



Dates 2015-16

Wed 8th June

String Quartet
Performance

Thurs 9th June

Queen's 90th Birthday
Activity day and Tea party

Tues 14th June (TBC)

Deaf Olympians and Sports
Persons visit

Fri 17th June

Sports Day at Badocks Wood

Wed 22nd June

Parents Forum – 10.30am

Thurs 23rd June

JoJo & Billie's Tour de France
Theatre Group Performance

Fri 24th June

Wrong Trousers Day

Tues 28th – Wed 29th June

Woodhouse Park Camp (KS2
pupils) :

Thurs 7th July

Picnic and Romeo and Juliet
Theatre Performance at
Blaise Castle

Tues 19th July

Slimbridge Trip

Thurs 14th July

Sports day and picnic - Par-
ents and carers invited

Wed 20th July

1.30 – 3pm Leavers show
and Celebration Assembly

Mon 6th June

Start of Term 6

Fri 22nd July

End of Term 6

Dear Parents

This is such a lovely time of year and the school grounds are looking good with the gardens being planted with vegetables and flowers! We are doing lots of outdoor activities to make the best of the lovely weather.

Well done Ciaran for being the subject of the Points West TV item filmed in school this week at Secondary. A group of staff went to see 'Power in their Hands' a very moving film, made by the British Deaf Association involving our Carolyn Nabarro (BSL teacher) which looks at Deaf heritage and the history of BSL. We will make sure the older children get to see it and learn more about their deaf history.

There was a busy and very full Term 5 and we are planning some great activities and events to take us through early summer in term 6. The Queens' 90th birthday party for children and families and friends at Primary will be on Thursday 9th June at 2pm. We will be having a workshop to make crowns and cakes and flags to be ready for the party food! Please do come and join us.

There is a fuller list of events in this newsletter and text reminders will be sent.

Parents Forum- The next one will be on June 22nd at Primary after the BSL lesson at 10.30am. We want to start looking at the Healthy Schools award work we want to do in the New Year.

Parents Training Planning- is also on the agenda as I want to hear your views about sessions we can run to support you in any aspect of your life as a parent of a deaf child. We can put on events for you, in real time or on Elmfield TV on the website! Have a look at some of the hearing aid management videos posted on there now.

Enjoy the Whitsun break

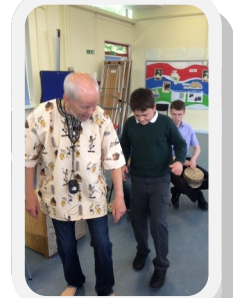
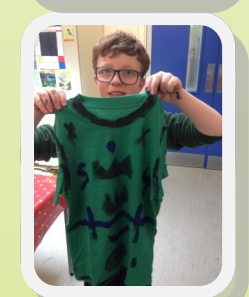
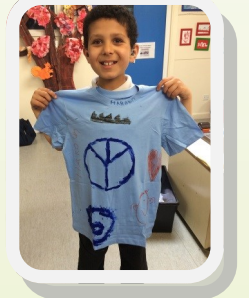
Babs Day

Unfortunately on the 8th May Jean Turner sadly passed away. Jean worked here at Elmfield as a Nursery Nurse and Teaching Assistant for 20 years before she retired two years ago. She had a long illness but had the support of her friends and family throughout. All the children at Elmfield who knew her wrote about their lovely memories of Jean and put them inside a photo album to give to her family. Jean was a very popular person, always smiling and laughing and making everyone feel welcome. We will always remember her on 1st March when she used to bring daffodils into school for everyone to enjoy. On Tuesday 24th May there was a beautiful service for Jean in Westerleigh, which lots of people attended to celebrate her life. If anyone would like to make a donation in Jean's memory her family would welcome donations to St Peter's Hospice or the NDCS.



Africa Day!

Elmfield Primary enjoyed a day learning all about African culture. The children had a very busy and fun day creating some African printed t-shirts, cooking and eating African foods as well as a spot of African drumming and dancing all to help raise money for our two sponsored Deaf children Oumie and Musupha.



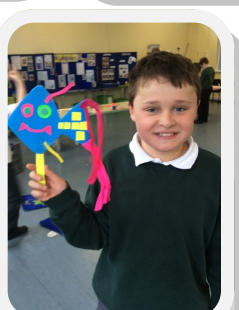
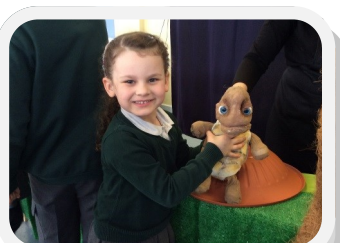
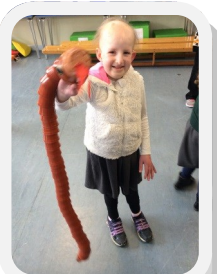
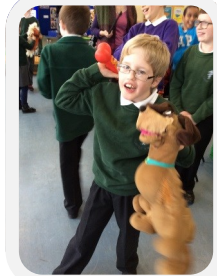


Moving Hands Theatre

We were very lucky to welcome The Moving Hands Theatre to Elmfield this term.

E1 enjoyed two performances by the Moving Hands Theatre Company, Benji and the Jungle Animals and also Benji and the Underwater Animals. We all enjoyed workshops linked to these performances and using the projectors to see our animals.

The older children used these performances during their literacy work to develop their understanding about characters and the younger children developed their story sequencing skills.





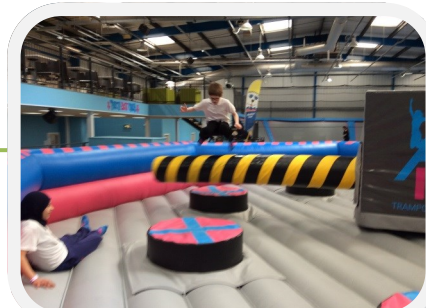
Now Mrs Day has contacts with the Palace, Elmfield were delighted this morning to welcome the very regal Dame Camilla who reopened our playground and trampoline for the summer. She also presented the Early Years children with some new balance bikes.



Morph class enjoyed a trip to Botanic Gardens as part of their topic on plants. The children loved seeing all the different plants, especially the chocolate plant and the fly eating plant.



As part of our PE activities Gromit and Morph class visited Air Hop. The children loved bouncing on the trampolines, playing basketball, jumping in the foam pits and trying to win at total wipeout.

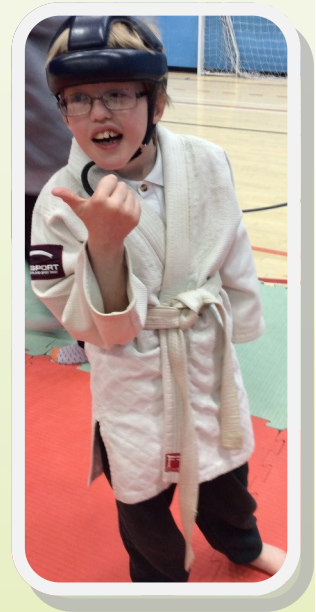


Morph class visited Badminton House to take part in their Countryside Learning Day. We visited the keens, meet the puppies and learnt how they train the dogs. We also looked around the stables and saw a farrier at work. We walked around the woods and walled gardens and we learnt about how they manage their woodlands. We also watched a falcon display and saw ferrets racing.





This term, we had alternate weeks of tennis and archery on Thursday mornings. The children had a blast and are now able to enjoy spending more time playing their sport outdoors. Next term is our athletics session. Please can children have their named PE kit in school on the first day back ready for dance.

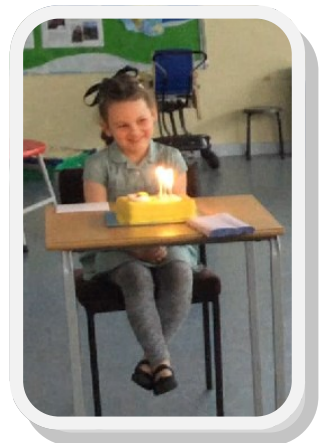


KS2 and Secondary visited UWE to take part in their annual Deaf friendly sports day. The children had great fun enjoying judo, trampolining, archery and climbing. Haroun and Harry from Primary were especially pleased to hit a gold in archery.



Happy birthday to Hugh G, who turned 10. We all had a delicious chocolate cake, thank you to his mum who baked it.

Happy birthday to Terricka who turned 6 this term! She had a lovely time being sung Happy birthday and enjoyed her SpongeBob cake!



Taking Flight Theatre would like to present to you a BSL interpreted performance of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet! The children are attending the performance at **Blaise Castle Estate on 7th July** for the **12pm performance**. Other performance are **7th & 8th July—12 noon & 7pm** as well as an additional performance **10th July at 7pm**. Ticket prices range from **£6 to £14** with the option to buy a family ticket. Information can be found at **www.takingflighttheatre.co.uk** or telephone **02920 230020**.



*** SPONSORSHIP UPDATE ***

So far, Elmfield Primary have raised £85 in sponsorship for Oumie and Musupha from all their sporting events last term! It's not too late to bring in any remaining sponsor money to help support these two deaf children with their education costs in Gambia. Please contact the office if you would like more information.

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so please send in any vouchers you may have. The deadline to collect these is Wednesday 6th July. In the past we have received some fantastic rewards such as a new digital camera for the school and an outdoor bench for our Early Years as well as sensory sports equipment. There is a collection box in the reception area if you have any you wish to donate.

We have been advised of a possible risk with using the Zeni-power batteries with certain best before dates. We have checked batteries held in school. Please check school website for more information.

Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy (SEND Policy)

Our whole school SEND Policy is being updated and a draft version is available on the school website. Please have a read and if you have any feedback, please contact Jo White (SENCo) at Elmfield Primary with your thoughts and suggestions. All feedback is welcome.

This term the children have been discussing how they like to feel happy and safe in school. They agreed their Playground Values together and we have made a big display of their ideas.

We have also been thinking of creative and exciting ideas together!

Take turns

Be friendly

Take 3 deep breaths to calm down

Be happy

Stand up for yourself when people take things from you.

Accept responsibility

Share toys

Find a friend - it's your choice who you play with

Our Playground Values

Be kind

"Stop please, I don't like it"

Make new friends

Say "I'll play with you at lunch and allow others to join in"

Stay calm

If you follow our playground values and it doesn't work talk with an adult.

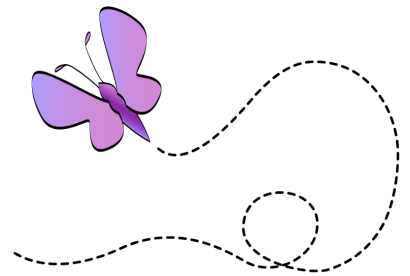
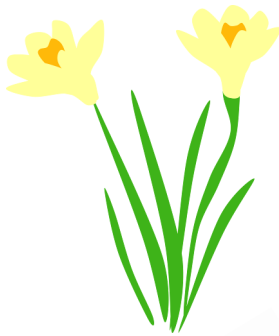
She'd y set to
be my friend



Jean thank you



I Love you
you play &
with me.
LOVE TERRICKA



When Jean was
play hide and tag
she play and chased
us she was lovely
but now gone :(

I remember her in
my life also she look
after me when I was
hurt and I gave her
a cake when it was
my birthday.
Many loves
Wishes
Oscar

Dear Parents

The Giving Machine is a UK registered charity, whose sole aim is to facilitate raising money for UK charitable causes and schools. By shopping online via [The Giving Machine](#), your favourite shops will generate a free cash donation with every single purchase. With stores like Amazon, Ebay, M&S, Next, Tesco, Sainsbury and John Lewis taking part with hundreds more, you are bound to find what you want from your favourite shops at The Giving Machine.

Please join our new giving community by visiting www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk and join to support Elmfield School for Deaf Children; it's quick and simple to sign up and start giving for free.

It really is as simple as that. Please ensure you don't miss this opportunity to give while you are shopping and help spread the word to raise as much as we can from this amazing program. Your help will make a difference.

There are over 1500 of the most popular stores taking part in the program making it so easy for you to make difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.

Absences

Please see our Attendance policy on our school website for further information, if you would like a copy of this policy please contact the school office.

If your child is unwell and won't be in school, it is very important that you contact us to let us know as soon as possible. You can do this in several ways.

Primary

Tel: 0117 9030366

Text: 07891 898188

Email: Elmfield.info@elmfield.bristol.sch.uk

Secondary

Tel: 0117 9527170

Text: 07772332604

Email: Elmfield.info@elmfield.bristol.sch.uk

When your child does not turn up at school, the office will text you in the morning to remind you that you need to contact us. Please be aware that you cannot text back directly to the message.

It is important that we can account for your child for safety reasons.

If you fail to contact the school, then your child will be marked in the register as an unauthorised absence. Too many unauthorised absences may lead to a penalty notice and a fine.



If your child has a tummy bug that makes them sick and/or affects their bowels, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last time they were sick, so that they don't accidentally pass the bug on to other pupils and staff. Thank you.