



Learn together, grow together

Friday 28th May 2021



Dates for your diary

Monday 7th June
Friday 18th June
Thursday 24th June
Friday 25th June
Friday 16th July
Wednesday 21st July

School resumes
Performance Poet in school
First aid training for Year 5
Sports Day – Eltham Hill (KS2 AM, KS1 PM)
Year 6 prom in school (5.30pm – 9pm)
Last day of the school year
Leavers' Assembly 11am

Happy Half Term

Well finally the sun comes out! Wishing you all a very happy half term break next week and we hope you enjoy the improving weather. Thank you for all your ongoing support this half term. With the move to year-group bubbles school has started to feel a little more 'normal' than it has for a while, although we obviously still need to be cautious and when we return, we will initially continue with our current arrangements and risk assessment.

It is very difficult to plan for the end of the year with so many unknowns and we have been talking a lot about Year 6 and how we can give them a memorable send off. Mrs Fenn and Miss Best have started working on a production which this year will be Bugsy Malone. We are doing everything we can to find ways to get parents in and will keep you posted on dates when we can.

As we are unable to plan an end of year trip at the moment, we are going to organise a prom night in school for all Year 6 children on Friday 16th July between 5.30pm and 9pm. Again, further information will follow but make a note of the date if you can.

And finally, we will aim for a leavers' assembly at 11am on Wednesday 21st July even if we have to deliver it outside. Everything is subject to change but rest assured that we'll do everything we can for our amazing and much loved Year 6s.



Key stage 1 get out-and-about

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely visit to our local church this week. Captain Nick gave us a VIP tour, answering all our many questions about the church. Well done children and a huge thank you to Captain Nick.

Year 1 headed down to the Tarn to see if they could identify trees using their cool new leaf dials. They spotted some geese with their goslings and lots more wildlife.



England Mascot - UEFA Euros 2021

In super-exciting news, our school has been chosen from over a hundred primary schools to nominate one pupil to be a mascot of the England team when they run out at Wembley on Sunday 13th June against Croatia in the UEFA Euros tournament. Staff nominated Hayden to represent our school. Hayden is football mad. He always puts 1000% effort into all his PE lessons and was nominated by Billy and Angie for being enthusiastic and for having amazing transferable skills. He was also nominated by Mr Lawrence for always trying his best in class, for engaging with the remote learning 100% of the time and for always being kind and friendly to everyone. We really couldn't have selected a nicer person and we are thrilled to be able to give Hayden this opportunity. So tune in.... 13th June on BBC1 to see our little superstar running out with the England team.

We can't wait!

Chick Updates

It was a tough week in the world of Middle Park nature! Our amazing blue tits worked together to lay and hatch 8 eggs and we all got quite carried away with the joy of it all, waving them all off last Friday feeling quite pleased with ourselves. Then we arrived in school on Monday morning to find just three, (considerably chunkier) chicks left in the nest. We're not completely sure what happened and we are VERY relieved that whatever it was took place over the weekend, but it may be that the parents whittled down their brood to a chosen trio to give them the best chance of fledging.

We named our three Huey, Louie and Dewey and continued to cheer them on throughout the week.

Whether it's bad news or good news (we don't know now), they should really fledge over the half term week while none of us are here. Brian is working on a way of recording the footage and Angie Wickes is planning to move in and watch over them until they make it to adulthood. Not sure her family will be in full agreement with that – but it remains to be seen what the future holds. We will try to feedback as much as we can.

So we wave goodbye to Huey, Louie and Dewey today and wish them every bit of luck for this next, dangerous chapter for them. As hard as it has been to watch at times, they certainly have been blessed with the most incredible parents who look completely exhausted after so many long days of food shuttling. What a fun adventure it has been for us all.



Well done to Year 5 who all completed their intensive swimming lessons over the last four weeks. We don't know just yet what the swimming offer will be after half term but will keep you posted once we know.

The Brilliant Club has been going really well with children exploring allegorical paintings last week. The children are enjoying the sessions and we're looking forward to seeing what they produce.

