

ELMER

Starts Primary 1



It was Wednesday 17th August and Elmer had just woken up. He had not slept too well because he was excited about starting his first day in Primary 1. He was going to Quarry Brae Primary today. He didn't know what it would be like!

Elmer got out of bed and went downstairs to eat his breakfast. He ate his breakfast really quickly. Elmer had a real struggle to get his new school sweatshirt on— they were really meant for little boys and girls and not Elephants.

Eventually he managed to pull it on. He was ready for his first day at school.



Elmer had been getting ready for coming to school for at least a whole week. He had been busy buying things and doing things to make him look smart on his first day.



Elmer had a new school bag and a new pencil case for starting Primary 1. He had even had to go to the shops to get a new pair of gym shoes.



Elmer had also had to go and get a haircut before he started school. His Mum said that he had to look smart for his first day at school. She took him to the hairdressers. Elmer felt it tickly when the nice lady cut his hair. When she had finished he was pleased that he looked so smart. Now Elmer was ready for his first day at school.



Elmer picked up his bag and stood waiting for his mum at the front door.

“Wait just there,” said Mum. “I want to take your photograph at the front door on your first day at school.”

“Do we have to?” asked Elmer who was too excited to get his picture taken.

“Of course you do!” said Mum. “I got my picture taken on my first day at school and you’ll get your one just the same. Now stand up and say “Smelly Socks”.

Elmer’s Mum took the picture and showed him how smart he looked.



When Elmer arrived at school, it was quite busy with families dropping off their children. Elmer saw the children cross the road with Sammy, the Lollipop Man. He held up his stick to stop the traffic.

Elmer thought it was a very big lollipop and was glad he didn't have to lick it.



Elmer felt excited and a little nervous about his first day in the big school! He was glad that he could see some of his friends. Elmer told them about his holiday to the jungle.

Finally, Elmer arrived in the playground. There were lots of adults, some wearing big yellow coats, who helped the children to say goodbye to their families and showed them where to line up. Elmer saw Mrs Young and Miss Smith, the PE teachers. They gave him a big smile.

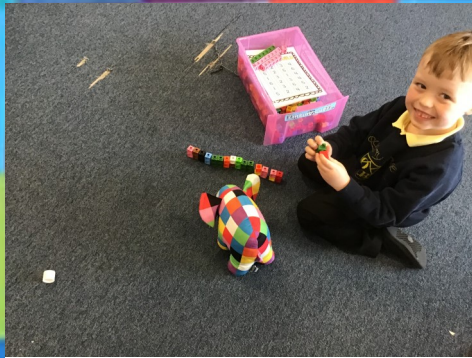


The teachers brought the children into the school and showed them the cloakroom. Elmer looked for his peg to hang up his bag and jacket. He changed into his indoor shoes. It was just the same as nursery so far.

When everyone was ready the PE teachers opened the class door. Some children were in Mrs Young's class and some children were in Miss Smith's class. There were lots of other friendly adults there to help Elmer and his new friends to get ready.



Elmer had watched videos of Miss Smith and Mrs Young and had seen a video tour of the classroom. Elmer thought it all looked great.



The first job that Elmer did in Primary 1 was a jigsaw with some of his friends. The teachers helped Elmer to find an activity that he wanted to do. Elmer was having great fun. Mrs Young and Miss Smith were so happy with how well the children were playing with each other.



After that the teacher taught all the children a new song and read a story to the class. Elmer sat quietly with his friends to listen. The book was about Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy.



Mrs Young and Miss Smith told the children that soon they would get story books to take home with them and this would be their homework. Elmer was excited about that.



A little later it was time for snack. Elmer changed his shoes and put on his coat. He found his snack in his bag. Guess what! His mum had put one of his favourite snacks in his school bag. It was a banana. Elmer loved fruit. Miss Smith and Mrs Young were pleased with all the boys and girls who had healthy fruit for their snack.

Now it was time to play outside and Elmer's friends from Primary 7 came down to play with him. He had a P7 buddy. They helped him to eat his snack and put his rubbish in the bin. They played a game with him and his Primary 1 friends. Elmer needed the toilet, so his buddy helped him to find the

bathroom. When the bell rang, his buddy showed him where to line up. Elmer really enjoyed playtime.





After snack time, the teacher gave the children some more things to learn about. They sang a number song, and even learned a dance! They sorted shapes. Elmer enjoyed learning about shapes. They had number games to play too.

Before you could say "slippery snakes", it was time to get ready for lunch. The teachers told the children what the choices were. They could pick from 3 different things. Elmer thought everything sounded

tasty. The class went into the big dinner hall. The teachers showed the children where to line up and how to get all the things they needed for lunch. Mrs Adam and Ms Porteous helped everyone to find a seat. When Elmer was finished his lunch he put his tray in the special trolley and put his rubbish in the bin. Some people had a packed lunch from home to eat.



When everyone was finished, the children went into the playground for more time to run around.



At 1 o'clock it was time to go back to class. Elmer's buddy helped him to get lined up. Mrs Young and Miss Smith took everyone back inside and helped them to change their shoes and jackets.

Elmer was very thirsty from running in the playground. He took a drink of water from his school bag and had a big slurp. Mrs Young and Miss Smith were pleased Elmer had a water bottle. Water keeps us feeling refreshed, but we are not allowed to have juice in school.

The children spent the afternoon learning lots of new things and even did some exercising. Before long it was tidy up time. The teachers put on a special song to tell everyone it was time to clean up. Elmer wanted the room to be tidy before the song ended so he moved very quickly! Everyone helped and the room soon looked great.



Mrs Young and Miss Smith took the children into the cloakroom and helped them to get ready to go home. Elmer remembered when he was in nursery, he had to get all his things ready. Elmer couldn't find his jumper! Oh no! Miss Smith found it and gave it back to him. Elmer's clever Mum had remembered to write his name on the label so it was easy for Miss Smith to help him.



When everyone was ready, the class lined up and walked carefully up to the gate. At the gate, all the families were waiting for the children. Miss Smith and Mrs Craig made the children wait until they called their name to make sure everyone got to their adult safely. All the grown ups waited patiently for their child to be called forward.

Elmer walked home with Mum and told her all about his first day in Primary 1. He told her about the things he had learned. He was very excited about getting to meet new people and about doing homework! Elmer had enjoyed the story so much that he told Dad the story too. Before long, Elmer was curled up tight in bed. He slept soundly and woke up early the next morning.

He was really hungry and sat down for his breakfast. The first thing he shouted to Mum was...



Is it time for school yet?
I can't wait to go back