



Maths Week England

What a successful Maths Week we had last week! To round off a fabulous week of learning, we found out at 7pm on Friday evening that Saxon had won the Times Tables Rockstars battle against Walton Oak with a fantastic points total of 403, 288 compared to Walton Oak's 359, 793! The top three players in each class from Years 2-6 were:

2DM - Oscar, Lewis, Varesh; 2P - Noah, Cody, Edward; 3P - Blake, Joe, Diyan; 3W - Aiden, Sam, Oliver; 4B - Bobby, Sam, Dean; 4L - Leon, Zachary, Jacob; 5C - Alfie, Jessica D, Lucy; 5N - Lachlan, Ronan, Thomas; 6D - Nathan, Max, William; 6R - Jeelan, Charlotte, George Wh and they will have received a certificate this week. 4B were the overall winners with a huge total of 152, 630 points! Well done 4B and congratulations to all of the children who took part from both schools. Our next battle is against Riverbridge in March, a tough task against a 3-form entry school but we know Saxon children will be up for the challenge!



Parents Equality Survey

As parents know, we are currently looking at ways the school celebrates diversity and includes opportunities in our curriculum to learn about different cultures, particularly those represented in our school community. Please could one parent or carer per household complete the following survey, which is seeking views about how diverse (reflective of different unique people) our learning offer is? <https://forms.gle/MgngodyCR3wLiq1cA>

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a phone call with their teacher in the coming two weeks. If you missed yesterday's deadline, the office will be in touch to book you a slot. Everything is a little different this year, but the messages your child's teacher will share are important ones to hear; particularly as we know parents are missing the daily contact to check in with the teacher.

To support the conversations, your child will bring home the assessment information that is usually handed to parents in the meeting. This will come home in a sealed envelope as it is only parents who need to see it. Your child's teacher will talk you through what everything means in your phone consultation. Attendance information will also be shared as we are legally obliged to share attendance information with parents. Whilst we aren't recognising attendance achievements and are understanding of the reasons why children's attendance might be lower than it usually would, it is still valuable information for parents to be aware of. Again, this is not information the children need to know.

We are also mindful that parents enjoy seeing their child's books during Parent-Teacher Consultations and whilst we can't share learning in the same way at the moment, we are thinking of ways which we can give parents this opportunity in the future.

Christmas Cards

Traditionally throughout December, children have been able to write Christmas cards for their friends and teachers and distribute them in school. In order to do this safely this year, children will have one day on which to bring their cards in and they will be handed out later in the week once they have been 'quarantined'. Teachers will prepare a post box for children to post their cards into on Monday 7th December. On Friday 11th December, teachers will hand out the cards to the children in their class.



Children's Books

One of our parents, Miss McAree, parent of Ava in 4B, has co-written two children's books: 'I Have the Power to Enjoy School!' which is a fantastic book to share with children who might be finding things a little tricky in school, and 'The Christmas We Spent Apart' which focuses on the challenges of Covid-19 and spending Christmas with family. Both are lovely books which children and parents might like to enjoy together at home. Here are the links to purchase a copy if you're interested: https://www.amazon.co.uk/HAVE-POWER-ENJOY-SCHOOL-affirmations/dp/B08KTGKWLN/ref=mp_s_a_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=i+have+the+power&qid=1603390458&prefix=I+have+th+e+pow&sr=8-2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08NR5Q6NN/ref=mp_s_a_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=Toni+McAree&qid=1605683515&sr=8-4

Congratulations to Miss McAree on her success as a children's author!

Home School Link Work Virtual Parent Sessions

This first parent session yesterday was a huge success and the feedback from parents who attended the 'Managing our Digital World' Google Meet was very positive. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed their ideas and experiences. Next week's session will be a really interesting one on Emotional Attachment. Don't forget they are free to attend and parents can join anonymously if they wish.

Our Home School Link Workers have been looking at ways to support our parent community during this challenging time and we would like to introduce our Virtual Parent Sessions.

Each week, one of our schools will take a turn to discuss a topic using Google Meet. We would love you to join us and this support is open to everyone from any of our schools. You can choose to join the week you are interested in, or all 5 of them.

*Please follow this Google Meet link to access one or all of the sessions:
meet.google.com/jtk-nxsg-nhn*

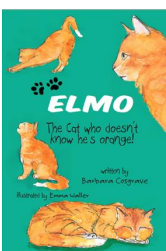
We will be on-line every Thursday from 11am until 11.30am.

Thursday 26th November - Emotional attachment

Thursday 3rd December - Discuss challenging behaviour and looking at routines

Thursday 10th December - Encouraging healthy choices in school

*We look forward to seeing you — Shelly Lumb, Emma Sutton,
Lyn Lenton-Clark, Jane Hughes, Kate Hobley and Nikki Edwards.*



Competition Opportunity!

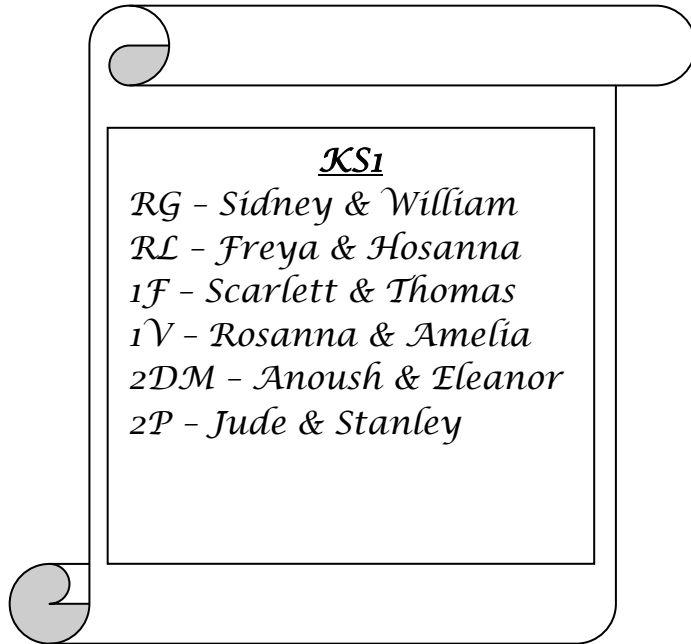
This week, we've been contacted by a local author who has written a story all about a cat named Elmo. The story has a lovely message about how we are all unique and special in our own way and should be kind to each other. The author, Barbara Cosgrave, is looking for local children to come up with the name for the cat which will be featured in her next story. All the details are below for anyone who'd like to take part.

Attachments

Christmas Lunch menus

Golden Learning Celebration

This week, the children showing exceptional learning are:



Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Jasmine (RG); Lilah-Mae (RL); Mischa, Katie, Hayden & Jordan (1F); Poppy & Esme (1V); Olivia, Finley, River & Arthur (2DM); Etta & Heidi (2P); Haiba (3P); Sam (3W); Harrison (4L); Daisey & Lily-Mae (5C); Halszka (6D) and Thomas & Ayla (6R) very well done!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris
Headteachers

Competition Time!

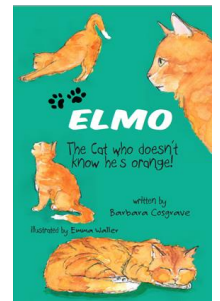
See your name in the next Elmo the cat book.

“ELMO THE CAT WHO DOESN'T KNOW HE'S ORANGE!”

The first in a series of books created by author Barbara Cosgrave.

Based on the story of a real rescue cat who has found worldwide fame!

In a fun and adventurous tale, Elmo is rescued by the RSPCA, is adopted and finds a new loving home and a new cat friend. He learns a lot from Silky cat about people but the most important lesson is that being different is a very good thing to be. We are all unique and special in our own way and should be kind to each other.



Hi, my name is ELMO and I am a very lucky orange cat! If you want to know why read my book and all about my adventures!

I NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

I want a special little person to help me find a name one for one of the cats for my next story.

All you have to do, is tell me about an imaginary cat, or a real one, maybe your own cat.

Tell me its name, colour of its fur, the funny things it does and where it likes to sleep!

How to Enter

If you would like to enter please ask your grown up to send an email to meow@elmothecat.co.uk and include the following details;

child's name, child's age, grown up contact number and your cat story.

Purchase your copy of Elmo!

Reading all about my story will help you create your own cat story for a winning entry in the competition!

To order in time for Christmas delivery click here <https://www.elmothecat.co.uk/Store/>
Last date for delivery in the UK is the 10th December.

**ALL COMPETITION ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020**

Prize for the winner

If your Cat is picked as the winner, it will be featured in the next book and your name will appear in the book. Plus you will win a signed copy of the book once it is published.