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PUPILS OF THE WEEK

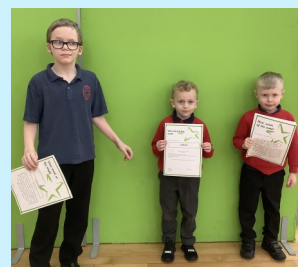


HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



Alfie D —Well Done!

WOW WORK OF THE WEEK



Attendance Winners



Last Week's Attendance Winners

Whole School — 86.5%

There were no class winners last week.

House Points Winners - **MEXBOROUGH** = 163 Points

Well done!



Diamond Reading Award



Congratulations to Abigail, one of our most avid readers, on achieving her Diamond Millionaire's Reading Award! She has read a whopping **5 million** words since we began our challenge in September 2021. Keep it up!!

Celebration Assembly / Coffee Morning

Welcome back to everyone, it is so lovely to see all of our families back in school again. We hope that you had a great break and are now ready for a new term of learning!

We are pleased to say that we are inviting parents/carers to our Friday Celebration Assemblies again starting this Friday 13th January. These start prompt at 9am, so please arrive in good time, as we do need to keep to our schedule. The doors will be closed at 9am and unfortunately we cannot accept latecomers.

This will be followed by our world famous Coffee mornings, at 9.30am, with Mrs Hoyle. Come and catch up with friends, old and new. We look forward to seeing you there!



Healthy Holidays

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children went along to Healthy Holidays in December. This is an activity-based day which is run by the police, which a lot of Elland School children have attended - this is what PC Chris Madden had to say about them:

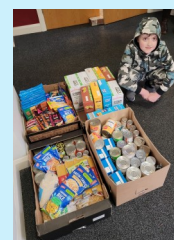
"Can I say that the group you sent were brilliant, the best-behaved group we have ever worked with for any programme that we have run. They were a pleasure to work with."

Congratulations to everyone for representing our school so well! It sounds like you had a great time too!

Superstar Donations

We are incredibly proud of Alfie.

You may remember, back in 2021 that Alfie collected food each week during his family's shop to donate to those less fortunate than himself at Christmas. AGAIN, in 2022, Alfie continued to collect and even used some of his saved pocket money to buy food items. This Christmas, Alfie donated his collection to Elland Food Bank and went along during the holidays to drop it all off. What a collection it was! It may not surprise you to know that Alfie has already started this year's collection. Well done Alfie.



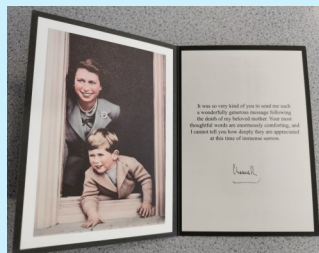
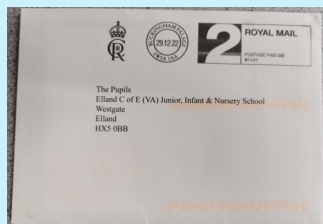
Church Links

This week in Collective Worship Father Philip spoke to the children about Wisdom.



King Charles

Back in September, Year 3 sent their condolences to the King following the death of the Queen. The children expressed how sorry they were at her passing and offered Charles advice in his new role as the King. Knowing how busy the King is, we weren't sure whether or not we would get a response however, last week we received a very special letter that had the Buckingham Palace stamp on the front. The children were thrilled to receive a letter back from King Charles and they can't quite believe that the King has responded to their letters. The letter will be framed in the coming days and proudly displayed in school.



Beginner Wind Band

Blown Away Beginner Band

Group tuition and group playing on brass and woodwind instruments with skilled and experienced teachers!

For 7 - 11 year olds. No experience necessary.

Saturdays 11am - 12pm at Calderdale Music, Blackwell, Halifax, HX1 2DL.

First 3 for free! Next 3 £1 each. Then £3 per session.

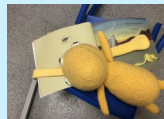
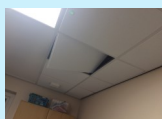
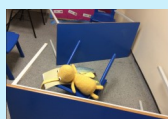
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Calderdale Music are starting an absolute beginner wind band at Calderdale Music on Saturday mornings for 7 – 11 year olds. It's called Blown Away Beginners and it's open to anyone who wants to learn to play recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet and other wind instruments.

The first session is on Saturday 14th January.

Year 1 Visitor

Year 1 were shocked (and excited!) to find that a creature had crashed through the ceiling and landed in our playdough area!!! We have since found out that our new friend is called Beegu, but we still have lots of things we want to know...Is Beegu a boy or a girl? What happened? Where are Beegu's parents? We look forward to finding out more about Beegu over the next few weeks during our English lessons.



VISION 2024 CALDERDALE RENAISSANCE

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

What it's like to live in Calderdale?

Tell us before 31st January and be in with a chance to win local prizes!

Other Events

FREE Parenting Clinics

with Aniso Lewis Positive Parenting

January 10th @ 10am & 8pm

February 23rd @ 10am & 8pm

March 23rd @ 10am & 8pm

Topics: Anxiety, Play, Parenting, etc.

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Events for children and families.

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HEALTH NEWS

Dummy's and Speech and Language

Many parents use a dummy to help soothe their child. This is understandable as most babies have a strong sucking reflex and often a dummy can help settle a child. Dummies can be an invaluable support to parents and babies in the early months of development.

However, did you know that prolonged use of a dummy can cause potential risks to the development of speech and language?

Causes of a dummy have an impact on:

- The development of feeding, an important early stage in learning to talk.
- Development of the full range of tongue movements, important for sounds like 'd' and 't'.
- Tongue position and pattern of tongue movements making speech sounds unclear, important for sounds like 's' and 'z'.
- Gaps between the upper and lower front teeth which may lead to a gap making sounds like 's' and 'z' difficult.
- Reduced desire to communicate - with a dummy in the mouth, some young children may become less likely to seek out talking activities.
- Increased choking - some children may find it difficult to get food in close because of the dummy getting in the way.

How can you help your child?

- If your child is still using a dummy, always remove it if they are trying to talk.
- Only use for a few minutes to help settle your child.
- Remember that crying is a communication. Try and work out what your child wants first rather than using the dummy straight away.
- Try and limit dummy use to days of nap time.
- Getting rid of a dummy is not easy however, it can be more difficult for some children as they get older. You can read more for stress for both of you.
- Choose the right time for your child to give up their dummy - not when you are under pressure.
- Make a plan to leave - choose when the dummy goes away, at a time when you have support, most babies and toddlers will not let go for more than two or three days.
- Once you have decided to give the dummy up, don't be tempted to give it back, and make sure there are no teatime left.

HEALTH NEWS

Screen Time and Speech and Language

Did you know that most screen time can have an impact on your child's speech and language development? Screen time can be a double-edged sword. It can be a source of entertainment and learning, but it can also be a barrier to communication. Children who spend too much time on screens may have difficulty with speech and language development.

What is Screen Time?

Screen time refers to the time that your child spends looking at anything with a screen, including a television, smart phone, tablet, computer, game console or even the DVD player in the car.

Using technology properly for children for the future - so what's the problem? Children will get the best use of technology if they have strong fundamental skills in communication. This means that children who spend too much time on screens may have difficulty with speech and language development. This is because they are not getting the practice they need to develop these skills. Children who spend too much time on screens may also have difficulty with social skills. This is because they are not getting the practice they need to develop these skills. Children who spend too much time on screens may also have difficulty with problem-solving skills. This is because they are not getting the practice they need to develop these skills.

What are the signs of screen time?

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- Children who spend too much time on screens may have difficulty with speech and language development.
- Children who spend too much time on screens may also have difficulty with social skills.
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Health Update

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your child at home and contact school to advise us of any absence.

NHS latest advice:

If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. This starts from the day after they did the test. Children and young people tend to be infectious to others for less time than adults. **If they're well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, they can return to school.**

For further advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Upcoming Events

Every Friday Afternoon
Every Thursday Morning
Friday 10th February
Monday 20th February

Year 5 swimming
Adult Learning —Get ready to learn Maths
Half Term School closes at the end of the day.
School reopens

