

Elm Green Newsletter



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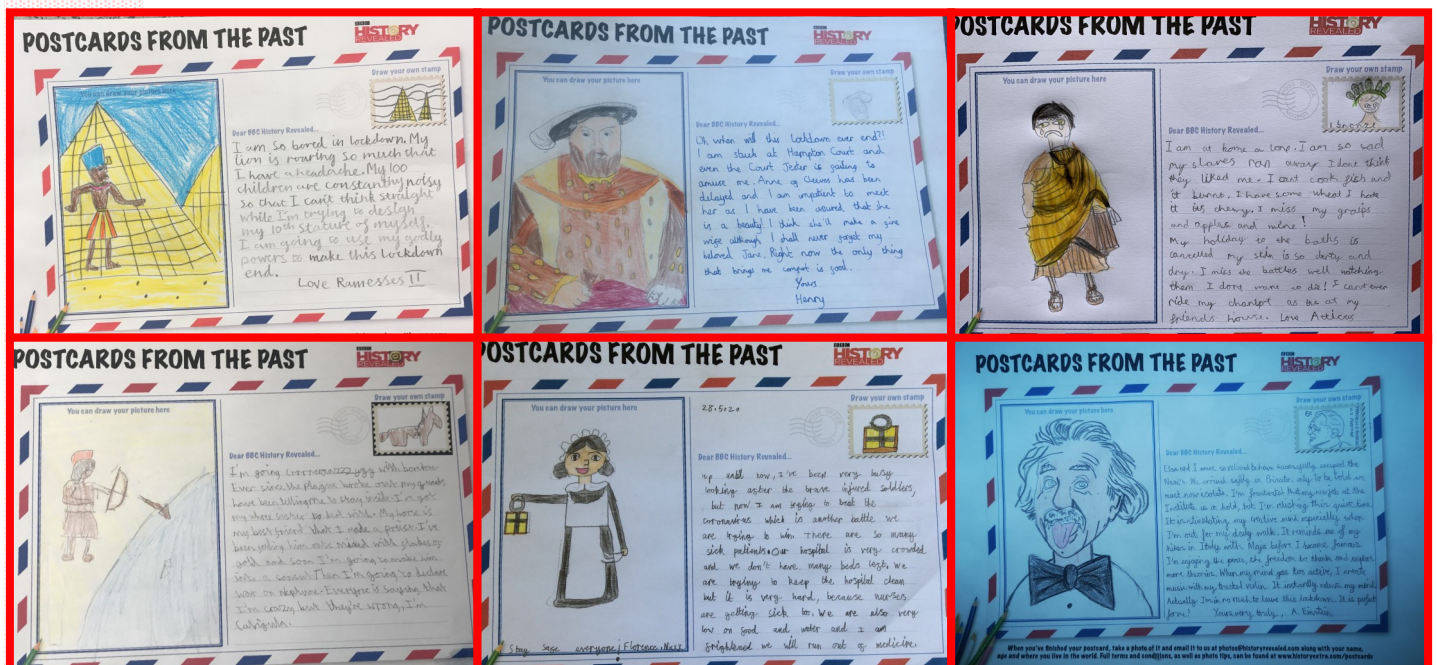


Phased Re-opening of Elm Green School—June 2nd 2020

Following government guidance, Elm Green opened on 2nd June to 56 children in KGC, Y1 and Y6 joining our group of Keyworkers' children. The distanced chairs and tables give a very Victorian look to the class rooms; we also have several outdoor covered areas on the tennis court, the class patios and around the pool, in use for outdoor lessons or lunch areas. The playground is zoned as we strive to separate our class 'bubbles.' Constant handwashing and lots of smiles are also in daily evidence!

Postcards from the Past - In Lockdown

A large number of our children participated in this history project and school competition. Mrs Wood has sent a few examples below but see the website for a huge amount of amazing work from Elm Green <https://www.historyextra.com/period/modern/postcards-from-the-past-lockdown-competition-entries/>





Some Wonderful Art Work

Aimee in 2T, pictured above, dedicated her history mosaic work to Elm Green no doubt taking great care and attention to what is a detailed art form needing great patience. Jack L in KGC is taking part in 'The Wildlife Trust 30 Days Wild Challenge' and dedicated his 'Making Art out of Nature Project' to his teachers at school and sent us a photo of his beautiful rainbow. Thank you to Aimee and Jack!

The Sound Of The Animals

The buzzing of bees
 Is a sound that does please.
 The hoot of an owl
 Will make a fox growl.
 The hiss of a snake
 Makes sure life around is awake.
 The roar of a bear
 Does give it some flare.
 The bark of a dog
 Can be heard amongst a fog.
 The song of a whale
 Tells a whole tale
 The tweet of a bird
 Is as sweet as lemon curd.
 These are the sounds that keep the world
 alive.
 Without them nature could not survive.

Bessie in 5E wrote this poem as part of a recent English assignment. On TEAMS. Well done Bessie!

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is moving online this year. The length of time the scheme runs for has also been extended and it launched last Friday. Children can take part by going to <http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/> and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent with more details here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers> Although children must have an account to take part in the actual challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website and their [Facebook page](#) for everyone to explore. Children will set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from the Essex Libraries online library service or (once libraries have re-opened) using books borrowed from our libraries. Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos. Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. Children also receive a downloadable certificate once they have completed their individual challenge!

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