch

Year 3- Miss Mills and Mrs Lowe

Year 4- Miss Law and Mrs Lowe

Year 5- Mrs Pilkington and Mrs Jeneson

Year 6- Mrs Bryden and Mrs Jeneson

Additional Teacher—Miss Diamond

Mrs Jeneson will be providing individual/small group/pupil premium support

Mr Whitham - PE Provision 3 days with individual classes

Music - 1.5 days whole class music tuition

## Information & Dates

### MUSIC LESSONS

Some parents have requested information regarding private music lessons.

Please log onto Trafford Music Service and complete the online form:

<https://traffordmusicservice.co.uk/>

They will then contact you direct.

### PTA

Unfortunately we have only been able to hold some virtual events this year.

Both the quiz nights were well attended and thank you to parents that ordered Fathers Day gifts.

A separate newsletter has been sent by the PTA and we look forward to your support at events next year.

### DATES

Friday 23rd July

School closes for Summer. Own clothes day.

Monday 6th September

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am.

### ELMRIDGE BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club will be open from Monday 6th September. You can book and pay via your ParentPay account.

Any queries can be sent to:

[breakfastclub@elmrIDGE.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@elmrIDGE.trafford.sch.uk)

### CASH HANDLING -

Thank you to parents for using Parentpay where possible.

### SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2021 school meals will remain at £2.40 per day = £12.00 per week.

Selection and Payment of school meals should be via your ParentPay account. Please contact school if you need registration details. REMINDER - we do not accept cheques for payment of school meals.

### UNIFORM

School Uniform is only available from Monkhouse, currently appointments have to be booked —please see website for further details.

### IMPORTANT

Please do not book family holidays in term time.

Leave of absence may be granted for exceptional circumstances, after a meeting with Mr Edmundson.

Any unauthorised absences will be passed to our Education Welfare Officer who may issue a fine. Please see the school website for further information

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

#### OPEN

#### CLOSE

#### AUTUMN TERM 2021

Monday 6th September

Friday 22nd October

#### HALF-TERM

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 21st December

#### SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

#### HALF-TERM

Monday 21st February

Friday 8th April

#### SUMMER TERM 2022

All schools closed on Monday 2nd May 2022 -

May Bank Holiday

Monday 25th April

Friday 27th May

#### HALF-TERM

Monday 13th June

Friday 22nd July

#### NON-PUPIL DAYS/TRAINING

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

6 x Twilight Sessions