

Dear Families,

I am pleased to write that we have had a successful return to 'normal' school life this half term after a national lockdown and partial school closure last year. All the children, staff and parents should be commended on how they've followed the social distancing and enhanced cleaning measures. Although the different playground and lunchtime arrangements have not always been easy to follow, the children have made the best of the situation and even invented new games to play. The lunch boxes eaten by some classes have worked well and after half term we will rotate year groups in key stage 2 so that all pupils get a chance to eat in the halls. The menu will be changing to help children eating out of the lunch boxes, there will be more finger foods like burgers and pizzas. Parents have also raised the need for more varied snacks so we will get this sorted too.

The current pandemic means that we all need to rise to different challenges and display our school values of challenge, creativity, care, confidence and character at all times. On Friday 23rd October I took a whole school assembly with all 31 classes at the same time – the first time ever. In the Zoom assisted assembly our headgirl ( Zernab) and headboy (Arhaam) had their official inaugural ceremony in which they were provided with special school blazers and given an opportunity to share how they will serve the school community. I could not have been prouder of them both and grateful we now have remote technology which allows us to be even more connected. In November we will use this technology to hold parents' evening consultations.

Attendance has been improving and is now almost 95% since the start of the school year – our target however is 97%. Nursery and reception continue to have lower attendance rates and parents have been asked to have meetings with the school to address any issues which might be affecting this. Our children have already missed a lot of teaching and learning last year so we need to make sure they attend every day unless they are unwell. As an added incentive, Ayesha Sahebodin our Family support worker, will be updating each class's attendance weekly on the website. The class with the highest attendance will receive a funded pizza party at the end of each term in each key stage.

I'm pleased that our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has started again and will be helping the school to really support disadvantaged families and raise money for local charities. If there any families that require support with school uniform then please contact the school at: [info@elmhurst.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@elmhurst.newham.sch.uk)

School clubs will be resuming after half term, including some sports clubs and literacy sessions. Please look out for club letters which will be targeting teaching bubbles and not operating across year groups. We will continue to bring in authors, Shakespeare performer Anthony Glen and other organisations / individuals to keep our curriculum exciting and appealing.

It has been wonderful seeing our children becoming excited about reading and their learning. Please do take your children to the local library since there are many interesting events happening such as the Half term Mystery Reads bag and activities! All you need to collect one is your library card and go to Beckton Globe Library/ Custom House /Canning Town Library.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and positive half term break.

- Ms Samra

## Debate Mate

Debating clubs have been running successfully since the start of the year. A pilot scheme of Covid-safe clubs has gone well with year six and so clubs will now start for year five students in the new half term. The Friday afternoon classes have also been running smoothly, with the 30 year sixes taking part making good progress. We are still involved with Debate Mate and this partnership has seen great opportunities emerge for our children, with year six pupils getting to interview the pensions minister, the CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, the manager of Liverpool Women's Football Club and taking part in nationally broadcast show debates. Debate Mate's expert mentors will be coming in from after half-term to work with our children, which is always a very exciting period.

## Uniform Pop-Up Shop

As you are aware, Echo 3 have been holding regular pop up shops in the school playgrounds twice a day. This is to increase our uniform range to include coats and other items so that there will be a natural introduction to new Elmhurst branded lines over a course of time. The benefits to parents will be that the school is offering high quality items at affordable prices. There is no compulsion to buy the new garments, but I do think that the new items are cost effective and smarter in appearance. We have noticed many of our children dressing very smartly in their new uniform and would like to thank parents for cooperating with this new change. May we please however remind Parents that there are specific time slots for the pop-up shop, if you wish to buy uniform please arrive and leave promptly in order to keep school grounds safe.

## Flu Vaccination

The **Nasal Flu Immunisation** team will be coming into school on the **11th November 2020** for children from **Reception - Year 6** to receive their flu vaccination. Please could you ensure you complete the paper consent form if you haven't done so already and **return the form to school by the 9th November 2020**

**It is important to complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the flu vaccination. Please state the reason why on the form.**

Please note, this Nasal Flu Vaccination contains Porcine Gelatine.

*"The Harder you work for something,  
the greater you'll feel when you  
achieve it"*  
*-Unknown*



# Visit from the Pension Minister

Elmhurst year sixes showed they are capable of conversing at the highest level, when they interviewed a serving government minister for the national news.

Four students from 6S, Tasnuba, Abdul, Sianna and Shifa, did themselves and the school proud, questioning Pensions Minister Guy Opperman about his background, his job and even the gender pay gap in the pensions system!

They were given this brilliant opportunity through Elmhurst's work with the charity Debate Mate, which has joined up with organisation Now Pensions to raise the engagement of young people around their financial futures. This is particularly significant now, as this year's Pension Awareness Week begins Monday 14th September.

The students interviewed Mr Opperman for more than one hour, with the exchange filmed by a professional crew. Debate Mate and Now Pensions hope the film will be broadcast on mainstream news programmes over the coming week.



# Parent Meeting: Relationships Education

**Early Years – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30-10.30 or 4-5pm with Miss Turner and Ms Shaw**

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94489615292?pwd=U2xsOEtCdVNYTUxoN2srRnJLbzZwZz09>

Time: Nov 11, 2020 09:30 AM London

Meeting ID: 944 8961 5292

Passcode: 814441

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95003585141?pwd=dC94Z2xYaCtpMFR4VkplaE42dnJyQT09>

Time: Nov 11, 2020 04:00 PM London

Meeting ID: 950 0358 5141

Passcode: 559459

**KS1 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 10-11 or 4-5 pm with Mrs Islam**

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97166823655?pwd=Umc0SnhDd1cyWGIHanM1MTVTskNODz09>

Time: Nov 6, 2020 10:00 AM London

Meeting ID: 971 6682 3655

Passcode: 531054

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93283367461?pwd=ZkFUZkNKLOpCZDI1RXFsSDg0RDJ0Zz09>

Time: Nov 6, 2020 04:00 PM London

Meeting ID: 932 8336 7461

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**KS2 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 4-5pm or Tuesday 10th November 10-11am- Mrs Samra**

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94929219317?pwd=L1grSIB2R1RGUDRJSdJVVjBORzJPQT09>

Time: Nov 4, 2020 04:00 PM London

Meeting ID: 949 2921 9317

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Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7895998643>

Time: Nov 10, 2020 10:00 AM London

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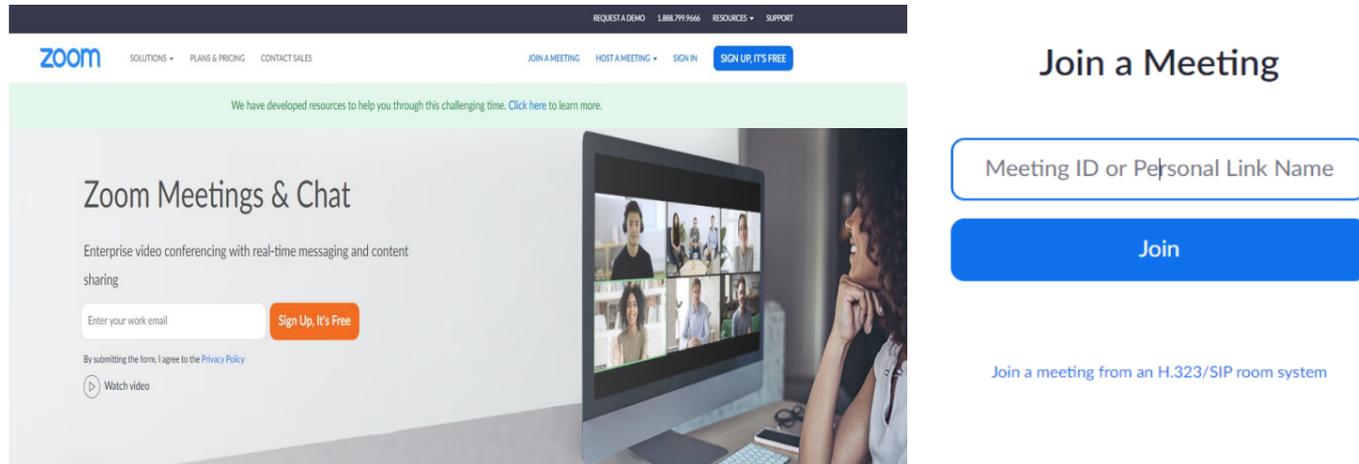
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# Joining Zoom meetings

To join a Zoom meeting, you do not need to create an account. You will only need an account if you wish to schedule a meeting. There are multiple ways of joining a Zoom meeting:

The easiest way to join a Zoom meeting is by going to the Zoom website <https://zoom.us/meetings> and clicking on the 'Join a Meeting' tab on the right hand side of the page as outlined below:



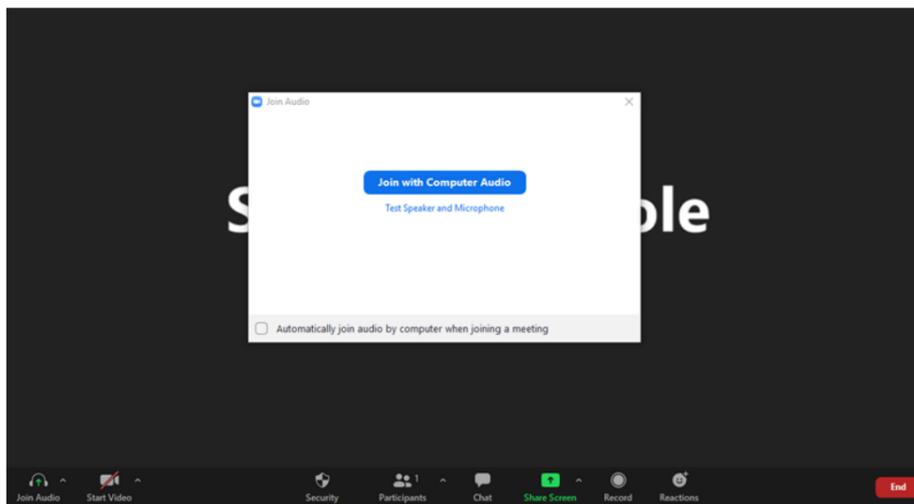
After this, you will be prompted to enter the **Meeting ID** and **Password** (provided by the teacher).

**Please join the meeting promptly to avoid a delayed start.**

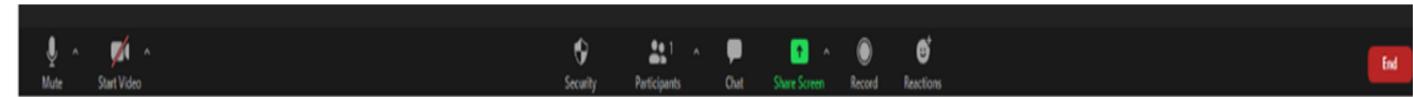
Once the teacher has started the meeting, they will accept your request to enter.

Once you have joined the meeting, click on 'Join with Computer Audio'. This means that people will hear you when you speak.

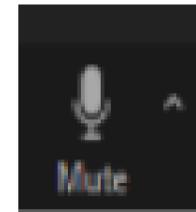
**Please note:** The teacher will mute all attendees when they first enter the meeting. You will be invited to ask questions at certain points throughout the meeting so please wait for these opportunities so that the meeting can run smoothly and efficiently.



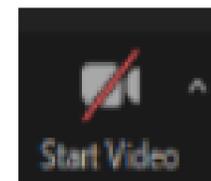
## Features of Zoom



When you join the meeting, you will see this toolbar displayed along the bottom of your screen.



This means that you can be heard by others. If you click on the mute button again, you will see a red cross appear which means that you are muted.



If you see the red cross appear on the 'start video' button, this means that nobody can see your face/background. If you wish for others to see this, click again on the button so that they can see your face.



If you would like to ask a question, click on the 'chat' button and type your question. This will be visible to everyone in the meeting.



If you would like to leave the meeting, click on the 'End' button and the meeting will end.

### Other ways to join a Zoom call:

Download the Zoom app onto your mobile/tablet/laptop device (this will require an account to be made) You will find the app via your app store.

The following tutorial demonstrates how to join a Zoom meeting further:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD2aDKzfZWk>



# Online Safety Tips



- \* Instil a **'no device in the bedroom'** policy at home. Please do not leave your child unattended when using their device.
- \* Create a house rule that limits the amount of screen time at home, for example: no devices at the dinner table.
- \* Discuss your child's online activity with them. What games do they like to play? Are they playing age appropriate games? Do they talk to their friends online? If so, how? Ask to see what they do on their device.
- \* Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.
- \* Most games have an age rating based on their themes. Games with violent content will have a higher rating. The age rating system is provided by PEGI and gives an overview of individual games which can help you to decide if it's appropriate. The ratings don't include communication features, so a game with a low age rating may let children speak to people they don't know.

# Back To School...

"Play time has been different because there are zones and we cant play together. The lessons are also different because we can't share any of our things with anyone."

" This term has gone well for me, lunch time is good because I can watch a movie while I eat my lunch. The lessons are different but I still have fun at my school."

" I think this term has been good because before everyone would always hurt themselves, but now that we have zones playtime has been much safer. The lessons are also really good because we are learning a lot, in the beginning we used to sit by ourselves but now we can push the tables and sit with our partners."



" The term has been one of the most challenging yet exciting terms ever!! I was so excited to come back on my first day, even though I didn't know what to expect its been so much fun learning even though it has a lot of handwashing involved."

" This term has been ok. We have equipment to play with during playtime and lunchtime, its not like before so we have make up new games we can play with our friends. It is the new way to have fun while staying safe."

"In the early years, the teachers are so happy that the children are settling so well into their new classrooms and are really enjoying making new friends and trying out new activities. They have also been really good at staying safe and sanitised."

" I like school. School is fun. We have to do a lot of hand washing but that's so we can be safe."

"In Year 4 this half term has been very good, we got a nice teacher who makes lessons very fun. It has also been really exciting, we have been making roman puppets and we are going on our first trip to west ham park to look at habitats!"



# Black Lives Matter

# Head Boy and Head Girl

'At the end of last term, our Year 6 bubbles made some brilliant 'Black Lives Matter' signs for peaceful demonstrators to use - here they are in action in Central London!

We were so proud of our Year 6s for being so attuned to the Black Lives Matter movement and supporting racial equality in the UK.'



**Arhaam - Head Boy**



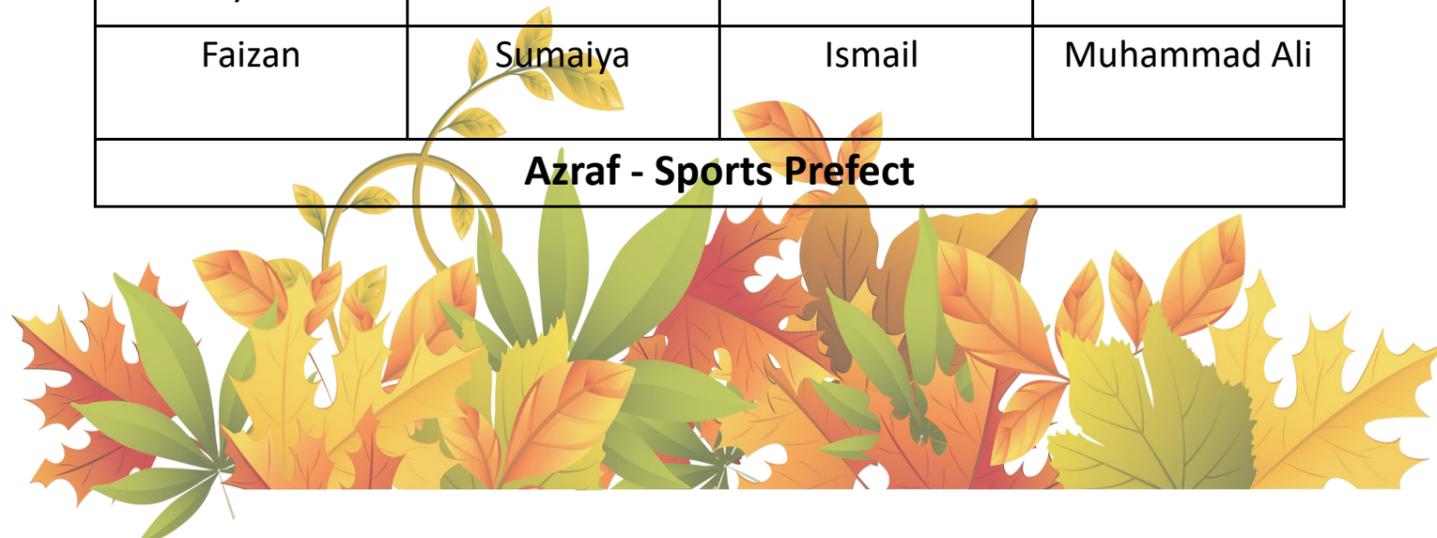
**Zernab – Head Girl**



**Ali – Senior Prefect**

6S Prefects	6CF Prefects	6T Prefects	6V Prefects
Tasnuba	Mahi	Aqsa	Nishtha
Shifa	Janvi	Daiwik	Mehul
Sianna	Fasih	Uzma	Chahat
Munira	Mishael	Minhal	Falaq
Tayeba	Rishi	Marwah	Mannat
Faizan	Sumaiya	Ismail	Muhammad Ali

**Azraf - Sports Prefect**



# Lunch Menu

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, lunch for children in school is being provided through safe procedures using disposable containers. You child will be able to select a meal option of their choice every morning according to the menu.

In order to keep track of what your child is eating on a daily basis we have inserted our new menu down below listing the various meals provided through out the week.

A copy of this menu has been sent out on ParentMail, which also includes any allergens the dishes may contain.

[Week Beginning 02/11/2020 — Week 1 Menu](#)

[Week Beginning 09/11/2020 — Week 2 Menu](#)

[Week Beginning 16/11/2020 — Week 3 Menu](#)

ELMHURST SCHOOL MENU						
INTERIM MENU - FROM SEPTEMBER 2020						
WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Main Choice</b>	Italian Chicken Baguette	Chicken Korma with Naan Bread	Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Tuna Crunch Baguette	
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Avocado, Tomato & Olive Baguette	Veggie Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Roast Vegetable with Feta Cheese in Pitta Bread	
<b>Side Dishes</b>	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	
<b>Available Daily</b>	Dhal & Rice / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt / Muffins or Cake					
Meat served at this school is Halal un-stunned						

ELMHURST SCHOOL MENU						
INTERIM MENU - FROM SEPTEMBER 2020						
WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Main Choice</b>	Burger in a Bun with Salad & Jacket Wedges	Fish Finger Wrap with Salad & Chips	BBQ Chicken with Baked Potato	Chicken Tikka Naan with Raita	Crunchy Tuna Taco	
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Vegan Burger with Jacket Wedges	Vegetarian Meatball Melt in Roll with Chips	Cheese & Onion Slice with Baked Potato	Veggie Keema Naan with Raita	Pizza with Olives & Tomato	
<b>Side Dishes</b>	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	
<b>Available Daily</b>	Dhal & Rice / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt / Muffins or Cake					
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ELMHURST SCHOOL MENU						
INTERIM MENU - FROM SEPTEMBER 2020						
WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Main Choice</b>	Mexican Chicken Fajitas	Tuna Wholemeal Hoagie Melt	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers with Jacket Wedges	
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Veggie Sausage Brunch Muffin	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips	Veggie Hot Dog	Vegetable Samosa with Jacket Wedges	
<b>Side Dishes</b>	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	'Finger Salad'	
<b>Available Daily</b>	Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt / Cheese & Biscuits / Homemade Cake or Cookie					
Meat served at this school is Halal un-stunned						