



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 7

Friday 16th October

Dear parents and carers,

INSET Day Friday 23rd October 2020

This is a reminder that the school will be closed to children next Friday to allow our staff team to receive essential training. Therefore the last day of Term 1 is Thursday 22nd October for all our children.

Online parent-teacher meetings

Online parent-teacher meetings have been completed across the Trust this week. Thank you to all our class teachers who prepared so extensively and delivered 2 sessions of 4 hour zoom meetings, to ensure all our parents have the information they need regarding their child's learning and wellbeing in school. We hope it was helpful and especially for parents of children in Yrs1-6 who needed to know if their children were on track after lockdown or needing to catch up.

Flu Vaccinations

Our school nursing team have been administering the flu vaccines across the Trust this week and have spent 2 days in school working their way through everyone. If your child missed it, we would urge you to ensure they have it. Please contact your GP surgery to rebook it.

Highways Department

The Highways department from BCC have been busy painting double yellow lines in Elmlea Avenue this week. This is to try and make it safer for all by not allowing cars to park and cause an obstruction. Please be aware that consequently, there are less spaces around school, so leave more time as you may well need to park a little further away and also park considerately. The governors have also [provided a helpful reminder](#) of our one way system to support pick up and drop off. If you drive to school please follow it.

Road Safety

We have had 3 near misses near the Infant entrance this week. Unfortunately it is mainly due to children playing near the road or in the road, while their parents are talking to others. Parents are also walking out in front of cars without looking. We wanted to tell you about these specific incidents as a reminder to not get distracted when dropping off or picking up.

Remote Learning

Everyone should have received a [survey](#) to complete this week for each of your children regarding the internet and tablet/pc/ phone provision within your home. The government has requested that we find out what access to online learning would be available from home across our schools. Thank you so much for the 500 replies we received within 2 days in response so far. If you haven't completed it yet, please do so, so we can support all our families.

Data Collection

Next week, look out for a data collection form which shows all the contact information that we hold for your child. These forms must be checked, signed and returned to the Trust. Please do this by Monday 2nd November.

Governors Newsletter

Our governors first newsletter of the year has now been published, we are so grateful for the work of our Trustees and Governors to support our schools. [Click this link to view it.](#)

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Reminder	Home Learning Survey	The survey will close on the evening of Sunday 18th October
Reminder	Y6 Transition	Please be reminded that the deadline for Y6 transition is 31st October
Reminder	Remote Learning	Deadline for completing the Access to Home Learning Survey is Sunday 18th October
Thank you	Named Items	Thank you for taking time to name your child's items, it ensures a safe return to the classroom!

Vacancy: We have vacancies for an Admin Manager and an Admin Assistant, [visit our webpage for further details.](#)

Harvest Collection

Every year, we support Bristol North West Food Bank during Harvest week. They are always impressed by the generosity of our Elmlea families. Please see the attached posters for information about which food items are most needed, and how to make a financial donation if that is appropriate. Children should bring in their food donations between Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October. ([Combined Harvest Appeal donation form](#), [Harvest Appeal poster](#), [Harvest Appeal shopping list](#))



In school, we will be watching a virtual assembly from the Food Bank, to show what happens behind the scenes and meet some of the volunteers who work there. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Daubney (KS1) and Mrs Bateau (KS2)

North Bristol Indoor Athletics Virtual Games

The results are in and with over 800 entries from North Bristol schools taking part, 310 entries coming from Elmlea Junior School alone which is a fantastic effort from all the children and staff.



Huge congratulations to the following children who jumped the furthest across all the schools that took part in North Bristol;
Michael in 3S jumping
Nathan in 5B jumping
Daniel in 6L jumping

Winners across Elmlea were:

Florence 3G	Arya 3S	Bethany	Sam 4W
Imogen 4H	Harriet 5B	Rosie 6L	

This week saw the children completing the speed bounce challenge which is a favourite for them and we've not been disappointed with the level of effort and determination shown by everyone taking part.

Mrs Paterson, Head of PE and Sports (KS2)

Return of FUNctional Fitness

We are delighted to inform you that FUNctional FITNESS Club at Elmlea Junior School will restart in Term 2. The club will run every **Thursday at 15:15 - 16:15 in the Fitness Studio**. The aim of this club will focus on improving **strength, cardiovascular & muscular endurance, coordination and mental wellbeing**. It is aimed at all ages and is guaranteed to be great fun as a lot of the activities are games based. Children are to wear their school PE kit or new FUNFIT tops, and bring a drink of water. **The cost for Term 2 will be £42 per child for the 7-week term.** *Please note - There is a maximum of 25 places for this club, and will be based on first come first service.*

To secure your child's place for Term 2 please Email us at wearefunfit@gmail.com with your child's name, age, class, contact phone number, medical information.

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Simon on the above email address.

The Shine clubs at Elmlea Schools' Trust will be available to book for Term 2, from this **Thursday 15th October at 9:00am.**

If you require childcare, or for your child to stay at school to take part in a fun club with their friends, please do go online to <https://www.myshine.co.uk/school/elmlea-infants-school> at your earliest convenience on Thursday to book in.

Shine Holiday Club is running! We start on Monday 26th October and run through to Friday 30th October. Children can choose from Netball Workshops, Creepy Creative, Gymnastics, Forest Adventure, Football Academy, Indoor Cricket and our ever popular Shine Mini's, running at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex in BS9, Christ Church Primary School in Clifton and at the Shine Community Sports Hall in Henleaze. ([Link to Poster](#))

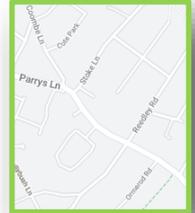


Reception

This week in reception we have learnt the sounds o-c-k, practised describing quantities as more or fewer, made our own instruments and created maps of our route to school.



Look out for information on tapestry for how you can celebrate your child's achievements at home, in school.



Many thanks, the Reception Team

Year 1



This week we went on a mystery hunt around the school, following clues that would help us to work out this week's story. We followed clues that led us to the canopy, the castle, tyre play and the copse, where there were more clues that revealed the characters in in the story. I wonder if you can guess which story we've been learning about? First we met a mouse, a fox, an owl and finally a snake. Then, back in the school, we followed a mystery clue that led us to find a very famous creature ...



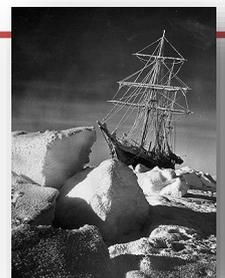
We have also had lots of fun collecting autumn leaves from around the school and using them to create fantastic autumn art. The colours have been amazing!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week we have continued reading Shackleton's Journey and have discovered how brave and determined he was. We have looked at photographs from the expedition and arranged them into a time line.

In maths we have found all the different vocabulary for addition and have made links between our number bonds of 10 and 100.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

We are delighted to have seen you all virtually in our Zoom meetings which we felt were very successful.

The children continue to work hard and should be incredibly proud of all they've achieved in the first term in the junior school.

They have been learning about childhood as a rich and poor Tudor. In maths, we have been looking at properties in 2D shape. In English, we have been publishing our Leon and the Place Between stories.

Our theme in PSHE this week is becoming a lifelong learner and we have been using the magic word YET!



Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have continued to investigate pitch and volume in science lessons, using a variety of musical instruments. Take a look (and a listen) on Seesaw. In art, we have started to explore portraits using collage techniques and playing with proportion.

Next week in English, we will be writing letters from a Tudor queen. In maths, we will be learning about different quadrilaterals and symmetry.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

In year 5, children have researched their family history from WWII. We are really excited for our History lesson next week to hear about their families' experience.



We have also started our new English focus on Newspaper Reports. We are exploring the features of a newspaper and will green screen our report next week!

Year 5 Team

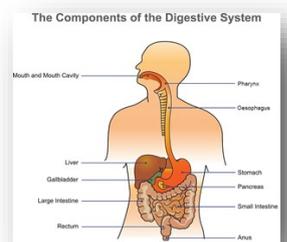
Year 6



This week Year 6 produced fantastic, informative scientific films to explain the circulatory system. They incorporated a range of digital skills including animation, green screening and voice over narration. Check them out on Seesaw.

In our PSHE sessions this week, we have discussed in detail what it means to be a 'Life-long Learner'. We tried to rank in order of importance, the broad range of skills and qualities needed such as a growth mindset, resilience, learning from an expert and effort.

In maths, we have been working on written methods for long multiplication and long division. Accuracy and the correct layout are skills we have needed to master in order to be successful.



Year 6 Team

Please visit our website for Secondary School transition details.

Chamber Choir will be starting up again for Year 6 after half term in a Covid safe way and as one child has left there is one spare place available. I will be running auditions on Tuesday lunchtime next week. The audition song will be 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars. Lyrics will be provided. Chamber Choir is a paid activity and will be after school either on a Tuesday or a Wednesday, TBC. The audition will be in class groups and during choir sessions the children will stand in class groups at a safe distance from the other classes to maintain the class bubbles. If your child would like to take part they need to give their name to their class teacher. Please could you also email me direct on me@theresaroberts.co.uk with your child's name, then if your child is successful I will email you directly with details.

Many thanks, Theresa Roberts