



# Elmridge Primary School

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**NEWSLETTER – February 2022**

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## Welcome from Mr Edmundson

At the end of a very busy half term, it's a great time to look back on some of the fantastic experiences that the pupils have been enjoying over the last six weeks.

The weather definitely hasn't stopped the pupils getting out and about since Christmas. Year 1 and Year 2 have been undertaking outdoor and adventurous activities on the field, working with Grip Adventure. Sale Sharks Rugby coaches have been working with our younger pupils during the school day and after school and the Reception class has been on a local walk to learn about our local area.

Since September, the school has been focussing on re-establishing links with the local community. One of our community partners, Altrincham Football Club, come to Elmridge every Thursday to coach girls' football. I was at Moss Lane, on Saturday, watching Altrincham play. After a bad run of results, the team came from 2-0 down to get a 2-2 draw against Woking. Despite the cold, wet, weather, it was great afternoon out and it was lovely to see some Elmridge pupils at the game. It reminded me that we have some great local sport on our doorstep that we can take advantage of without the need to travel further afield.

I hope that you enjoy some family time over half term and enjoy the opportunity to take life at a slower pace.

## Staff Challenges

Thank you to all parents that have donated towards our Staff Challenges. You can donate via your ParentPay account. All money raised will provide new home readers and library books for our pupils.

Mr Edmundson will be walking /running 100 miles of the Pennine Way from Edale to Hawes.

Mrs Charlton-Jones will now be joining Mrs Bridge to participate in 5K a day in May.

Mrs Matthews has so far completed 40 miles of walking her dogs - her aim is to walk 242 miles (one per each pupil) before the end of the school year.

Miss Diamond has folded 600 out of the target 1000 paper origami cranes.

## Mrs Walton

Pam Walton recently came to school so that we could say goodbye following her retirement.

Many of our KS2 pupils will have fond memories of Mrs Walton if they attended Elmridge Nursery.

Pam was part of the Nursery from when it opened in September 1995 and was due to retire in July 2020. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, Pam has not been able to come to school since March 2020 – we had been hoping to have a special assembly or similar to mark her 25 years at Elmridge. With this not being possible, we were happy to see her and say our goodbyes, for now.

*"My favourite memory is of my birthday in Nursery, I baked a cake with Mrs Walton and I got to choose the colour for the icing!"* Alishba, Y6 Class of 2018

*"Trying out the different milkshakes with Mrs Walton was great!"* Mia, Current Year 6

*"Mrs Walton was always so kind"* Jason, attended nursery the first year it opened 1995/6



## Little Princess Trust

One of our pupils is raising money for The Little Princess Trust by taking part in their "Hair and hope" for young people with cancer. There is a donation box in the office if anyone would like to support this event.



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## Outdoor Learning

At Elmridge this term there is a strong focus on developing outdoor learning. The school has begun working with Grip Adventure, a local organisation- based in sale- which specialises in outdoor pursuits and adventurous activities. Since the beginning of January, Grip have worked with Year 1 and Year 2 for a morning or afternoon a week. The children have been den building, making popcorn, building dream catcher nets and taking part in scavenger hunts. They have relished the experiences and have been lucky enough to enjoy from some dry weather apart from the first week which brought the typical January biting cold and rain. The school's relationship with Grip will continue after half term with Key Stage Two pupils participating in adventure days off the premises, involving pursuits such as climbing and bushcraft. Whilst Grip Adventure has worked with whole classes of pupils, Sam Wood- Nursery HLTA has begun to work on some innovative outdoor learning projects with smaller groups across school. It has been great to see the pupils outside, appreciating the fresh air and making the most of the school grounds at a time of year when they are often restricted to working indoors.



## Dates/Events

### February

- 11<sup>th</sup> School closes for half term. Own clothes day
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Re-opens
- 28<sup>th</sup> Quidditch Day Rec to Y6 - Letter to follow

### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> World Book Day - letter to follow
- 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> National Careers Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y3 - The Adventure Cave
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y4 – The Adventure Cave – letter to follow
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y4 – Robinwood Parents Meeting – details to follow
- 25<sup>th</sup> Y5 – The Adventure Cave – letter to follow

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Y6 – The Adventure Cave – letter to follow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fun Run – details to follow
- 8<sup>th</sup> School Closes for Easter. Own clothes day

## Sports

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Mr Whitham took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to a Handball Tournament organised by Trafford Handball Club.

The children had a really good time and one of the two Elmridge Teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their competition – Well Done.

The pupils have transferred the skills from the tournament to the new handball nets on the playground, encouraging other pupils to join in. Mr Whitham has booked tournaments for the netball team, girls football and boys football in March. Details of the pupils selected will be sent in due course.



Pupils in Key Stage One have been enjoying the chance to try out tag rugby this term.

Sale Sharks coaches have been teaching Year 2 on a weekly basis and providing a tag rugby after school club on Thursdays. Both the class coaching and the after school club have been very well received by the pupils. The school will maintain this link in the future and hope to participate in some inter school tournaments in the summer term. If your child would like to try rugby outside school, there are many local rugby clubs. Bowdon and Altrincham Kersal are the most local, whilst a little further afield are Trafford Metrovics, Lymm and Wilmslow.

## RAF & Smallpeice

Year 5 & Year 6 took part in the RAF and Smallpeice space Challenge today. Pupils became RAF engineers and were asked to build and test a rocket.

They investigated the optimum launch angle and also how payload and fins impact a rockets performance.

This was a live virtual workshop and the children represented the school brilliantly as well as developing scientific knowledge, an understanding of careers and applying their maths skills.

Working in teams of three also meant that teamwork and communication lay at the heart of the tasks. There are lots of photos on twitter!

