



**SCHOOL NEWS**



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

**Year 3:** Wojciech Barycki, Robyn Cooke, Connor Dawes, Rylan Gant, Marley Haines, Mohammed Hussain, Amelia Kirkham, Evie Paddock, Grace Pocock, Bella Twiss-Savage, Hayden Spooner and Oakley Ridley-Stedman.

**Year 4:** Amy Bishop, Harvey Carr, Angel Makwana and Akira Olugbemi.

**Year 5:** Blake Ayres, Erin Ridley-Steadman and Evie Ritter.

**Year 6:** Lexi Cambridge and Joe Jackman.

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**Elson Values Trophy for Lower School is awarded to Bella Twiss-Savage.**

Bella always has an outstanding attitude towards all aspects of school life. This includes being a respectful ambassador for the school as part of service club.

**Elson Values Trophy for Upper School is awarded to Oscar Smith.**

Oscar is a true role model to his peers. He shows great compassion when others are upset and is caring to everyone. Oscar always works his hardest and shows integrity in everything he does.

**Elson Sports Cup for contribution in PE and sport is awarded to Mia Knight.**

Mia is a fantastic role model for our school sport, she shows great passion and determination, when participating in any sport.

Mia has represented the school on many occasions and has really excelled.

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Most recently Mia represented Elson at the County Sportshall final where as a school we placed 12<sup>th</sup> which is an amazing achievement.

Mia has also become a member of our school netball team, her skill and ability has amazed me, I definitely think the team will gain lots of knowledge and a greater understanding of the game because of her.

I hope she continues to love sport and takes her passion for PE to secondary school with her. Well done Mia.

**Elson Performing Arts Trophy is awarded to Sophie French.**

Sophie has overcome her fear of singing, she joined the Theatre group and is now joining in with all the musical numbers. Well done Sophie.

**Year 3**

Once again, year 3 have been brilliant. They have published their newspaper articles about the house uprooting from 'Up' and they look brilliant on display! After publishing these, they moved onto poetry.

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Together, we read the poem 'If I Had Wings' and the children started thinking about what they would do if they had wings or gills. The poems that have been created are amazing and the teachers are so proud of year 3.

In maths, the children have been learning to identify right angles along with parallel and perpendicular lines. They have also been practising adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator (ask the children what a denominator is, they have worked really hard to remember!)

We continue to practise our times tables every day and ask for your co-operation with this at home. In year 3, the children should know their 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables.

Please regularly check Education City as activities are added to this that are appropriate for the children to practise. Please check each teacher's name on there as all teachers set homework for the whole year group.

Also, may we remind you that homework books must be handed in every Wednesday with topic challenge homework completed along with practising spellings.

We thank you for your continued support at home and wish you a lovely half term break.

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### Year 4

Although this has been a very short half term, we have been very busy. The Year 4 pupils have enjoyed learning about the development of the railways in Britain and reflecting on the impact this had on people's way of life. In PE the pupils have been working on their fitness through a circuit of exercises and learning about healthy food and lifestyle choices as well as practising hard for Sports Day. In Science we have had some lovely, practical - if rather noisy - lessons exploring volume and pitch in sounds including using sensors to measure the loudness of sounds in decibels. We are very pleased with the pupils 'From a railway Carriage' poems written in English lessons and their creative performances.



After the half-term break, we will be starting our new topic about rivers. We have a range of exciting activities planned that are detailed on the new Curriculum Map which will shortly be available for you to view on the school website. We were thrilled to see so many pupils receiving Homework Awards for their super effort on homework tasks and spellings earlier this half term.

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We hope many pupils will receive similar recognition for their hard work and creativity for this terms homework too.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your children with these tasks. In Maths, times tables will continue to be a focus so extra practise on recalling these facts would be helpful.

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.

### Year 5

This half term has flown by, and it is only seven school weeks until the beginning of the summer holidays.

Swimming lessons at Brune Park School have temporarily stopped due to SATs week and Polling day but will resume the first week back in June.

In maths, we have been completing the decimals and prime numbers units.

In literacy, we have completed a leaflet about the Tower of London. The children have really enjoyed this unit. In ICT the children have been investigating the Tower of London in readiness for their literacy challenge. Guided reading has also supported the literacy this term.

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During SATs week the year 5 children coped admirably with their new temporary classrooms, as the Year 5 classroom were used by the year 6 children. We are hoping for good weather for Sports day, and to see the event supported by parents.

Bikeability commences week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June, if your child has not returned their forms please do so by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Year 6

What a term we have had! We want to say a how proud we are of all the members of Year 6. They have shown such resilience during SATs week, approaching them with a focus and calmness beyond their years. Well done each and every one of you.

We ended SATs with a very much deserved visited from an ice-cream van which was much enjoyed by both children and adults. Thank you Mrs Whippy for bringing a smile to the children's faces.

We have now finished our writing based on 'The Dream Snatcher'. The children have produced some incredible pieces of writing of which they should be very proud. In writing we will be moving forward to showcase some of our best pieces from Year 6.

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We have started our WW2 topic work with the children producing propaganda posters. They have worked on their colour mixing skills, using powder paint, to create some colourful pieces of art. Some of these are now displayed by the upper school doors.

After half term the children will start their transition project from their secondary schools. As well as this, we will start rehearsing for the Year 6 production and the Year 6 leaver's assembly. The dates for this are on this newsletter and we will be in contact soon with further information.

### Osmington Bay Residential

Just a reminder that the meeting for the Osmington Bay Residential in September will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 1700-1800**. Full payment must be made by the end of June.



### Elson Heroes

Elson Heroes' DDay inspired artwork will be on display at the SEARCH museum in Gosport throughout the DDay commemorations. On June 6<sup>th</sup> the group will be attending the DDay event at Hardway.

Future events include a lunch in the Officers Mess at HMS Collingwood.

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### GOOD NEWS! ECO COUNCIL HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!

Our coin collection has raised another £148 towards our Bike shelter! Although not as successful as last year, we are very pleased with the result.

In the coming months we will be collating our school calendar and hope as many of you as possible will purchase one for friends and family as a small Christmas gift or a keepsake from the children's time at Elson Junior school. The money made from the sale of these will also go toward the cycle shelter. Spirit has also found himself a girlfriend and she is looking for a new home. We will be running a naming event and the winner will get to take her home with them! More details to follow in the summer term! We rely on your support for these events and the Eco-Council would like to thank everyone for taking part!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Local DDay Events for Your Diary

31<sup>st</sup> May SEARCH Family Drop-in 10am - 1pm  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June DDay Events at Stokes Bay 10.30am onwards  
6<sup>th</sup> June DDay in Hardway 10.30am

## GOVERNOR NEWS

As you are aware, our school was visited by OFSTED in November and resulting in a rating of Requires Improvement. Naturally, as a governing body, the result was disappointing, as I am sure you will agree.

OFSTED did make it clear that there were many good practices put in place by the new leadership team during 2018. So, we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Shaw and all the staff who have worked so very hard over this last year. Everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated.

We are confident that our school community is led by a governing body and leadership team who have a clear vision for our school as well as the ability and experience to secure the commitment of all stakeholders to that vision.

We are a relatively new governing body at Elson Junior, but already have governors with excellent knowledge and experience. We are also attracting new governors to bring in key skills. We are all extending our knowledge of the school through Learning Walks, and intend to link specific Governors to specific areas in the school to strengthen connections.

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The emphasis for the Governing Body this year is to increase our knowledge of Governance and we are all involved in extra training where possible, both inside the school and through the external programmes.

Since the OFSTED visit we have been working collaboratively with the schools leadership team to bring about change and improvements. We are already seeing positive results for your children.

We recognise how hard everyone in the school community is working to move us quickly back to a rating of Good or above. There is still much to do but we are confident that collectively, and with your support, we will become a school to be proud of.

We have two vacancies for Co-opted Governors, and are hoping first to bring in someone who can help the governors with their oversight of the school with business management skills, and someone with knowledge of health and safety and site safety. These are not positions for parents, but if you know of anyone with these skills who would be willing to give up some of their time to join us, please ask them to contact the school in the first instance.

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The Governing Body sadly have had to say "Thank you and goodbye" to Tarah Puxty, a Co-opted Governor, who due to other commitments has had to make the difficult decision to resign as a governor. Her experience and commitment will be very much missed.

There is also some very sad news as Carole Gratton, who was on the school governing body for very many years, sadly passed away earlier this year. I am sure many of you will miss her input and energy. As a school we hope to do something to remember Carol that will have a lasting legacy for the future.

I intend to write to you all each term and keep you abreast of the developments within school as well as our collective successes.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready to learn.

Paul Tyler  
Chair of Governors

## SCHOOL DIARY 2019

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
Thursday	13.06.19	PATCH Film Club
Friday	14.06.19	Class Photos am
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 Service children attending lunch at HMS Collingwood
Wednesday	19.06.19	Osmington Bay Meeting for Parents 1700-1800
Week beg.	24.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 9KW
Monday	24.06.19	Portsmouth Schools Music Festival at the Guildhall, Portsmouth
Friday	28.06.19	Friday Fun day Festival and Picnic
Monday	01.07.19	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
Tuesday	16.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Performance to Parents 1800 - 1930
Wednesday	17.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Performance to Parents 1800 - 1930
Thursday	18.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Party and BBQ
Monday	22.07.19	INSET Day 4
Tuesday	23.07.19	INSET Day 5
Wednesday	04.09.19	INSET Day 1
Thursday	05.09.19	School Starts 0845
Week beg.	09.09.19	Yr 6 Residential to Osmington Bay
Monday	04.11.19	INSET Day 2
Thursday	07.05.20	INSET DAY 3 - Polling Day - School Closed
Monday	01.06.20	INSET Day 4
Friday	26.06.20	INSET Day 5