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Our First 'Hero of Elmwood' George Knowland Day Tuesday 31st January

Dear Parents and Carers

This coming Tuesday is a very special day for Elmwood Juniors when we commemorate the extraordinary life of one of our former pupils, George Knowland, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in saving his colleagues on January 31st 1945 in Burma, during the World War 2 conflict.

You can read more about his extraordinary bravery and why he was awarded the Victoria Cross (VC). The Victoria Cross is the highest award for Bravery in the British Armed Forces.

<https://www.elmwood-jun.croydon.sch.uk/school-life/life-long-learners/>

The children have been learning some special songs in preparation for the George Knowland Memorial Service. We will be joined by some special dignitaries such as George Knowland's family, the Mayor of Croydon, as well as representatives of the Commando Regiment and the armed forces.

The VC is extremely rare and when you read his story you will understand why he was awarded this.

George Knowland is one of our original Elmwood Heroes. If you know of any family members that have gone on to make some significant life achievements, please can you send a photo of them with some information about what they have gone on to achieve so that we can expand our Elmwood Hall of Heroes.

Kind regards

Mr Marston

