



Elrick School News

February 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very quick term so far and a very productive one. We continue to work hard to embed our school values and appreciate everyone's support in reinforcing them. **Kind, Respectful** and **Safe** are not only relevant in school but we want our children to view these as important at home, at school and in the wider community.

We recently engaged with the charity 52 Lives to host a 'School of Kindness' Assembly. The children were praised for their involvement, and this has led to us signing the 'Kind School Pledge'. Please take the time to visit the School of Kindness website to find out more.

Kind Regards
Elrick School SLT



Tree Planting

To mark our 40th Anniversary and as part of our planned ECO projects we were delighted to welcome Councillor Ron McKail as the Deputy Provost to Elrick this term. Cllr McKail helped our ECO committee to plant 5 new fruit trees. The children are excited to see how the trees grow and flourish at Elrick School and we are hopeful that their roots take hold, and they develop into strong healthy specimens!



GLEE Club – P6 and P7

We are delighted to have started up our extra-curricular Glee club again. We have entered the Frisson Foundation's annual competition, where the first round will be video submissions of a set song and the second song of our choice.

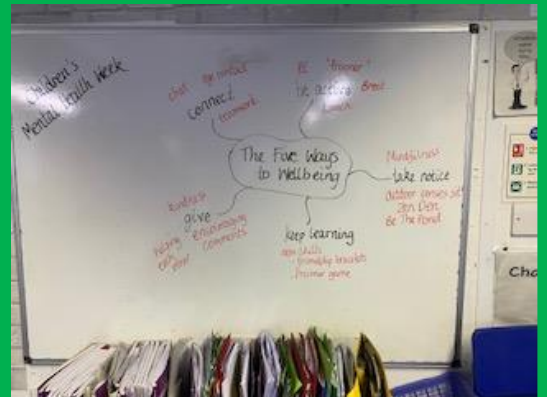
We have 50 very keen singers and dancers, and we are working hard to create a team ethos. The children are learning words and moves very quickly so we look forward to sharing our performances with you soon.

Learning and Engagement – some highlights from this term

Children's Mental Health Week

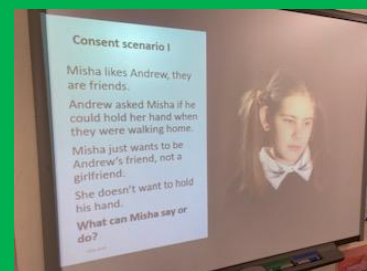
We explored different ways to look after our mental health and support each other. We learned why our bodies and minds feel good through being active and connecting positively with others. We also looked at how hobbies and learning new things improve our mental health.

Here are some pictures of P6 learning to make friendship bracelets, painting together, and taking part in some relaxing reading in their homemade dens.



Exploring Consent

P7 pupils played some games and discussed scenarios around the theme of consent. This was closely linked to our values of kind, respectful and safe; and we talked about how we can respect each other's rights within school and our local community.



The "Cup of Tea" game – learning to read other people's body language and facial expressions.



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Buddies

We continue to enjoy buddy time between classes. Older children thrive on this responsibility and deepen their learning through helping out younger ones. The younger children listen well to their older peers and enjoy sharing their ideas and working alongside them.



Creating characters for story writing.

Parental Engagement

Barcaple

Miss Anderson and P7 staff are very excited about the planned trip to Barcaple in May. Miss Anderson will contact P7 parents directly to share information regarding a virtual information evening.

Annual Reports

Written annual reports will be issued to all children on Friday 18th March.

Parent's night

Parent's nights are scheduled for 22nd, 24th and 30th March. We are planning to introduce a new online Parents Booking System to enable Parents to select a date and time that is convenient. With guidance remaining in place for schools to continue virtually, this will provide a secure platform to discuss your child's progress and next steps and we would encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity.

Parent's Portal

We would highly recommend looking at Parent's Portal within the myAberdeenshire app. Parent's Portal can be set up as a shortcut on your device. This then allows you to access your annual data check, parental permissions for school trips, and as we go cash free it will provide easier access to services such as ipayimpact. If you need any help getting set up with Parent's Portal, please get in touch with Angela Bowman, who will be happy to assist.

Seesaw

At Elrick School, we use Seesaw as a Learning Profile. Through Seesaw, you can engage with your child's learning and communicate directly with your child's teacher. All staff are eager to celebrate successes



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and achievements both in school and out with, and Seesaw provides an ideal platform to do this. If you need any support accessing Seesaw, please get in touch with the School Office.

School website

We are currently trying to update and modify our website to ensure all parents have access to relevant and useful information when they need it. We have created new pages to share information from our Pupil Groups as well as information around Family Learning. We would encourage everyone to have a look at our Elrick welcome video [Elrick Primary](#) which was created to promote our updated Vision Values and Aims.

We have also uploaded our presentation that was delivered to parents in November to share the work being done around 'Promoting Positive relationship and Ant-Bullying'. This can be viewed as a power point using this link - [Positive Relationships and Anti-Bullying with audio.pptx](#).

As part of being a parent at Elrick School we try to provide a range of opportunities for you to find out about your child's learning both as an individual and as part of their class. We can't wait until we can invite our parents to join us face to face for these meeting but at the moment the guidance still does not permit this to happen. We will update you as and when this changes but please don't ever think that we are not here to help. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office (01224 472910) or email the staff member to organise.

Absence Management

We appreciate that absences have been more frequent due to Covid testing and self-isolation and would like to remind everyone of the importance of informing the office of any absences as soon as possible. Please be aware that if children are not accounted for then we must follow Aberdeenshire Council Attendance and Absence procedures which can be found in our school handbook accessed here - [Elrick Primary](#).



Parent Council

Our Parent Council continue to work with us to support school improvement. They are always looking for feedback from the wider parent body and if you have any suggestions or comments for them, then please email parentcouncil@elrick.info

Parental Feedback

We value our partnership with families and the community and we invite you to use the link below to comment on any aspect of school life at the moment or to share a compliment or complaint. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC3udY4o1yftHqPUdLWSmIVFUQUdMQjFVTUNGR1hNWEpiWTVNVkQ2ME9SNS4u
This is an anonymous survey to gather views and opinions, so if you would like a response to your feedback then please use the school phone number 01224 472910 or email us at elrick.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk