



Dear Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful half term break, soaking up the sunshine and Jubilee celebrations. Our half term ended with an uplifting Jubilee celebration in the KS2 playground with our whole school community coming together on 27<sup>th</sup> May. This kind of opportunity is rare due to the sheer number of pupils (nearly a thousand) so it was wonderful to see our pupils, staff and parents/carers enjoying the parade and eating cake and cucumber sandwiches in the tea party!

A very special thank you to all staff, particularly the following; Ms Rahman, Ms Charalambus, Ms Turner, Ms Cowley, Ms Roberts, Mr Ben, Mr Haris. It could not have been organised without the super support from; Mumtaz Khan and the amazing support from the parents and PTA. The Bake Off was hugely successful with 50 high quality entries and an almost impossible job of judging the top three. Thank you to our Expert Baker Auntie Bobat who gave lots of amazing feedback and even pointers for improvement. I must say I came away much more knowledgeable about baking! Please check out the three winning entries at the back.

It has been lovely to regain our pre pandemic normalcy and welcome back parents into school again. The reception assembly was very well attended and of a high quality. There will be more summer term activities happening, including: an International evening and Summer Fair/ Talent Show, Year 6's Ali Baba and the Bongo bandits, Sports days and much more!

I wish all of our pupils the very best in their national tests (SATS, Year 4 Times Table check and Phonics check) and in school tests (NFER tests) this term. Our staff and pupils have been working exceptionally hard to catch up after disruptions caused by the lockdowns and are almost back on track again.

I could not be prouder of our school and grateful for the strong home school partnership.

Kind regards,  
Sukwinder Samra  
Headteacher

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **HALF TERM:**

**30/05/2022—03/06/2022**

#### **SUMMER TERM 2:**

**06/06/2022— 20/07/2022**

#### **SUMMER BREAK:**

**21/07/2022— September 2022**

### SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENT

**School Photography Day: 24/06/2022**

**Year 6 Venice Trip: 13/06/2022—17/06/2022**

**Year 4 Paris Trip: 28/06/2022—01/07/2022**

### SPORTS DAY 2022

**Nursery: 16/06/2022**

**Year 3/4: 07/07/2022**

**Reception: 23/06/2022**

**Year 5/6: 30/06/2022**

**KS1: 14/07/2022**



Year 3 have been learning about the festival of Holi in Religious Education. Holi is known as the festival of colours and new beginnings and involves throwing coloured powder at each other. The children in Year 3 had the opportunity of experiencing this festival in our very own playground. The sun was shining, lots of colour was thrown and lots of fun was had!





# Cricket Champions

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Mr Sheppard took a girls' and a boys' team of year 5 and 6 pupils for a Newham Kwik Cricket tournament at West Ham Park. It was a great day for cricket, with the sun shining and so everyone was in high spirits.

## Girl's Competition

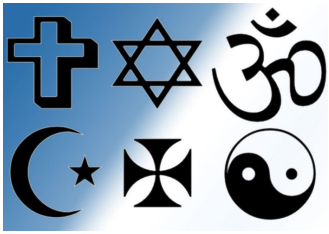
The girls won their two group games against Sandringham and St Winefrides to qualify in first place however, this would not be the last time Elmhurst came up against Sandringham. In the semi-final Elmhurst scored 226 runs to comfortably beat the 194 posted by Upton Cross. Excitement was at fever-pitch in the camp and confidence was high as the opponents were Sandringham who we had beaten in the very first game. Sadly, it was not to be, Sandringham had clearly improved as the tournament progressed and posted a huge 239 score and despite a valiant effort Elmhurst could not match this total. Congratulations to Sandringham. Our girls played brilliantly all day and the second place finish means they have now qualified for the London Youth Games later in the year.

## Boy's Competition

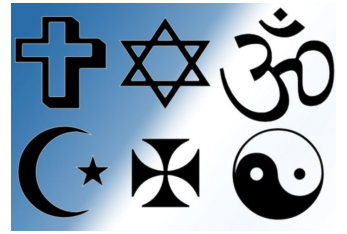
The boys flew out of the blocks by beating Portway by almost 100 runs, however they faced a much tighter match against Upton Cross, narrowly beating them with a score of 255 runs to 230. With two wins out of two, they qualified from their group in first place and went into the knock-out stages. Elmhurst comfortably beat Tollgate before a close shave in the semi-finals which saw us just beating Sandringham. This match required some fantastically accurate bowling in the last two overs from Megh Patel and Crivey Patel to steer us into the final. Hartley batted first and posted a score of 215, however some wonderful batting and some big sixes meant Elmhurst finished with 251 to become Newham's Kwik cricket champions. The boys played wonderfully well and were deserved winners. We have now qualified for the Essex County finals later in the year.







## RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL TRIPS



This term we had different year groups taking part in educational trips to places of worship. It is a true honour for us as a school to be part of the local community through being educated about different faiths.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visits and it was wonderful to see them all take great interest in learning about other religions.

**Reception:** Visited our local church, St Anthony's Church

**Year 1:** Visited lots of different places of Worship.

They recently visited the local mosque on Upton Lane after learning about Islam. They learnt the Prophet Mohammed spread the message of Islam around the world. Year 1 decided to write their own messages to the world. They focused on sending out positive and thought provoking messages to inspire the world to be a better place. They collected toiletries, attached their messages and donated these items to the 'Magpie Project' In Newham, which is a local charity who support mothers with young children.



Some of the messages from the children:

**'Never give up, keep on trying'** Faiza Alam 1FK

**'Smile, be happy and laugh lots'** Unaisah Bagas 1FK

**'Always be kind and have faith'** Ayaan Patel 1FK

Thank you to parents for your continued support and for donating lots of different items. The charity was overwhelmed and said a big thank you to everyone involved.

**Year 3:** Visited Sri Mahalakshmi Temple in East Ham

**Year 5:** Visited the Gurdwara

Without visiting the place of worship, our pupils would not have been able to ask a religious teacher (an advocate for the religion) about peace and promoting this in our world.

The pupils of Year 5 were so engaged and bursting with questions. The spokesperson (Kewal) was very articulate and able to share his understanding of Sikhism.

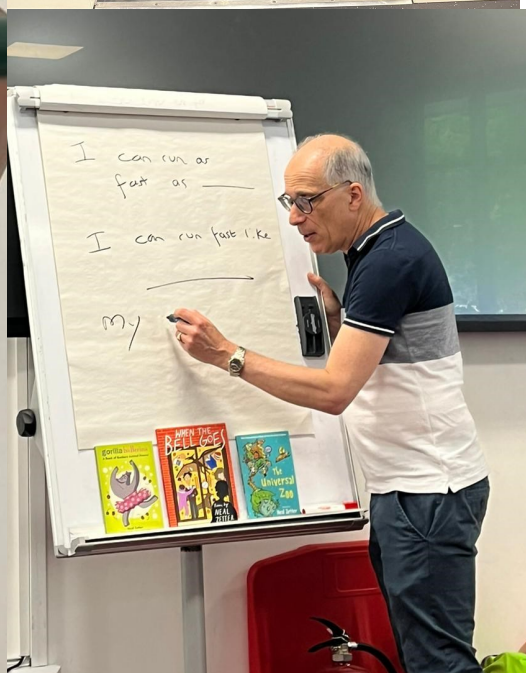
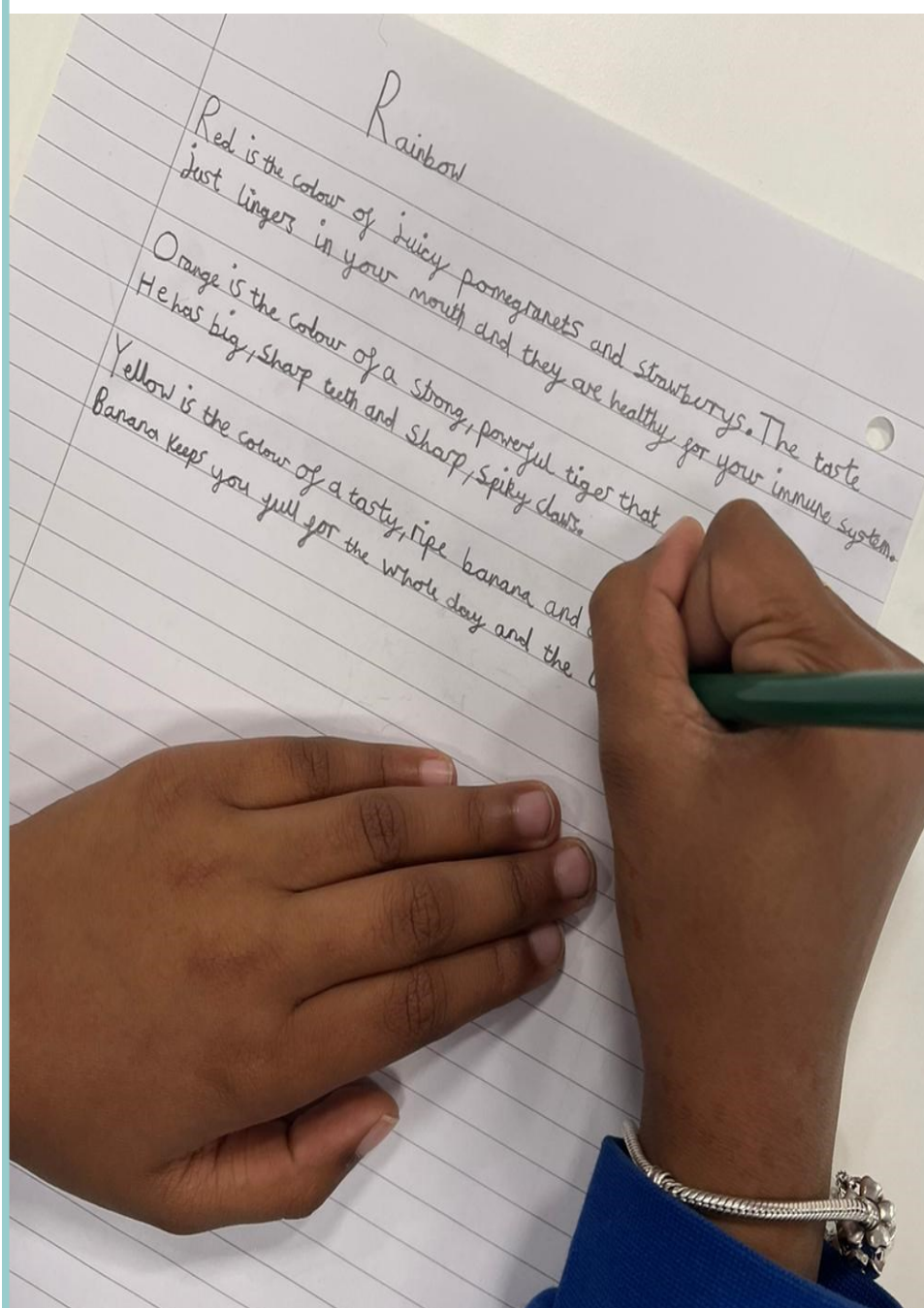




## Neal Zelter Writing Workshop

On Friday 13th May, a group of Year 3&4 students attended a writing workshop at Stratford Library hosted by comedian poet Neil Zelter

The pupils learnt about writing skills, particularly for poetry. Neil taught the pupils some techniques to maximise their creativity and they produced two poems, one of which they performed at the end of the day







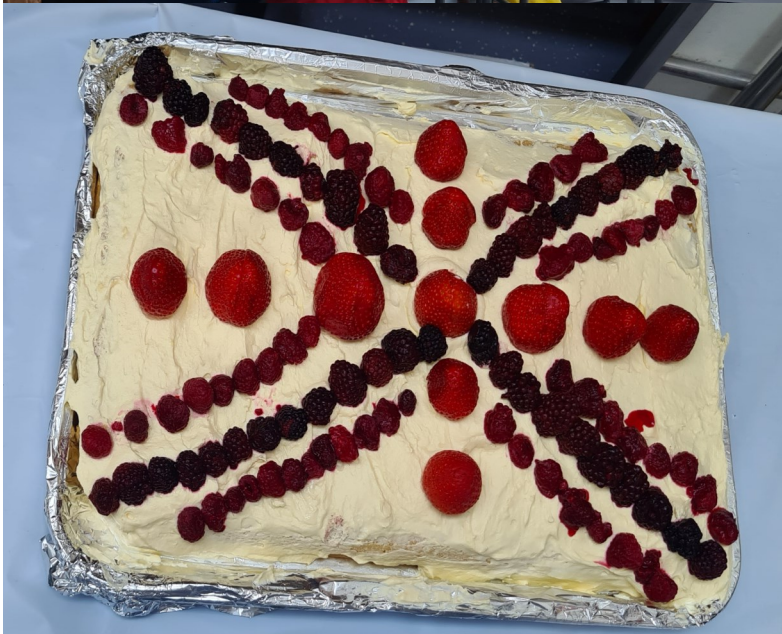
## Jubilee Celebration Lunch

On Tuesday 24th May we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a scrumptious Jubilee lunch made by our amazing kitchen staff.

We had a wonderful Coronation Chicken and Vegetarian pie, with a delicious choice of ice cream or flag tray bake to finish.

It was a really joy to see the excitement on the faces of both pupils and staff.

We would like to thank the wonderful Kitchen staff for their efforts, they transformed the dining halls into a room of festive cheer.







## Jubilee School Celebrations

On Friday 27th May 2022 the School threw a party in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. What a PARTY it was! We could not have made it the success it was without the tremendous effort, support and enthusiasm by our fellow pupils, staff and parent community. It goes without saying how extremely thankful and grateful we are to you all.

The party saw everyone tucking into scrumptious scones, party treats and refreshing drinks. We even had our very own 'jubilee bake off' with over fifty entries! Once again we thank you all for your amazing contribution. This day will definitely be one to remember in Elmhurst's history.



### Winner

Mrs Khan

Mother of Yahya 5R



### Second runner up

Mrs Rakhda

Mother of Seerat 5F



### Third runner up

Mrs Patel

Mother of Riaz 6CF and Latteefah 1K