

Elm Green Newsletter



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Autumn Term Issue 2

Congratulations

I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Smart on the birth of their second child. Baby Milo was born on 4th September and all is well with Mrs Smart and her new baby boy! Mrs Smart hopes to be back leading the 'Performing Arts Department' at Elm Green next summer.

Advance Notice—Whole School Photo

The whole school panoramic photo will be taken (weather permitting) on **Wednesday 11th October** on the Sportsfield. We ask that all children are in smart winter uniform with the girls in red tights for this photo. Many thanks for your help and support with this.

Kindergarten Curriculum Meeting —Advance Notice

Thank you to our new KG parents for coming along to meet all the staff who work with their children and to hear about the work that their children will be doing this year. A second KG Curriculum Meeting will be held at 8.45am on the morning of **15th January 2018** in the School Library.

Good Luck –Year 6

Many of our Y6 students will be sitting the Essex 11plus exam tomorrow. I am sure that everyone will join me in wishing them good luck and success on the day; they have all been working very hard!

Polite Reminder

Please remember that children should be collected from afternoon lines at the Pavilion (unless their homes are in very close proximity to the school and children are met outside school by agreement with the school office). For safeguarding reasons our teachers are not otherwise allowed to release children before they reach the Pavilion. Children are not allowed to play behind the Cricket Pavilion, on the Sportsfield equipment or in the woodland behind the Pavilion before or after school. We would like to remind all parents to leave the car park promptly each morning/afternoon to release parking space for others.

School Diary

Mon	25th	Sept	Y6 to Danbury Outdoors
Tues	26th	Sept	8.45 Y1 Curriculum Meeting—Library
Wed	27th	Sept	8.30 Secondhand Uniform Shop is open Y6 Return from Danbury pm Y5/6 Growth Mindset Workshops—all day
Thu	28th	Sept	NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2.00 Mini Tournament at New Hall (U9) NO MALDON HOCKEY CLUB
Fri	29th	Sept	EGPA MacMillan Coffee Morning—Pavilion 8.45 MacMillan Coffee Morning/Memorial Hall Y5/6 Girls Hockey at Chelmer Park Y1/2 Film Night
Tues	3rd	Oct	5E Assembly
Wed	4th	Oct	Interhouse Football/Netball NO FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUBS
Thu	5th	Oct	Flu Immunisation Day Y5/6 Cross Country—Melbourne Park

Senior School Open Days Colchester High School

Sat 7th Oct 10.00—1.00pm
Tues 17th Oct 9.30—12.00noon
Thur 19th Oct 9.30—12.00noon
Contact 01206 217116

St Mary's School for Girls

Thurs 5th Oct 10.30—12.00noon
Sat 7th Oct 10.00—12.00noon
Contact 01206 216420

Royal Hospital School

Sat 7th Oct 9.00—1.00pm
Sat 11th Nov 9.00—1.00pm
Contact 01473 326136

The Sandon School

Thur 5th Oct 6.00—9.00pm
Tours on 26th, 28th Sept and 3rd, 10th, 11th, 19th and 20th Oct. All tours start at 9.30 and last approx. 30minutes. All tours must be booked.
Contact 01245 478554

Year 6 Charities—Beta Charitable Trust

Each year our Y6 students research a range of charities. They then prepare and deliver presentations to other students who vote on those charities. The charities which gain the most votes are then adopted by Year 6 who raise funds for them throughout the year. Last year the chosen Y6 charities were the Beta Charitable Trust, Save the Rhinos and Sense International and a total of £3,127 was raised. Zain-Muhammed Valji travelled to India to see the opening of the first new school to be opened by the Beta Charitable Trust. Excerpts from his report follow-



"After a splendid flight from Heathrow and a restful night in Mumbai, I joined the 5 strong team of Beta Charitable Trust along with 3 new aspiring volunteers from New York, Canada and Dubai and some intrepid Elm Green Bears. We departed from Mumbai the next day at 7am. The scenic yet perilous car journey (crazy drivers, cows crossing the road aimlessly, potholes and heatstroke to mention only 4 of the perils!) lasted a bumpy 4 hours. The natural beauty of Pune was interrupted by houses that were like shacks, streets full of shanty towns and buildings that needed to be demolished. Rubble was everywhere and we passed children sitting by the roadside in huddles. It was excruciatingly hot for an Essex boy, with temperatures reaching 36 degrees!

When we finally arrived, we were given a hero's welcome. The townspeople were overjoyed at the beautiful new school building that had been so carefully built. I was impressed at the clean, simple classrooms with basic whiteboards and indoor toilet blocks! The standard of the building was sensational. An Elm Green Bear and I were given the honour of officially cutting the ribbon and opening the school. Elm Green Bear was the first student to sit in a kindergarten classroom! We were also given the honour of presenting the children with awards as it was their first ever prize giving day.

The 2nd phase is to build a garden and playground for the school but for now, the children and teachers have a purpose built school that will serve their educational needs right up to high school level and the orphanage next door is going to enroll its first batch of students to the school! Hoorah! The next 5 days were spent travelling long distances visiting existing schools that the charity has either built or part funded; these either needed refurbishing or new classrooms built. It was very interesting to compare the schooling style in India and England. We visited Junnar, Karimpoor, Alipoor, Metha and finally ended our journey in Calcutta!

Elm Green bears are now residents of schools in India! BCT hopes that their next project will be to provide purpose built housing and after school facilities for widows and single mothers and their families in the slums of Calcutta. Maybe Elm Green Bears will also be there."

Can Anyone Help Please?

Mrs Cooper lost her precious necklace on Wednesday 20th Sept at school or on the field. It has a white gold chain with a delicate row of diamonds. Any news to Mrs Cooper please. Thank you!



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