



# ELMWOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022 – NO. 183

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ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT ELMWOOD SCHOOL,  
WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

## FOOTBALL REPORT



Elmwood lined up for their second league game of the season against Millgate. Millgate are currently top of the league with a number of wins already under their belt so Elmwood pupils knew it was going to be a tough game. Upon arrival of the away team it was clear to see our younger pupils in year 7 were going to have to dig deep as the away team was full of year 11 pupils who towered above Elmwood. Nevertheless, Elmwood never shy away from a challenge and the team were ready to go to war.

As the game kicked off Elmwood settled into their groove early on and played some great football that saw us have a few quick chances by Cameron Willetts and Re'Shae Pearman but unfortunately were unable to find the back of the net. Millgate however were able to find the net shortly after with a phenomenal strike from their centre forward that was fired into the top corner. Elmwood re-grouped and kept a solid formation throughout the first half that Millgate found difficult to break down. Both teams battled it out in the middle of the park and there were few chances for either team. That was until late in to the second half where Elmwood surged forward to try and steal a goal and level the score before half time. Riley Higgs found a fantastic pass through to Malachi Grainger who shot but it was saved by the goalkeeper. Millgate seized the opportunity to go on the counter attack. With a quick pass out from the goal keeper and, a flurry of passes in their defence, they were 3 on 2 with Elmwood's defence and managed to squeeze the ball past the goalkeeper and take the score to 2-0.

A quick team talk at half time celebrating all the success of the first half and, not looking at any negatives, filled the boys with confidence as they walked back out on the pitch for the second half. Again another solid 15 minutes for Elmwood as they settled into the half and managed to stop any chances from Millgate and shut the play down in the middle of the pitch. With some fantastic additions from the new year 7's such as George Hancox, Riley Cabrera, Junior Stansbie, Charlie Smyth, Rocco Ratcliffe and Malachi Grainger, we were able to create some exquisite passages of play but just could not find the back of the net due to the physicality and strength of the opposition. As the second half closed out the opposition stayed strong and managed to find 2 goals late on as Elmwood's fitness levels held them back from competing till the final whistle.

The game finished 4-0 to Millgate but once again Elmwood should hold their heads high for a top class performance throughout the team. Everyone played their part and gained valuable experience that we aim to take into our next fixture in the new year.

Report by Mr Bullock, PE Teacher

## PSHE FUNDRAISER

I would like to say a huge thank you to the 7B class and staff. They have undertaken a charity challenge as part of their PSHE curriculum. The task was to choose a charity and see how much they could raise from an initial £10 pot. They chose to do a chocolate hamper and, a guess the number of sweets in the jar, in aid of a Women's Refuge. They chose this charity after talking about many local charities and wanted the children to have a little better Christmas. I would like to say a massive hats off to you all, we raised £81.20 for the charity, and I am under no illusion that they will be over the moon with our efforts.

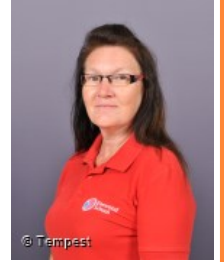
Very well done guys. Report by Mr Wood, PSHE Teacher

## TRAINING DAY REMINDER

A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON  
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023 AS IT IS A STAFF TRAINING DAY AND RETURN ON WEDNESDAY  
4TH JANUARY 2023.

## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

This month our featured member of staff under the spotlight is Shelli George, Teaching Assistant.



**How long have you worked at Elmwood?**

Since July 2019.

**What do you love about your job?**

Everyday is different. We make a difference, I love helping others.

**What films have you watched recently?**

Halloween End, Home Alone and Jack Frost.

**Favourite Holiday?**

Camping when my children were little.

**Tell us something that people would be surprised to hear?**

I used to be in my school's cross country team and was a cheerleader for The Walsall Titans American football team at Alumwell school when I was at school .

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The ambassadors met on 8th November with Bev Bailey and Jo Hughes Family Welfare Officers when previous actions on study leave, school uniform and dinner trolleys were reviewed. The agenda for this meeting included Ofsted, Xmas Fayre, the girls toilet facilities, school lunches, racist incidents, attendance, Remembrance Day and art, so a very busy meeting. As always the ambassadors conducted themselves brilliantly . This was the first time Tiger Lilly Allen, Levi Nevi, Rocco Raccliffe and Logan Clews were involved. A copy of the minutes are available on the School Ambassadors' page of the school website.

### REDUCING PARENTAL CONFLICT

Staff have recently received training specifically around reducing parental conflict. Everyone will have disagreements from time to time however if these disagreements are frequent, intense and poorly resolved, it can impact on children. If you would like some advice on reducing parental conflict, please contact Beverley Bailey and Jo Hughes who will support you and your family. Children can learn from disagreements that are resolved and supports them through to adulthood. Reducing Parental Conflict also aligns to the conflict resolution work which Mr Hawkes, Assistant Head, has embedded.

I look forward to hearing from you. Report by Bev Bailey, Family Welfare Officer

### SUPPORT FOR OASIS ACADEMY

Over the weekend of 10/11th December, Oasis Academy Foundry in Winson Green, Birmingham, were broken into and, as well as having the lead taken off their school roof, the thieves stole all of the food bank items that they have to support parents/carers .

Tracy Jackson's sister, Mandy, works at the school and as soon as Tracy shared this information with Elmwood staff, offers of help to replace the stolen food began.



An initial parcel was organised which was passed on to Mandy on Tuesday 13th. Asima Ravat, Principal at Oasis Academy, was very appreciative of Elmwood's support and more parcels will follow.

### STAFFING NEWS



Mr Cross successfully completed his Movember challenge and helped to raise £116.60 for a mental health charity (£58.80 was raised by Elmwood which was matched by the local village residents where Mr Cross lives). A video taken at the start of the challenge is available to see on the main news page of the school website. Well done Mr Cross you can return to normal now.

We are sorry to share that Bev Bailey, Family Welfare Officer, will be absent from work for some time following injuries she has incurred in a traffic accident. Bev is obviously in some discomfort and pain as a result of this and we know that she will be aiming to be at work as soon as possible. We send our best wishes to Bev for a speedy recovery.

## CHRISTMAS GOODIES



A big thank you to Sara Beamand, Alfie's nan in Year 7, who dropped off at school a car full of hampers that she had put together for our Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December. These included food hampers as well as toiletries and sweet ones, all of which were beautifully presented. A very big thank you to Sara for



her generosity and support which was gratefully appreciated and helped so much with our fundraising. The lucky winners were John Southall (Yr 8), Logan Gosling (Yr 9), Grant Hunt (staff), Libby Leach x 2 (Yr 11), Lianne, School Nursing Service, Shelli George (staff), Adam Knibb (Yr 10) and Harlow Jones (Yr 7).

## LITTLE TUMMIES



Once again, Lucy Dennis, from Help to Make Tummies Full, has supported the school by providing 20 pupils with Christmas gifts. These were collected on Wednesday 7th December and the lucky recipients of the gift bags will be thrilled with the contents. A massive thank you to Lucy for her support and making a difference to so many young people's lives.

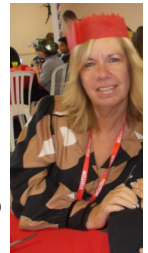
## SELECTION BOXES

All pupils received a Christmas gift of a selection box after our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 13th December. These are provided thanks to our school fund account which is private funds and is used solely for the benefit of the pupils. A big thank you to Ms Shaw, Food Technology teacher, for collecting these and to Stan Canham, husband of Dawn in the office, who did all the wrapping (all 76 of them).

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Our annual whole school Christmas meal took place on Tuesday 13th December. Once again Lynne the cook did the school proud producing not only a delicious traditional turkey dinner but a home made vegetable lasagne as well. Pupils were a credit to the school and everyone looked very festive in their Christmas tops. A big thank you to Hilary Shaw, Food Technology Teacher, who helped with the serving of the meal.



We also had an extra special guest join us for the occasion with Ms Lloyd, former Assistant Headteacher at the school, who was visiting from her home in Spain. She certainly needed thermals on with the chilly weather.



A separate dining area was available for pupils who preferred a quieter atmosphere overseen by Mr Cross, Headteacher.

At the end of the meal Lynne the cook was presented with a flower arrangement by Alfie in Year 7 as a thank you gesture for all her hard work.



Finally the autumn term reading raffle draw took place with two lucky pupils winning a £10 Amazon voucher. The winners were Caitlin in Year 7 and Ellis in Year 9. In total there were 74 tickets in the draw, so a lot of reading has been taking place this term. Very well done to Caitlin and Ellis and commiserations to all other pupils and better luck next time.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 9th December 2022 which was a great success and helped to raise nearly £500. A big thank you to the following Companies who kindly donated raffle prizes/ gifts and to Jo Hughes, Family Welfare Assistant, main organiser of the event.

Cert Solutions  
Jump Xtreme  
SEN Central  
Grand Theatre  
A F Blakemore (Spar)  
Nat West Bank  
Morrisons, Willenhall Branch  
Farmfoods



Thank you also to Harry-Lee's mom and aunty who came along and ran a cake stall, which was very much appreciated. The amount of cakes made was amazing and were beautifully decorated.



Also on sale were a variety of craft items made by pupils with Shelli George, teaching assistant, which proved very popular, as were the Christmas games that had been produced by Mr Francis in DT and Ms Askins, Art Teacher.



A big thank you also to Ms Askin's mom who made a brilliant snowman fruit cake for the guess the weight of the cake competition which was won by George Hancox in Year 7 who correctly guessed 2.29 kgs.

The silent auction for the two cuddly toys was won by Daniel Coney in Year 7 who bid £6 and is now giving them a good home.

The raffle draw took place on Monday 12th December with the lucky winners being:

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| Kindle Fire                 | Ben - Alfie Perry (c/o pupil)                  |
| £100 Argos voucher          | Riley Cabrera (pupil)                          |
| 2 passes for Jump Xtreme    | Lynn Hughes (c/o staff)                        |
| Bottle of vintage Champagne | Deb Causer (staff)                             |
| 1 litre Bells Whiskey       | Laura Askins (staff)                           |
| Captain Morgan Spiced Rum   | Lynn Hughes (c/o staff)                        |
| Bottle of Gordons Pink Gin  | Paul Gosling (c/o pupil)                       |
| Red Christmas Hamper        | Ed – Lynn Maritza (c/o staff)                  |
| Silver Christmas Hamper     | Lisa Jones – Caitlin Walker (c/o pupil)        |
| Bottle of Prosecco          | Deb – John Southall (c/o pupil)                |
| Boots electric curl brush   | Sharon Roberts – Rebecca Spendlove (c/o pupil) |
| P26 wireless headphones     | Shelli George (staff)                          |
| Set of Sony headphones      | Paul Gosling (c/o pupil)                       |
| Laura Ashley gift set       | Riley Cabrera (c/o pupil)                      |
| L'Oreal Revitalift face duo | Shelli George (staff)                          |
| Chocolate Hamper            | Shelli George (staff)                          |
| Superdry Body trio set      | Lynn Hughes (c/o staff)                        |
| 8 nail colours collection   | Christina Lowe – R Jay Manby (c/o pupil)       |
| Chocolate Hamper            | Jack Poxon (pupil)                             |
| Aladdin Pantomime tickets   | Cole Owen (pupil)                              |