



## Welcome from the Headteacher



It has been a busy spring term with a whole range of exciting activities undertaken. We have had a fun-packed time with an exciting Arts Week celebrating British Values and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, along with two drop down days focusing on Science and Humanities. Our Year 8 students represented Elms Bank at the Shakespeare School's Festival with an amazing performance, as well as the choir singing in Bury Parish Church to a wide audience – it feels so lovely to have those opportunities once more to show case our student's talents.

We have all focused on raising money for Ukraine, when Elms Bank turned Red Nose Day blue and yellow – thank you to everyone who supported us in raising money for this worthy cause and underpinned one of our wellbeing focuses of 'Giving to Others'.

Our student and staffs' wellbeing and development are hugely important to us and we received great news this term that the school has been awarded the Mentally Healthy Schools' Award and Investors in People Award. We have been granted both awards at GOLD level, which is a huge achievement for the school. We are very humbled to celebrate these accolades and we are all very proud of these achievements.

We look forward to seeing you all in the final summer term on 19 April 2022, and I wish you a peaceful and restful holiday period. **Happy Holidays Mrs Langley-Sadler**

## Term Dates 2022

**Friday 1 April** – 2pm finish for Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 19 April** – School re-opens

**Monday 2 May Bank Holiday** – School closed

**Friday 27 May** – School closes at 3.15

**Monday 6 June** – School re-opens

**Thursday 21 July** – School closes at 2pm for Summer Holidays



## Pancake Day In Maple Class

Maple enjoyed a fun math's lesson on Pancake Day for our "Weight and Measure Topic". We followed the recipe to measure out the ingredients to make our mixture.

Then it was 1, 2, 3, flip!

Everyone enjoyed having a turn at flipping the pancake. The best bit was tasting the pancakes at the end of the lesson!



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2022



Students enjoyed British Science Week 2022 and took part in a range of activities themed around growth. Students grew seeds in gloves and have been enjoying checking and watching them grow. Students in Key Stage 4 Inspire took part in a workshop modeling chain reactions.



## UKRAINE FUNDRAISER

We collectively raised £258! to help support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Students and staff wore blue and yellow in support.



## Student with Green Fingers!

Hi I am Jade.  
I am a College student from Elms Bank College.

What I started doing – I have been working on my gardening skills for Mother's Day.

First, I started with rocks in the bottom of the pots, to help it drain well and then I put the flowers in the right place, covered them with soil covering the roots.



Upcycling Project – the pots are upcycled tins from the kitchen so they were free. Then we painted them so they would look pretty and put the plants in them.

What I have enjoyed the most – getting messy and creative!



**Free School Meals**



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Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

Free school meals are also available for eligible households with:

- children at local authority maintained nurseries, providing they receive education before and after lunch
- students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank College
- students who receive Income Support or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

**If you think your child may be eligible, please visit [www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**



Well done to the Supported Internship Employee of the Month for February, Kyle!

Kyle has blown us away with his work in Waste Management and has had amazing feedback from his peers and two different Managers!

**Employee of the Month**



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# 'The Queens Platinum Jubilee'

In February we held our annual Arts week, a celebration of Music, Art and Drama across the whole of school. We decided to use the theme of The Queens Platinum Jubilee as a spring board for the Arts, exploring the different royal eras such as the Victorians, Tudors and the modern Royal Family.

A wide range of workshops were delivered by staff, giving the students opportunities to explore new and exciting activities, such as creating Victorian inspired journals and celebration bunting, music planning for a Royal wedding and performances in response to the musical 'Six'. Each class was also asked to design and create a hat fit for a Royal wedding and they didn't disappoint. They were amazing! We concluded our brilliant week with a celebration assembly and a Royal themed Kahoot quiz. Look at our photos to get a flavour of a fantastic week!



ARTS WEEK 2022

## ALFA Spring Community Concert

The Elms Bank Choir descended on Bury Parish Church on Wednesday evening to perform in the Alfa Spring Community Concert. The choir performed True Colours and Cold Heart with great confidence and enthusiasm. They raised the roof with their fantastic singing and spread much happiness and joy across the audience resulting in the biggest round of applause of the evening. The choir were so happy to see lots of our Elms Bank family and friends in the audience – thank you to those of you who supported the event!

This was a wonderful opportunity for our choir to perform alongside our local community and develop their confidence and self-esteem. For a number of pupils, this was their first time performing in the choir and to an audience of this size.

A special mention to Darcy and Christian who gave a fantastic rendition of Valerie on the drums and vocals. They both have so much talent and we are delighted they were able to share this with the people of Bury.

A huge congratulations to all the pupils involved. You are truly inspirational and we are so proud of you.



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## Hamilton Class visit to

## Burrs Country Park



Hamilton class have been out in the community. We went to Burrs Country Park for a nice sunny walk, stretching our legs and exercising our bodies. We saw a tree decorated in Ukraine colours with items that people had made in support of the country which we thought was lovely. We discussed how it is important to talk about these issues and help the less fortunate if we can.

In our Art lessons we have made some positivity quotes to hang on the positivity tree. The students had a good think about some quotes that make them smile and how they can help others smile too. Today we hung them on the tree. It was a lovely sunny day so we had a picnic in the park as well. Enoch and Lewis had a lovely time!



## Old Trafford Mathematics Trip

Y11 really enjoyed their Maths trip to Old Trafford this term.

They studied estimation and actual amounts through the analysis of goals scored. They also enjoyed a fantastic tour around the stadium and spent time learning about Manchester United within the football museum. Student's behavior was excellent; they were an asset to the school.

A great day was had by all and thank you to all of the staff for your support!



## Elms Bank Drama News



Year 8 pupils studied Shakespeare in their curriculum to learn and experience about the great English playwright. As a result of this they also got to experience the well renowned Shakespeare Schools Festival.

Our Year 8's rehearsed and performed the tragedy Romeo and Juliet. During the rehearsal process, they took part in a professional actor workshop. They then experienced a technical rehearsal at the performance venue- The Met Theatre in Bury and performed the same evening.



**Our pupils  
fully engaged  
in their  
professional  
workshop!**

The pupil's behavior and professionalism during their rehearsal and performance was impeccable. After the performance, our appraisal from the Shakespeare Schools Festival Company Director described it as "A moving and beautiful piece of storytelling filled with character".

All pupils were celebrated the day after with 2 x M4 Head Teacher Awards!! Well done Year 8!



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