

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

I am delighted to announce that we, Isle of Ely Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Game Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and I am delighted we have been recognised for our success. I am extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport and would like to thank Mrs Katie Bartolozzi who leads our Sports provision. I would also like to say a big well done to all of the children in Year 6 and Year 2 who have completed their SATs over the past two weeks. Their resilience and determination, especially after the last two years, has made them a real credit to the school and we are all very proud of them. Next Thursday we come to the end of this half term and to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee, we will be holding a street party on the field. We are extending the lunch hour from 1130 – 1330 and all of the children will be involved. There will be a picnic, party games, singing and dancing and it will end with a Beatles medley from our choir. We would like all of the children to wear red, white and blue on Thursday to help us celebrate this momentous occasion. Following the half term holiday, please remember that the children are back to school on Tuesday 7th June as the staff have been given Monday 6th June as their extra bank holiday. Have a fabulous weekend.

Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School...

Staff Updates:

Mrs Cheryl Westley leaves today as she prepares to have her baby. We look forward to hearing about her new arrival shortly.

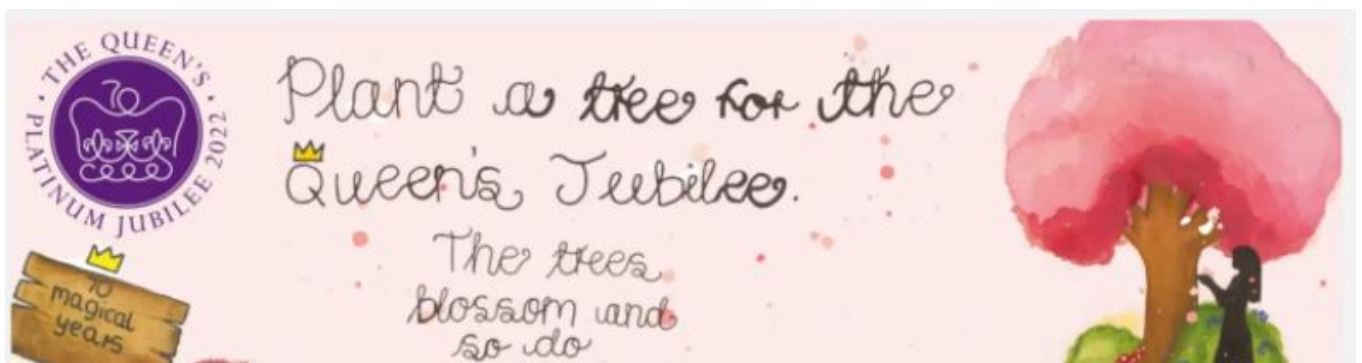
Miss Cross will be moving on at the end of the school year as she has secured a post at Spring Meadow Nursery and Infant School. Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Cross but we are glad she still has the rest of the school year to enjoy with Bumblebees!

Martha R – Year 5

Martha has come first in a competition to help East Cambridgeshire District Council celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was an art competition based on the theme 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee.' Congratulations Martha.

Martha now has her designs displayed on the side of an East Cambs Street Scene refuse and recycling lorry, shared on social media and made into posters.

As Martha won first prize, hers is also being sent on a card to the Queen – well done Martha.



PE Kits

We are happy for the children to come into school on their PE days in their PE kits. Please ensure they are wearing appropriate sportswear and not crop tops or football shirts.

Arts week:

The week commencing 11th July, we are having our annual Arts Week. The children will be taking part in a wide variety of workshops in different areas of art (dance, drama, 3D art, printing, painting... the list is endless!).

Our theme this year is one of our school values – “empower”!

I hope the children will feel empowered to try and develop an interest for these different areas of art and have lots of fun whilst doing so.

It would be amazing to have as many artists involved as possible.

If you know anyone, or you yourself, are an artist of any kind, please contact me!

It might be that you could come in to show some children your artwork. Alternatively, with the help of a class teacher, you could lead a workshop.

Please do not feel daunted to get in contact! It would be lovely to hear from you and have you involved in this brilliant week.

Isle of Ely 20:

We are collecting suggestions for the 'Ely20' - a list of experiences that our children should have before they leave at the end of Year 6. We would like to collect your suggestions and then the school council will take the ideas to the children who will vote for the top 20. Once we have the completed Ely20, the school will then work to create opportunities for all of our children to enjoy these community experiences. So, we need your help!

Please complete the survey below with your suggestions:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UCLEU4/>

Isle Fest:

The PTA have been working hard planning our annual Isle Fest which we are super excited about. It promises to be an amazing event with special guest stars and performances by our children as well as fun activities, food and stalls. It is taking place on Saturday 2nd July, 1100 – 1500, so please save the date in your diary. Tickets will be available next week via EventBrite which will cost £5 for a family and £2 for additional adults and children and extended family.

Raffle prizes, Volunteers & Sponsorship:

We are currently looking for raffle prizes, volunteers and sponsorships for Isle Fest. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, sponsor the event or help out, please email the PTA: PTA@isleofelyprimary.org

School Term Dates 2021/2022

Summer Term

Starts	Tuesday 19th April 2022
Half term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Ends	Friday 22nd July 2022
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 2nd May 2022 & Monday 6 th June

PD day - The school is closed on the following day for the professional development of staff - 27th May 2022

School Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022:

Starts	Thursday 1 September 2022
Half term	Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022
Ends	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas holiday	Saturday 17 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

Spring Term 2023:

Starts	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Half term	Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 March 2023
Spring (Easter) holiday	Saturday 1 April 2023 to Sunday 16 April 2023

Summer Term 2023:

Starts	Monday 17 April 2023
Half term	Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023
Ends	Friday 21 July 2023
Summer holiday	Saturday 22 July 2023 to Thursday 31 August 2023

PD Days – the school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff - Thursday 1st September 2022, Friday 2nd September, Monday 31st October, Tuesday 3rd January 2023 and Friday 26th May 2023