



Welcome back to another new term! What a wonderful Term 1 we had, with an array of things to celebrate. We welcomed a number of new students and staff to Elmley Dray and were over the moon with our first published Ofsted report.

This can be viewed here if you've not yet read the outcome: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/27/119005>

We featured on BBC news, with live coverage on the radio celebrating this success, and were also announced, alongside our Headteacher, Emily Hollis MBE, as finalists in the GESS Dubai Education Awards in the Positive Change in Education category! We were also visited last term by William Alberry from The Society of Kent Golf Captains Charity Fund, as they had heard such positive news about us. The Society have kindly decided they would like to make a

Dates for the diary

Monday 27th October - Start of Term
Wednesday 5th November - Guy Fawkes Day
Week of 10th November - Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10th November - Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November - Into Film Festival: Snow White
Friday 14th November - Children in Need
Monday 17th - Friday 21st November - Road Safety Week
Thursday 20th November - Universal Children's Day
Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December - Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday 17th December - End of Term (Midday finish)

Please support us in respecting our local community, pupils, school and staff team.

donation to the school and will be visiting again this term with their Captain to present the cheque. Most importantly, our students have settled in incredibly well, are happy and making good progress, with support from our incredible and dedicated team of staff.

We have been lucky enough to work with Inclusive Sport to deliver our P.E lessons to our young people. Inclusive Sport work with children, young people, adults and people in later life, and specialise in working with people with additional needs and disabilities.



Term 2 and curriculum news

Each form has now been allocated a "class captain" who will be their tutor group's spokesperson during termly student voice sessions. Students now also have a "student event planner" which one student has successfully gained the title of, through their hard work and dedication to his application!

Cedar students have begun their alleyway clean up, as part of their community projects lessons. So far they have successfully completed a litter pick of the closest alley to the school as well as written a group letter to the neighbours to ask for any suggestions, to which they have had some positive feedback.



This term we will be asking staff and students who would like to get involved, to put together a shoebox of essentials and gifts, as part of the Shoebox appeal with registered charity "House of Opportunity" (<https://houseofopportunity.org/>). Leaflets will be handed out this week listing the items that are suitable for the shoebox. We also have a number of empty shoeboxes on site for anyone who would like to take one home to decorate and fill. Please ensure any filled shoeboxes you wish to donate to the collection, are in school by **Friday 14th November**.



We are excited to share that we have begun working in collaboration with iProgress, to support the delivery of our CEIAG programme (Careers Education, Information, Advice, and Guidance). They will be providing careers advisors for our young people and offer online personalised sessions for each learner.



Staff Updates

At the end of last term, we welcomed Lucy Little, who is our new SENDCo. Lucy is very experienced and has some wonderful ideas she would like to put in place across the school.



Miss Little

Miss Harry has now started her maternity leave and will be covered by Miss Gillmore during this period. Miss Gillmore has been with us since September so is a very familiar face to our students.

Miss Stanton will be joining us as a 1:1 TA, along with Mr Fantetti, a local resident who is looking to do some volunteering work, support with PE and show students that having a disability shouldn't hold you back.



Miss Stanton



Mr Fantetti

Reminders

- Just a polite reminder that due to allergies, we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure that students do not bring items with nuts into school.
- Thank you for your support in parking with consideration to our neighbours, we ask that you continue to park respectfully and use our driveway if available.

Useful contacts

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Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any questions.

With warm regards,

The Elmley Dray Team