

25th May 2018

Badger Room: In preparation for today's Elmer Day, we have spent the week reading a number of books about our favourite patchwork elephant. We spent time exploring 'Elmer and the Stranger' in detail to find clues about the characters of Elmer and 'the stranger' kangaroo. The children were encouraged to make personal connections with the characters to encourage empathy with their situation. Had they ever felt like they can't do something? Had they ever been laughed



at? How did this make them feel? How did they think Kangaroo felt on the inside? We looked at which words in the text helped us to see how he felt. In maths, we've been using the skills developed this term to solve a range of practical problems including halving and sharing, size and length. All in all, it's been another super term in Badger Class and the children have excelled themselves in all areas - we are all very proud of their achievements.

Hedgehog Room: Our look at life cycles this term concluded with a week focused on babies and families. We used the Little Princess story 'I Want to be Tall' to start thinking about the things that we have learnt to do as we have grown, and how our older Hedgehogs can help our younger ones during the day. We painted our hands and feet to compare the different sizes of our younger and older Hedgehogs using lots of lovely mathematical language. We've enjoyed lots of hands-on activities to learn more about the daily life of a baby including making and tasting 'baby food' smoothies, and racing our buggies around cones in the garden! We watched videos of how babies communicate even without words, and had a special treat when one of our children brought in their new baby brother for 'Show and Tell'! Thank you to Mrs Babinska for talking to us about how to care for a baby. Finally we celebrated national 'Elmer Day' at the end of the week, hearing different stories about this unique patchwork elephant and his special qualities, and engaging in some very colourful craft activities.

Finally – Ahoy there, summer! For our final summer term, we will be looking at pirates so please start thinking about any pirate-themed books from home that your little ones might like to show us!



30 Days Wild - The Wildlife Trusts Challenge: Can you do something wild every day throughout June? The children of Longford Park Primary School are invited to make room for nature this June, completing a Random Act of Wildness for every day of the month. All children will be sent home with a 30 Days Wild calendar on which to document their time spent in nature - better yet, parents might also like to upload photos of any Random Acts of Wildness to Tapestry, which your child will enjoy sharing with the rest of the class. Please ask Mrs Williams in Badger Class or visit www.mywildlife.org.uk/30dayswild to find out more.

Breakfast Club: We are now running Breakfast club for the Summer Term! We can only accept children that have pre-registered, so if you would like your child to come to breakfast club... [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

School Dinners: If your child is having hot dinners – regardless of whether your child is getting the universal free school meal – we would be grateful if you could book them in advance. We need you to book through School Money (you will get a text notification when you can do this) even if you don't need to pay. Then we need you to complete the Google Form for menu choices. The kitchen is working to what has been booked and we are sometimes struggling when we have children turn up expecting a hot dinner, but it hasn't been booked [CLICK HERE FOR THE WEEK BACK'S MENU CHOICES – WEEK 1](#)

Summer Festival – Friday 13th July: Thank you so much for those that have already donated. Please keep them coming for Tombola, Raffle and 'new to you' sale. If you have a business and would like a stall, please get in touch and if you wish to contact the PTFA about anything, you can do so through this email LPPSPTFA@longfordparkschool.org

Key Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4th June – start of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 13th June – 10am: Sports Day and Family Picnic
Wednesday 27th June – 3:15-4:30pm: Movie Night
Friday 29th June: INSET day, no children in school
Tuesday 10th July – ALL DAY: Move up day
Friday 13th July – 5:30-8:30pm: FoLP Fest School Summer Festival
Thursday 19th July – reports go out to parents
Friday 20th July – 1:00pm: Family BBQ
Tuesday 24th July – 1:30pm: End of academic year

Have a fantastic half-term!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>Currently full</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>Not running currently due to staffing issues</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>Currently full</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition – Badgers only

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder.

Not sure if your child will take to it? **Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?** All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto: MJmusicservices@aol.com)



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SUMMER TERM EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday 4th June - school opens

Wednesday 13th June – 10:00am – Sports Day followed by family picnic

Friday 29th June - INSET DAY - no children in school

Tuesday 10th July – Move up day

This is the day where your child will move up to their new class for part of the day. Parents will have an opportunity to have a cup of tea/coffee and meet next year's teachers in the hall 8:40am - 9:10am.

Friday 13th July – 17:30-20:30pm - Summer Fayre

Thursday 19th July - Reports go out to parents

Friday 20th July - 1:00pm – Longford Family BBQ

We are really looking forward to this one! The staff cook a barbeque and you and your family all eat together and play games on the field. This is also Ms Spielberg's last day of the year as she is jetting off to Zambia for one week to help support a school there.

Tuesday 24th July - School closes for the year @ 1:30pm

