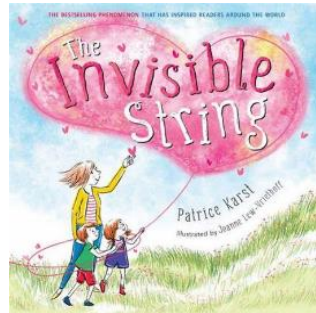


# Newsletter

9 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I feel I start so many news letters saying it has been a busy week; today I find myself thinking the same!



This week we marked Children's Mental Health Week with a series of assemblies and lunchtime workshops. The theme of 'Let's Connect' is something we think about a lot at CPS, as it forms part of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. We have Mufti tomorrow.



On Monday, assemblies for KS1 and KS2, led by our ELSA team, focused on the Invisible String by Patrice Karst. We reflected on how we are connected to each other and the world around us.

Mr Godfrey has also led Online Safety Week which included Safer Internet Day. As you know we seize every opportunity to drip feed the importance of being safe online! Yesterday we had basketball workshops which were a great opportunity to get an understanding of this amazing sport! We began cross country trials as marvellous Mrs Gee organises the Elmbridge Cross Country Run for all of the Elmbridge Schools; another great opportunity for our children. Parents have also enjoyed our Enrichment assemblies this week, showcasing their learning in Music and Drama; it was lovely to receive so many positive comments!

In our most recent parent questionnaire, although rated highly, we felt that we needed to raise the profile of the very many ways parents can get a 'flavour' of what's happening in school! Of course our newsletters, website and parentmails are a huge source of information as well as the children themselves. Pop-ins are also a great way for children to share their work and celebrate what they are most proud of. Some year groups have been trialling parent 'Drop In and Read' sessions too. It has been lovely having class assemblies return so parents can share some of the exciting learning happening in class.

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In response to our Parent questionnaires I now include the school weekly Makaton sign, assembly themes, British Value etc. This week alongside Mental Health related assemblies and of course Safer Internet themes, we also had our Values theme assemblies. This was linked to equal pay for male and female footballers who are selected to represent the Welsh National team which has just been agreed. Our weekly themes also have a related British Value, Protected Characteristics and the Rights of a Child to consider.

We hope that all of above help you to know more about what's happening at CPS!

## Protected Characteristics

Both men and women should be treated fairly. This includes being paid fairly for the job they do.



## UN Rights of a Child

All children have rights and should not be treated unfairly for any reason. This includes whether we are a girl or a boy.



## British Values

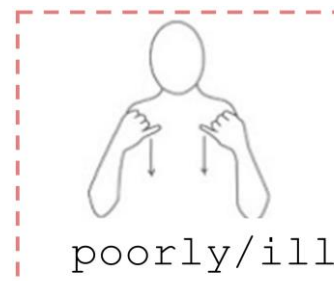
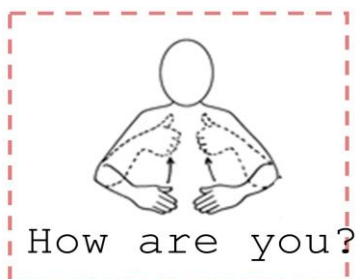


## Democracy

If we do not agree with something or do not think it is fair, we can use our voices to make changes. Wales' national men and women's football teams will now receive equal pay.

## Makaton

All children are now equipped with stem sentences they can use in the playground and also Makaton signs. This half term we have focused on emotions leading beautifully up to this focus week.



## Celebrating Success

Emily (Aspen) took part in the Epta Surrey piano competition at the end of January at St George's Church, in Esher. She took part in the preparatory class and was awarded 'outstanding' for the three pieces she played. She will now go through to the next round where she will play at the recital rooms in Covent Garden, London on 5th March.

Congratulations Emily – what a fantastic achievement. Good luck in London!

## Strike Update

As you may be aware, the next National Education Union (NEU) planned industrial action is **Thursday 2nd March** and members also plan to strike on the 15th March and 16th March

As teachers are under no obligation to let me know in advance whether they intend to strike, I do not know which classes must close or whether the school is able to stay open. I hope to be able to inform you in the evening of Wednesday 1st March which classes are likely to be closed, providing confirmation by 7.00am on the day of the strike. **You will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates.** Please note that previous class closures on 1<sup>st</sup> February should not be taken as an indicator of closures for the upcoming days of industrial action.

The commitment of Team CPS to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that teaching staff make will not be taken lightly. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT STAFF DIRECTLY TO ASK THEM OF THEIR INTENTIONS.** Please do not contact them after the strike day to discuss their decision to strike or not; we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a ballot.

Children in classes where teachers strike and are therefore closed, who are eligible for PPG and therefore qualify for Free School Meals may collect a school packed lunch from the School Office between 11.30am and 11.45am on the day of the strike. (This does not include the Universal Free School Meals offered to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.)

Children who are unable to attend school due to strike action will receive an authorised absence code. Remote learning will not be provided, however you are welcome to read, complete Accelerated Quizzes, complete Doodle activities, spellings etc should you wish.

We have decided to move World Book Day to Friday 3 March (information to follow) with an activity you may wish to 'save' to do on Thursday.

## Sports Round-Up



**Football:** well done to the Girls B team who played a friendly match against St Albans on Tuesday.

It was an exciting game ending in a 1-1 draw.

**Cross Country trials:** A big thank you to all those from Years 4, 5 and 6 who took part in the trials on Wednesday morning. It was a tough run, but they all did very well.

Well done everyone





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## Aspen Class Enrichment

Aspen (Year 4) performed their fantastic enrichment assembly to family and friends on Wednesday, reading staff notation to perform a range of pieces on descant recorder, and also showing off their musical theatre skills with a song from Matilda.

Well done, Year 4!



## Doodle

Top Doodlers this week:



Top KS2 Maths:  
Henry (Pine)

Top Maths in the whole  
School : Maria (Elm)



Top English  
Eliza (Beech)



***Congratulations to all of you!***

## Children's Mental Health Week

Across the week, there were M-Fit lunchtime workshops, where we thought about how we are connected to each other. We passed the hula hoop around the circle, without breaking our connection, and children drew their own 'Invisible Strings' looking at how they are connected to others.



We look forward to everyone expressing themselves in MUFTI tomorrow in exchange for a £1, which will go directly to the class, for a class teddy and wellbeing books.

## Alder Class Enrichment

Alder (Year 1) have been learning to play the handbells as an ensemble this half-term, and gave a wonderful enrichment assembly to family and friends on Tuesday, playing classical music by Johann Strauss and movie themes like Star Wars.

Congratulations Year 1 on performing so well!





## Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2023	
10.2.2023	MUFTI – Children’s Mental Health Week
10.2.2023	Hazel Class Assembly (9.10am)
HALF TERM	
20.2.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
21.2.2023	Children return to school
22.2.2023	Reception - Drop in and Read Session (2.45pm-3pm)
27.2.2023	Years 5 & 6 – ‘Who Cares’ Performance
27.2.2023	Childnet Online Safety Workshop for Parents (7pm-8pm)
28.2.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
1.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
3.3.2023	Celebrating World Book Day
3.3.2023	Elm Class Assembly (9.10am)
7.3.2023	Parents Evening (Virtual)
9.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
9.3.2023	Parents Evening (Face to Face)
10.3.2023	Oak Class Assembly (9.10am)
15.3.2023	Voice in a Million @ Wembley
17.3.2023	Red Nose Day
17.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
17.3.2023	Alder Class Assembly (9.10am)
24.3.2023	Reception Assembly (9.10am)
28.3.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Oak Class (2.50pm)
29.03.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Pine Class (2.50pm)
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
SUMMER TERM 2023	
17.4.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
18.4.2023	Children return to school
HALF TERM	
21.7.2023	Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish

Please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#) as dates are added regularly and occasionally dates may change.