

Elgar School of Music

Visit

28th Jan. – Lower School

4th Feb. – Upper School

11th Feb. – Sixth Form

All pupils had the opportunity to try out instruments such as the Plastic Trombone, Keyboard, Saxophone, Guitar and many more. We think most people enjoyed this even though it was a little bit loud! We thank the Elgar School of Music very much for giving our pupils such a great opportunity. We also extend our thanks to Jess for organising this event.



Happy New Year

The school council wish you a Happy New Year for 2019! We still continue to meet every Monday to update the newsletter with new and exciting information about what's going on around the school. We look forward to keeping you updated and sharing our stories with you.



Dodgeball Charity Tournament for the British Heart Foundation

The Lower School and the Upper School had separate dodgeball tournaments to help raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Students were being sponsored in order to raise money for this worthy cause. Not just the students got involved; so did the staff! Overall students raised £345.



KS4 Exams

At the end of January, Ennis Hill and Bannister have participated in a number of exams. Students have been very busy doing their Functional Skills Level 1 Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Bannister completed their Level 2 in Maths. The students worked really hard and we hope they have done well.



Time to Talk 7th February

To spread awareness of Mental Health, the whole school were involved in baking and consuming cookies with a hot drink. Classes had a discussion about subjects that might upset them and shared them. Some form groups took an online quiz testing their knowledge on Mental Health and this inspired conversation. Pupils had the opportunity to make bunting and fortune tellers to promote discussion about Mental Health.



If anyone is interested in finding out more information about organisations that can help, you can visit <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

NSPCC Number Day – 1st February

On the Friday we did a Number Day for the NSPCC. We were raising money for the National Society for Preventing Cruelty to Children. Everyone bought in a pound coin contribution. Lower School, Upper School and Sixth Form participated. The activities were based around Maths. We learned about Egyptian Hieroglyphics, how to count in Chinese, shapes in Chinese and Roman numerals. In our P.E lesson we were given a sheet with riddles on. The answers were sellotaped to the staff. We had to go round the members of staff to collect the answers. Whilst this was going on, pupils joined in with Just Dance and exercises in the hall.



Pizza Hut End of Term Trip

School Council held a democratic vote on what the end of term trip would be. We counted the scores of everyone's CLIMB points and pupils were told in a letter if they had exceeded in their efforts. Pupils had an amazing time chomping down on pizza, guzzling fizzy pop and slurping on ice cream. Well done to everyone who got on the trip!



New Team Member

We are excited to introduce our new Clinical Psychologist Alex to the therapy team. We wish her a warm welcome and hope she enjoys working with us.

We hope she stays for many years!



Master Chefs

Congratulations to our MasterChef's for this term: – Maddie, Jack, Scarlett, Lewis and Connor who won it twice! The dishes that pupils have been making have been Oriental themed such as Egg Fried Rice, Spring Rolls and Chicken Chow Mein.



KS4 Art Trip January 24th

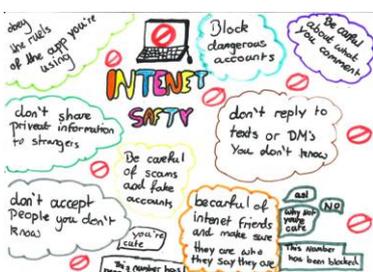
The Ennis Hill group were given the opportunity to visit The New Art Gallery in Walsall. Pupils were given a talk and a tour of recent artworks of Elizabeth McGill in the exhibition 'Headlands'. In their classes they have been exploring mixed media such as screen printing, photography and painting similarly to that of Elizabeth McGill. Pupils were also given a further opportunity to look around the other works of Art on display there.



Safer Internet Day February 5th

On this day all of the school took part in numerous activities for Safer Internet Day. Activities included were a power-point presentation explained how to stay safe using social media, word searches, crosswords and some pupils made posters to promote safety. Some groups debated about what to share and not to share on social media. When the power point presentation was taking place there were some examples of do's and don'ts and how to avoid them.

Here are some examples of posters the pupils created.



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