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Newsletter

Life in all its Fullness

This term's value is

Humility

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Children have had lots of fun 'breaking the rules' with crazy hair, cool outfits and snacking on sweet treats and in doing so, they have raised lots of money for our PTA.

Thank you so much for supporting fundraising events such as this one. The funds are always ploughed back in to the school so that all of the children will benefit from your generosity.

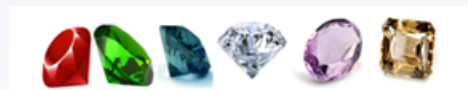
We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and return on Monday 7th June refreshed and ready for a super last half term.

CHILDREN WHO HAVE SHOWN 'LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS':

Well done to the following children:

Gem Powers

Reece Roberts, Sam Bevan, Sam Churchill, Barnaby Packer, Freddy Cox, Lola Herbert, Laylah Demmon, Archie Cartwright-James

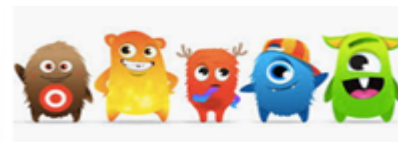


Sports Super Heroes

Willow Metcalf, Leo Kimber, Oscar Oliveira, Oscar Newman, Ruby Evans, Henry Cooke, Maya Smit, Milena Weaver

Dojo Certificate

Phoenix McCombe, Charles Mackenzie, Ava Vincent, Gabriel Pereira, Henry Mapp, Aksel Edgell, Holly Bidwell, Annie Tunnicliffe, Jed Taylor, Freya Brimson, Lydia Gruber

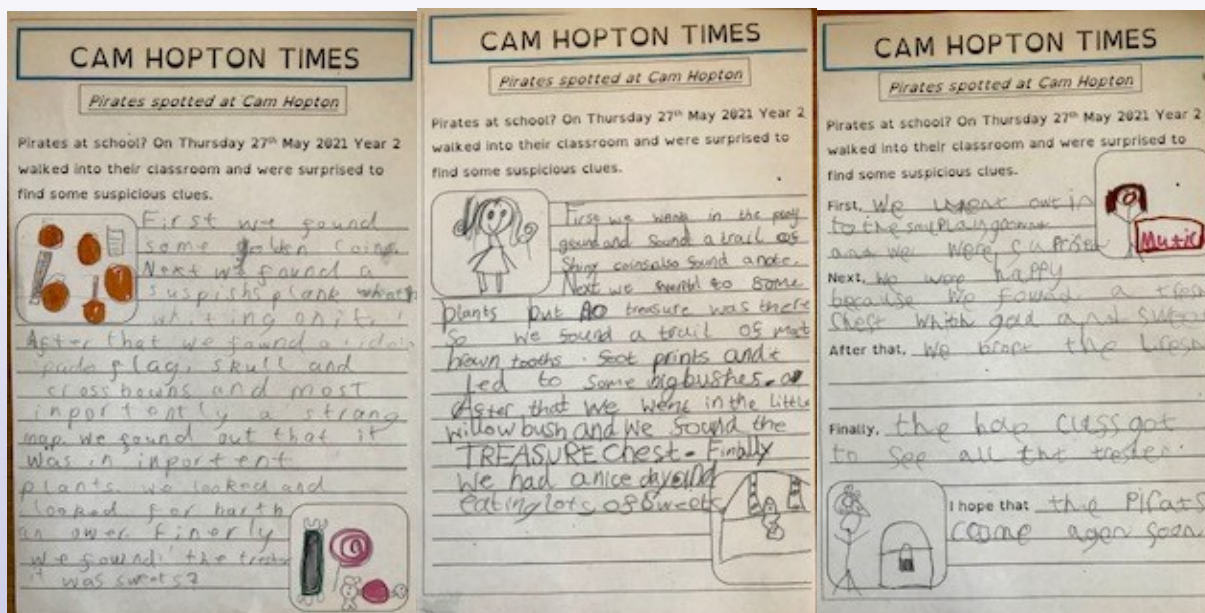


The class with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week is: **Year 2** who have earned extra play.

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this TERM are **Year 2 and Year 5!**

YEAR 2 FIND TREASURE!

Children in Year 2 have been recounting an exciting day on Thursday when they found a treasure chest on the school field!



CAM HOPTON'S ELSA

What is an ELSA?

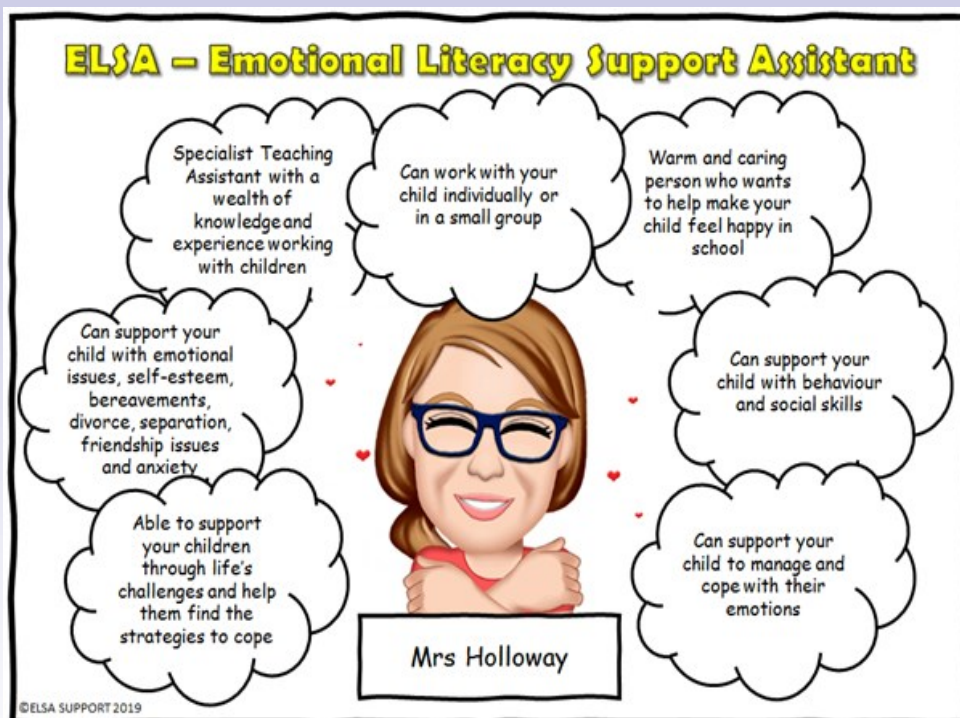
✦ There will always be children and young people in schools facing life challenges that detract from their ability to engage with learning. Some will require greater support to increase their emotional literacy than others.

✦ ELSA is an initiative developed and supported by educational psychologists. It recognises that children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are also addressed.

✦ The majority of ELSA work is delivered on an individual basis, but sometimes small group work is more appropriate especially in the areas of social and friendship skills.

✦ Sessions are fun, we use a range of activities such as: games, role play with puppets or therapeutic activities such as mindfulness or arts and craft.

✦ ELSA sessions take place in our very own 'ELSA room' which provides a calm, safe space for the child to feel supported and nurtured.



Do You Love Nature?

Churchyards are full of interesting plants and wildlife, and a country-wide survey is planned to find out just what is living in them.



The survey (called Churches Count on Nature) takes place between 5th June and 13th June 2021, and St. George's Upper Cam is taking part.

We need YOUR help!

- Bring a pen or pencil and go to the church porch at any time between 10.00am and 4.00pm on any day between 5th June and 13th June.
- Pick up a Recording Form and take a walk around the churchyard, recording what plants, trees, wildlife or signs of wildlife you see.
- When you have finished, put your Recording Form back in the box in the church porch.

Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is the perfect way to relax, enjoy the beauty of nature right on your doorstep, entertain the children or simply spend a pleasant hour helping us to identify and protect the plants and animals in your local churchyard.



Meet some more of your Board of Governors!



Name: Helen Salisbury

Role: Parent Governor

About me: I have lived in Gloucestershire most of my life apart from spending a few fantastic years in Cardiff as a student. I love walking, and have a love of animals. Looking forward to starting horse-riding lessons again soon! My daughter attends Cam Hopton school and I became a Parent Governor in 2020.

My work passion: I have worked in HR for 17+ years in both the private and public sectors. My primary role in HR is to be a trusted business partner on all people related matters, identifying and developing strategies that ensure people are inspired, empowered, technically proficient and provide an outstanding service to customers.

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Name: Nick Yorke

Role: Parent Governor

About me: As a father of 4, all of whom have attended Cam Hopton, I love to spend time with my family. I have lived in Gloucestershire for most of my life, apart from a few years in France and Canada. I enjoy sports, both participating and coaching others, as well as trying to stay fit, in the face of adversity!

My work passion: I like to work with people, and thrive on interaction with others. I have worked with adults and children, helping them to lead empowered and independent lives, and have worked in this field since 1988.

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Name: Catherine Gruber

Role: Foundation Governor, Vision & Values Committee Chair.

About me: I have childhood roots in rural Somerset and moved to Gloucestershire in 2004. This summer my youngest child heads to secondary school and I will have been privileged to have been a Cam Hopton parent for 12 years and a governor for over six of those!

My work passion: I'm a Mechanical Engineer and work within project teams to design Water & Wastewater treatment systems and Flood Defences. I returned to an engineering role in 2019 after a long career break - juggling family commitments alongside running my own home-based Early Years Education business. I am passionate about "Life in all its Fullness" and:

- Supporting the Cam Hopton school community to thrive and 'be the best we can be';
 - Everyone having fun while learning about the amazing World around us and STEM education in particular (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics);
 - Making things work and coming up with practical solutions to technical challenges;
 - My faith, which inspires me to do what I can to make the World a better place for future generations.
- I enjoy spending time outdoors in nature or in the garden and once in a while wild-swimming! And as my daughter pointed out I (mostly!) enjoy the company of my children and my family.

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Welcome to our first update on Governor's affairs!

Since Helen Salisbury has joined us as an elected Parent Governor we have been mindful of the need to up the profile of the Governing Body at Cam Hopton. We all feel this is important for the school as we strive to maintain and build on all that is important at the school.

Throughout the last two years the Governing Body has had to meet through virtual meetings and contact with the school has also been mostly remote. But we hope we have managed to support and challenge the school leaders in this most exceptional of times. We all miss the opportunity to meet staff, parents and children and hope that the situation will be resolved very soon.

We have just agreed our 3 year budget for the school and the impact of rising expenditure (staff costs up 5%) and static revenue growth means the future looks bleak for school expenditure. Yet for example, our IT hardware is in need of replacement. We have allocated £8500 of next year's budget to funding our 10% contribution to a new flat roof covering Early years, Y1 and Y2 classrooms (including insulation!!) the remainder of the monies is coming from Diocesan funds. We are also exploring the possibility for replacing the 40+year old "temporary" classrooms with a permanent building. It is so clear that the school has gained greatly from the financial support of the Hopton Trust and the incredible fund raising of our PTA.

For the past two years the Governors have been in discussion and visiting other schools to explore the potential benefits of closer working. We have met with representatives of DGAT, the Corinium Trust and Primary Quest multi academy trusts to understand more closely those organisations. There is a very strong drive from central Government that all schools should belong to a supportive group. Our investigations are aimed at finding the best route to ensure the ethos and character of Cam Hopton School is maintained and flourishes.

Of course much time and focus has been on the impact of Covid upon the well being and attainment of all our students and indeed our staff team. We support the school's recovery programme and will closely monitor where and when support interventions are needed.

Can I remind all parents that the Governing Body depends on information gleaned and parents are welcome to contact any Governor to pass on positive news or share concerns. Our contact details will be appearing on school newsletters and are on the website. We are a team of volunteers committed to the school and it's development and I thank them on your behalf all the Governors for their time and energy.

Thanks for your support - hopefully you will see me around the school in the very near future.

Gus Grimshaw
Chair