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Congratulations to the following children who have received either an Assistant Head Teacher's/ Headteacher's Award this term:-

Year 3

Joe Bowen, Mia Smart-Bowman, Frankie-James Brant, Harrison Carr, Ruby Cheeseman, Lily Curtis, Faye Drumm, Austin Glee, Emily Jones, Rhys Jones, Alice Lanzon, Evie Paddock, Evie Skittlethorpe, Hayden Spooner, Oakley Tappenden, Lily Taylor, James Tribe and Lily Trotter.

Year 4

Amy Bishop, George Darby, Demi Littleboy, Freddie Merifield, Ryley Milward, Alfie Musson, Keeley Searle, Darci-Moe Sharp and Isabelle Williams.

Year 5

Blake Ayers, Max Bertinasco, Thomas Colebourne, Charlie Dade, Celina Engeham, James Hanham, Karolina Szarmacher and Tyler Young.

Year 6

Lexi Cambridge, Regan Connor and Jacob Shaw.

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Elson Values Trophy for Lower School is awarded to Robyn West.

Robyn always maintains integrity at all times even when facing a challenge. Well done Robyn.

Elson Values Trophy for Upper School is awarded to Harry Pankhurst.

Harry always epitomises all aspects of school values. He is respectful, kind, helpful, cheery, thoughtful, diligent and has a cracking sense of humour. Well done Harry.

Elson Sports Cup for contribution in PE and sport is awarded to Maizie Williams.

Maizie has demonstrated great teamwork in tennis this half term and is always enthusiastic in sport. She also attended the Sportshall final. Well done Maizie.

Elson Performing Arts Trophy is awarded to Wojceich Barycki.

Wojceich has been given this trophy for being so brave and performing with his guitar in front of the class.

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Update to the School's Privacy Notice

The school have signed a new contract to use 'CPOMS' to process data for us. This database will allow us to record, monitor and report data more effectively. The school's privacy notice has been updated and can be viewed on the school website. Debbie Lewis
 Elson Junior School Data Protection Officer.

Comic Relief Fun Run



Thank you to everyone who took part in Crazy Hair Day for Comic Relief, there were some really wonderful creations from the children and staff.

Once again the students from St Vincent College and Brune Park School organised our yearly charity fun run, all children completed the course whether it was walking or running. As a school we raised £578.54, £376.85 for the Comic Relief Mile and £201.69 in donations.

The event was finished with a whole school mega mix dance routine, even some of the teachers joined in.

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Netball



Congratulations to all the children who took part in the netball trials this term, we had 37 children compete for 18 places. It was an incredibly hard decision to make. Well done to the following children: Mia Knight, Olly Wilber, Phoebe Hull, Keira-Louise Wiles, Gaby Valkova, Ella Samways, Louie Reed, Mya-Grace Helbert, Bonnie Collins, Adam Muirhead, Charlotte Farquhar, Maizie Williams, Olivia Cross, Jack Bridges and Milly Searle. Good luck in the league this year.

Sportshall



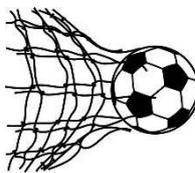
On Tuesday 26th March 2019 12 children from across years 5 and 6 took part in the County Sportshall final in Eastleigh. It is a great achievement to qualify for the finals, as a school we were competing against the best group of athletes from around Hampshire.

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All children represented the school with pride and determination. As a school we placed 12th which is an incredible accomplishment. We should be very proud of them all. Well done.

Football Final

This year our football team made it through to the final of the Gosport Schools Cup. We played against Gomer Junior School. Gomer started off well and gained a 2 goal lead. The team didn't let this affect their style of play and they fought back to gain a 2 all draw at the end of the match, because of this the game went to penalties. Once again the teams were evenly matched and it went to sudden death.



Unfortunately, we missed our penalty. Gomer who had already scored their goal, had won the cup. It was a disappointing end for our team, but they played with pride and passion. Thank you for representing our school.

Year 3

Our African adventure comes to an end this week and what an adventure it has been! Year 3 are now experts in all things Africa! They have explored the various climates experienced in different areas of Africa, investigated land use and are now African Elephant experts! Watch out David Attenborough!

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They also became very passionate about the serious water problem faced by poorer African countries. They were able to channel their emotions and write a very persuasive letter about how we can work together to help those in need.

The whole topic will be rounded off beautifully this Friday with a visit from the African Dance Company where the children will be learning some African dance moves! We look forward to welcoming you to our performance on Friday afternoon.

In maths this term we have been working really hard on learning our times tables. We have focussed on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and we are definitely becoming quicker and more fluent! We have also been learning how to use a number line to solve trickier multiplication problems.

Thank you for your continued support this term and we look forward to welcoming you all back after the Easter break. Enjoy the sunshine!

Year 4



The Year 4 pupils have really enjoyed tracking the environment and weather changes over this Spring term. Looking back to the beginning of the half term, pupils were surprised to see how much had changed.

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They have presented their weather data on Bar Charts and Line Graphs and discussed the patterns shown. 'The weather has been very changeable' seems to be the common view.

In English we have been very pleased with the quality of writing. The children's robot stories are excellent and they have been learning how to edit their work carefully to improve it. Some of our finished Lost Words poems should go on display in Elson Library over the Easter Break.



Next half term our topic will be 'From a Railway Carriage'. We will be learning about the development of the railways in Britain, reading some classic fiction and poetry and learning about Sound in Science. Our DT project is to make a bridge with a moving mechanism. Every child will need a cereal box to make into a tower for their bridge. Please save one from being recycled for your child and send it into school during the first week back. Any spares would be appreciated too.

PE days for Year 4 are generally Tuesday and Wednesday but this may change if the weather is poor. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including plimsolls or trainers every day just in case they are needed.

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Times Tables will be a main focus in Maths next term, so some extra practise over Easter would be a good idea.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Year 5

As we are nearing the end of the Spring Term 2, it is time to reflect on the great achievements of year 5. This last month the children have been very busy. In Maths we have taught the children to multiply using the column method and divide using the bus stop method. Whilst the children have found this to be quite tricky, their determination to master these skills has been phenomenal. In literacy and guided reading we have been exploring the book 'George's Secret Key to the Universe' written by Lucy and Stephen Hawking. This has carried on our space theme from Spring 1 term. The end task of our Literacy unit was to write an alternative ending to the story. The children's imagination has been awesome.



This week our Science Fair, displaying the children's projects for their homework, happened. The turn out from parents, guardians, family and carers was amazing. We would like to thank everyone for making the Fair a success.

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The children were extremely proud of the work that they had completed and were very articulate when explaining what their project was about. We also thought that the show that the children put on at the end of the Science Fair was brilliant. Many thanks to Mrs Dwyer who put the show together.



Next term the children will be starting their swimming lessons at Brune Park School. Please make sure that you have signed the slip giving parental authorisation. As we live so close to the sea, this is an ideal opportunity for children to learn to swim, or to improve their skills if they are already swimmers. Thank you to parents who have offered to help us walk the children down to Brune Park.

Finally may we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Easter break. Time to recharge the batteries and to get ready for our final term in year 5!

Year 6

The Easter term has flown by and we are so incredibly proud of all the children's hard work. They have risen to the challenges we have given them and have produced some excellent work.

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In writing, we have been reading the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. It has inspired us to create several pieces of writing including an internal monologue, a persuasive piece of writing and our final piece - telling the backstory of one of the main characters. We have some incredibly talented writers in this year group and, as one child said (of another's work), 'Wow! It's like reading an actual book! It's so good!' So watch this space Elson...



In maths, we have continued securing our maths skills looking at fractions, percentages, decimals and statistics. The children are really trying hard and we are really impressed with their progress.

Our topic for the last part of the term has been evolution and inheritance, which has involved us looking at Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species'. The children have been fascinated and have asked some brilliant questions.

After the Easter Holidays, we have three weeks until the KS2 tests. Over the holidays, we have set the children some homework to help prevent the children's 'brain drain'. We would strongly encourage you to support your children with this to put them in the best possible position for May.

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Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for the final term of junior school.

Tea and Talk



Thank you to those parents who attended the Tea and Talk. I think they found it a good opportunity to discuss concerns regarding their children and share ideas and experiences. This is a great opportunity to communicate with the school and it would be great to see a greater number of parents/carers making use of this opportunity.



Second Hand School Uniform

Jacobs Well in Gosport now has a supply of second hand Elson Junior School uniform that it will give away free of charge.

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ELSON HEROES

Elson Heroes enjoyed making Easter Cards with veterans at the First Light Trust in Gosport. It really brightened a rainy day for many veterans. After the Easter holidays Elson Heroes will be visiting the SEARCH museum for a workshop about DDay. This will inspire us to create a piece of artwork to be displayed in the Gosport Gallery as part of the DDay 75 year anniversary celebrations. Watch out for more DDay related events.



ELSON EXPLORERS

Our new club Elson Explorers has been very popular with our EAL children. They have already become an enthusiastic, dedicated and respectful group. We are looking forward to lots of fun together.

SCHOOL DIARY 2019

Friday	05.04.19	School breaks up for Easter 1515
Tuesday	23.04.19	School starts 0845
Monday	29.04.19	Resources Meeting 1700-1900
Thursday	02.05.19	Swimming starts for Yr 5
Monday	06.05.19	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Week beg.	13.05.19	SATs Week Curriculum & Standards Meeting 1700-1900
Friday	17.05.19	Patch 'Break the Uniform Rule' Day
Monday	20.05.19	Whole Governing Body Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	21.05.19	Swimming starts for Yr 6 non-swimmers Base 1 Class Assembly 1445
Thursday	23.05.19	Polling Day - School Closed tbc
Friday	24.05.19	Sports Day School breaks up for half-term 1515
Monday	03.06.19	School starts 0845 Base 6 Class Assembly 1445
Wednesday	05.06.19	Base 7 Class Assembly 1445
Thursday	06.06.19	D Day - Choir singing at Hardway
Week beg.	10.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 7DJ Base 4 Class Assembly 1445
Wednesday	12.06.19	Base 8 Class Assembly 1445 PATCH Fathers' Day Shop 1515
Week beg.	17.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 8BY Resources Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	18.06.19	Base 2 Class Assembly 1445
Week beg.	24.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 9KW
Monday	24.06.19	Portsmouth Schools Music Festival
Friday	28.06.19	PATCH Family Picnic 330-1700 - Raffle and Inflatables
Monday	01.07.19	Class Photographs Curriculum & Standards Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	02.07.19	Base 3 Class Assembly 1445
Friday	12.07.19	Book Fair
Monday	15.07.19	Whole Governing Body Meeting
Monday	22.07.19	INSET Day 4
Tuesday	23.07.19	INSET Day 5
Wednesday	04.09.19	INSET Day 1
Monday	04.11.19	INSET Day 2
Thursday	07.05.20	Polling Day - School Closed
Monday	01.06.20	INSET Day 4
Friday	26.06.20	INSET Day 5