

School NEWS

Friday 16 October



“Bullying’s Not The Way”

Last Wednesday was no ordinary school day for 15 students at The Elmgreen School. The Year 8 Choice Music Class – Nashae, Jason, Rhys, Liam, Carmen, Courtney, Aaliyah, Nye, David, Braylan, Jordan, Alex S, Jordan S, Jasmine and Lucciano – wrote and recorded a song which is now available to download on iTunes.

The song was written as part of a workshop run by Beatbullying. Beatbullying is a bullying prevention charity, which works to empower young people to lead anti-bullying campaigns in their schools and local communities.

Just before lunch, the students found that their day turned to the extraordinary. As the students sat and listened to the work they had already produced, it was revealed to them that a special guest had come to listen to their song. The students were speechless when Aston, from JLS, walked into the room. The students then continued to work with Aston throughout the afternoon; improving their song, asking for his advice, watching his famous “back-flip” and hearing him talk about his own experience of bullying.



‘For choice we did an anti-bullying song to give advice to people that are being bullied. We were told that we had a special guest after we had our break, not knowing who it was. Then all of a sudden JLS star Aston walked in. I felt shocked and surprised but also excited. The music producer Nathan recorded us and supported us. It was such a good day and thank you to all of the staff for arranging it.’

by Courtney Johnson.

‘Last Wednesday the choice music technology group had their chance to make their own song when a music producer came in to work with us. We had a very inspirational talk about bullies, and this definitely taught us how to keep ourselves away from danger on the streets and gang culture. After the talk we started our song which was based on bullying and how to prevent this from happening. When we finally finished the song we sat down as a group to listen to it, and then Miss O’Hana announced that we were awaiting an unexpected visitor. As we all waited with anticipation, Aston from JLS walked in. Our hearts didn’t beat again for sure, we were all star-struck! He sat down and listen to the song and praised our performance. A few students were interviewed by Radio One, and some by a well known newspaper.

All in all we had a great time and we recognised how privileged we were. Aston was very sociable and made us laugh, along with helping us with our songs. Overall it was a great day but none of it could’ve happened without Miss O’Hana and Miss Ormerod.’

by Rhys Ellis



Congratulations go to the Music Choice Group for their fantastic work last Wednesday.

To download “Bullying’s Not The Way” – go to iTunes and search for “Beatbullying” then download the podcast from the 7th October 2009 (“Bullying’s Not The Way – Elmgreen”). The song is available to download for free.

School Library News

Few of us have time to read a whole book in one sitting, which means we need to mark our place between reading sessions. Of course any old scrap of paper will do, but a bookmark looks so much better and will last longer. In the library we have a selection of bookmarks to choose from designed by our Library Assistant Ms Grahl. The bookmarks are especially useful because they are printed with a guide to the Dewey Decimal Classification system – the number scheme we use to classify our non-fiction books. Each bookmark has a number on it which matches a subject. So 500 is Science; 700 is Arts and Recreation (which includes sport); 900 is History and Geography. What’s your favourite subject? Come and choose a bookmark. It’ll help you keep your place in your current book and remind you where to find out more about your favourite subject on our shelves.



School Fund

Thank you to those parents who have donated to school fund. We will write separately about School Fund in November.

Laptop Library - Bridge the digital divide

Want to learn about computers but don’t know where to start? Feel as though your children are leaving you behind?

We’re delighted to announce that our “Laptop Library” course for selected parents and carers will be starting on Saturday 7 November (the first Saturday after the half term holiday) and will run until 12 December.

If you’re lucky enough to secure a place you’ll learn useful computer skills like how to surf on the internet, how to send an e-mail and how to produce a document using Microsoft Word. It’ll also give you confidence to support your child in their learning at home. The course is fully accredited.



Each family taking part will be given a laptop **on loan** for the duration of the course and will share a printer, scanner and camera with the other members of the course.

The course will be staffed by the City Learning Centre with the help of PPF members. Each 3 hour session will be held on a Saturday morning.

If you’d like to be considered please complete and return the slip by Wednesday 21 October or call the PPF Project manager, Kate Scrase on 0208 678 9181 or 07976 356268 with the information requested below.

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 –To Kate Scrase, PPF c/o The Elmgreen School Office

I would like to be considered for the Laptop library course:

Full Name		Child’s name		Child’s class	
Contact number		E-mail			
Signed	Date	Which statement describes you best?	a []	
			a) I have no knowledge of computers	b []	
			b) I have some knowledge of computers	c []	
			c) I am confident with computers		



sleuth

ONLINE
THE BEHAVIOUR TRACKING SYSTEM

At The Elmgreen School we use a system called “Sleuth” to track students. Students are frequently rewarded for “getting it RIGHT” with a positive Sleuth entry, which leads to positive points on Sleuth; whilst incidents which disrupt learning are also recorded and incur negative points.

How did your college do this week?

	College	Points
1 st	Szabo	2806
2 nd	James	2798
3 rd	Wilberforce	2527
4 th	Besant	2278

How is your college doing overall?

	College	Points
1 st	Szabo	10346
2 nd	James	10074
3 rd	Wilberforce	9944
4 th	Besant	9537

Congratulations to Szabo College – top this week and overall.

What can you do to help your college be top next week?



Thank you to everyone who has started to use Parent Pay. PayPoint Cards have been ordered and are being sent out as they arrive. Please contact the school if you wish to use the PayPoint card.

A new feature of Parent Pay is now being able to see not only what has been paid, but the balance on your child’s card. We hope shortly to have the ability for you to see what food they have spent their money on.

Please ensure that students have credit on their meal accounts and always bring their card with them daily. Students without cards delay service at the till.

Attendance News

**Congratulations J4
(Mr Hussein’s Tutor Group)**

100% this week!

How will you help to improve your college’s total next week?

Group	Percentage
J4	100
W6	99.6
J1	98.8
J3	98.8
S1	98.1
S6	97.7
W1	97.5
B2	96.6
S2	96.2
B4	95.7
S4	95.6
B1	95.6
B6	94.4
J2	94.3
B5	94.3
J5	93.9
J6	93.2
S5	91.3
S3	90.6
W2	89.8
W5	88.1
W3	88
B3	87.9
W4	83.3

Parent Governor Elections

REMINDER

Closing date for receipt of nominations for Parent Governors is Friday 16 October

Schedule

Friday 16 October	Nominations to have reached the school along with 100 word election statement and biographical note.
Tuesday 3 November	If fewer than seven candidates no election will held. If more than seven candidates details of ballot sent to families
Monday 9 November	Ballot Opens. Ballot papers available at the school. The period of the ballot falls during family conference meetings so there will be plenty of opportunities to vote. Given the current difficulties with the Royal Mail we are unable to offer a postal vote option.
Monday 16 November	Ballot closes at 5pm. Count conducted
Tuesday 17 November	Successful candidates informed
Friday 20 November	Details of election published in School News
Monday 7 December	Full Governing Body meeting

The Clerk or the Chair of Governors is happy to discuss the commitment required of a governor with any prospective candidate. Please make contact with Nick Can, Clerk to the Governors: Email: nick@nccprojects.org.uk



Ebony Saturday School

Every Saturday at The Elmgreen School

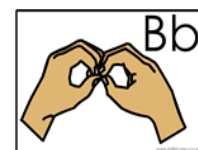
10am – 12pm

Visit www.ebonyeducation.com

or call 0208 859 3388 for more information

Alternatively contact Mr Castle at

The Elmgreen school



**Learn to Sign using British Sign Language.
It is easy and fun for students and taught by
a Teacher of the Deaf on:**

Wednesday's

3.30 pm – 4.15 pm

More than 1200 visitors attended all our Open Sessions. Thank you to all student helpers.