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Recent News

Eleanor Smith welcomes Chinese visitors for a Mandarin Assembly where they showed the arts of Kung Fu, Traditional Dance and Singing.

After the assembly, pupils participated in Calligraphy and Tai Chi workshops.













Some photos taken by Ricky Yr 10

<u>Dates to Remember</u> <u>For 2016</u>

January 4

Inset Day (School Closed)

January 5

Return to school (Term 3)

February 15

Half Term: 15th - 19th Feb

February 22

Return to school (Term 4)

March 11

Inset Day (School Closed)

March 25

Easter Break: 25th Mar – 8th Apr

April 11

Return to school (Term 5)



Year 1 News - Highlights of success across the term

Billy is making great use of his phonics to write simple sentences. Samuel will be having an extra day at his mainstream after Christmas. Emmanuel has settled in well and is making good use of adult support to manage his feelings.

Shami has made a good start in his new school.

Year 2 News – Highlights of success across the term

Huge congratulations to Ayman who has had an excellent term and will return to mainstream school full-time in January.

Well done to Eimantas for all round improvement in his work and behaviour at both mainstream school and at Eleanor Smith. Also, for his kindness and for always setting an example of how to be a good friend.

Well done to Jevaun for his great maths skills and for improving his writing. Well done to Jude for his terrific reading skills, great swimming, dancing and basketball skills.

A big thank you to Legend for always setting a good example and for perseverance and diligence in all that he does.

Finally, well done to Dreaz for his great communicating and debating skills. To the whole of Maple class - Well done for your fantastic Jackson Pollock Art work, your fantastic Penguin Christmas display and for your great talents in the Maple Band.





Year 3 News - Highlights of success across the term

Muhammed has increased his time by a day at his mainstream school Denzel has made good progress in maths and is enjoying investigating measure.

Khalid has increased the time he is spending at his mainstream and is proud he is working hard on his homework every week

Jak has made good progress in literacy and PE and is especially proud of the story he wrote all by himself

Year 4 News – Highlights of success across the term

Ezekiel is really enjoying his maths work especially working on measure and number bonds

Year 5 News – Highlights of success across the term

Ramiah represented pupils at the School's open evening. He showed maturity in being able to talk to the professionals that attended and was able to answer questions confidently and thoughtfully. He did himself and the school proud!

Zidane joined Eleanor Smith recently and is settling in well.

Upcoming Events

January 7

Key Stage 1&2 Panto

February 1

Key Stage 4 – Work Experience Week

February 24

D&T Week

March 3

World Book Day

March 9

W.E. Day Volunteering – Inspirational speakers at Wembley Arena (KS3/4)

March 11

Science Week

March 18

Sports Relief

Important News

Jack Petchey Award Winner Secondary

Well done to Alex in Year 11 for winning this award.
He Has shown an improved attendance and commitment to work and good role model

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Year 6 News – Highlights of success across the term

Ruby represented pupils at the School's open evening. She showed maturity in being able to talk to the professionals that attended and was able to answer questions confidently and thoughtfully. She did themselves and the school proud!

Kieran and Daniel all joined Eleanor Smith recently and are settling in well.

Year 7 News – Highlights of success across the term

Aiden has had 100% attendance across both terms. He has been an excellent ambassador for ESS by speaking confidently to visitors at the Thrive/Resilience Open Evening.

Jonathan has made a successful start at Stratford Academy and he's worked diligently toward achieving a return back to mainstream.

Aiden, Ronnie, Jonathan and Harley are making excellent progress in Thrive. They are all 'secure' in their respective strands.

Ali has made an excellent start at ESS which has resulted in weekly positive reports of improved behaviour from his mainstream school Langdon.

Year 8 News - Highlights of success across the term

Layton produced some fantastic piano playing during the school opening evening for some important guests. He has also been selected to play football for Ripple Way FC.

Tyler has shown exceptional commitment and attainment in Math's. Khalid has consistently been performing well at his main stream school. Well done to Jaiden and Layton for attendance of over 90% but a special mention to Khalid, Billy and Tyler for attendance of 97%.

Year 9 News – Highlights of success across the term

Sarah for a successful start at ESS and has been doing a great job mentoring other pupils during food technology lessons.

Deivine has made a great start with us and so far has got 100% attendance in that short time. Well done! Keep it going.

Deandre has become Eleanor Smith School youngest pupil to pass the BTEC Level 1 Home Cooking Skills

Well done to Sarah for attendance of over 90% but a special mention to Deandre for attendance of 97%.

Year 10 News – Highlights of success across the term

Well done to Romahn, Anton, Gregory, and Charlie for successfully completing their work experience placements at John Lewis, Newham Housing Services and Caribbean Scene Quick kiosk.

Paris for extending her time and thriving in Art.

Well done to Gregory for attendance of over 90%.

Welcome to Paris and Kareem to ESS and making a successful start.

Year 11 News – Highlights of success across the term

Ryan has improved his attendance and is now at 91%. Through a successful work experience placement he has now been offered a Saturday job. Alex and Ryan have been good role models for the younger pupils. Well done to Ryan for successfully completing his work experience placement at Shiva MOT Centre.

Well done to Khalid for attendance of over 90%.

Fundraising

As an ongoing event, Staff, pupils and parents will be helping the school to raise money for various causes. Some of these causes will include Richard House, Children in Need, MacMillan, Sports Relief and possible others. This will also include raising money for the school to go towards some special reward visits.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed and for your ongoing support.

Richard House

Since staff and pupils completed the sponsored walk. All the money has been collected and we are pleased to announce that we raised £688.90 for Richard House Children's Hospice.

Cooked Breakfasts

Over the last two terms at the secondary site, Mrs Pryce and Ms Smith have made staff and pupils a cooked breakfast on two occasions to help raise money for the school. £64 raised will go towards Reward Visits for the pupils.

Superhero Day

Staff and pupils across both sites, became their alter ego as a superhero. During this fun occasion we raised £55.50 for Children in Need.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Staff at the Primary site made and donated cakes which were sold to parents and staff during the coffee morning.

This helped to raise £85 towards cancer research.

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Extended School

After school Clubs:

<u>BREAKING NEWS</u>: Tai Chi Club - coming soon to North Street after school on Wednesdays

The clubs we are currently running at The Primary School Site are:

Mondays: Multi Skills & Cookery

Wednesdays: Table Tennis, ECAM & Bike Tech

Thursdays: Film & Street Dance

These clubs continue to be a success!!!

Holiday Clubs:

Last half term pupils who attended the holiday club visited the Moby Adventure Golf course. All had a very enjoyable time even though Mrs Collins won! Congratulations to Mrs Collins.



February half term holiday club will be running but activities are still to be confirmed. **Watch this space!**

Staff News

We would like to welcome Mrs Macdonald (Maple class teacher) to our permanent staff team and hope you have had an enjoyable first big term.

Staff Football Match

North Street (Primary) v Lawson Close (Secondary) - Result: 3-5 Win to Lawson Close (Secondary)

Partnership News

Judith Wilson is our new school improvement partner. She has now visited the school twice and reported back positively about our quality provision.

Competition

Time

Help our school by designing a logo for the resilience work that we are doing in school.

We currently use the BOING – BOING logo but would like to design our own school specific resilience logo.

Please provide your ideas for a logo in the form of ART, ICT or WORDS in what Resilience means to you.

Each entry must have your name on it and be submitted to Ms Coombe by Friday 22nd January 2016.



The winning entry or entries will be used in the design process of the Resilience logo and will then be used for future school resources such as letter heads, school website/newsletters.



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Pupil of the Term Primary

Term 1

Juniper class = Samuel, Maple class = Ayman Omar, Chestnut class = Denzel, Ash class = Ibrahim Elm class= Eddie, Oak class= Celvin, Willow class= Harley and Ronnie

Term 2

Juniper class = Samuel, Maple class = Eimantas, Chestnut class = Khalid, Ash class = Ibrahim Elm class = Daniel, Oak class = Celvin and Kamaree, Willow class = Ali

Pupil of the Term Secondary

Term 1

Bear Grylls class = Alex, Bob Marley class = Deandre

Term 2

Bob Marley class = Romahn and Billy

Open Evening

Recently we hosted an open evening to present the Thrive and Resilience approaches in action at Eleanor Smith. This was a well-attended and successful evening with speeches from various staff, a parent and past pupil.







Jill and Ozer giving a speech

Ms Coombe speaking about Resilience







Ramiah and Aiden
Representing the pupils and school

Photos taken by Mr Hare



Wheelchair Tennis Masters

Pupils from KS3 went to the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to watch some Master's Wheelchair Tennis and participated in some activities.







Photos taken by Ryan (Yr 11)

Gilwell Park Residential

KS3/4 pupils attended a residential visit towards the end of term 1. They participated in activities such as; Zip Wire, 3G Swing, High Ropes courses, Archery, Air Rifle Shooting, Crate Stacking and Team building.

All who attended had an enjoyable and successful experience.



Panto

KS3/4 went to Panto. "Oh No they didn't!" I hear say. "Oh Yes they did!" Pupils went to see Aladdin and had a very enjoyable time but KS1/2 will have the pleasure in the New Year.

He's behind you!



Oh no he isnt!

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