

Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 29 Friday 30th April

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another really good week in school. Our new topics have proved really motivating for the children, this coinciding with the lovely weather and the use of the field which the children love, has created a very positive attitude throughout.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, I hope you have something nice planned to do as a family and hopefully the sun will shine.

**Mrs Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

### KEY DATES

#### Term 5

Mon 19 April  
to  
Fri 28 May

#### Term 6

Mon 7 June  
to  
Tues 20 July

#### INSET DAYS

Mon 7 June  
Fri 2 July  
Weds 21 July

**First day of  
2021/2022  
academic year  
Mon 6 Sept**

#### INSET DAYS 2021-22

Thur 2 Sept  
Fri 3 Sept  
Mon 1 Nov  
Tues 4 Jan  
Fri 8 April  
Fri 24 June

**Attendance and punctuality at Elmlea** - Our attendance officer visited this week and our high levels of attendance and punctuality were commented on as a reason to celebrate. Ensuring your child is in school every day and on time is a challenge but essential to ensuring your child's success in school. Thank you for supporting your child and our school in this way by ensuring your child's excellent attendance and punctuality.

**Reading with your child** - Please continue to read with your child. During our last assessments it was really apparent those children who were being heard to read regularly at home, were making good progress in their reading and other aspects of the curriculum.

Establishing the daily routine of when to hear your child read can be really hard in the beginning, but once a regular time such as straight after tea or just before bedtime is set, it becomes a habit and your child will quickly get on with it. 10 minutes a day, 5 or 6 times a week builds up to nearly an hour across the week. This can have a huge impact on your child's reading progress. If you need further support from school please let us know.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

Thank you to our parents who have already stepped forward to support our PTA which is the fund raising aspect of our school life. We are so grateful to the PTA for the events they hold. These events are always about so much more than fund raising, they also bring our school community together. They provide an opportunity for families to attend together, for our children at fairs and disco's or for parents and carers at our evening events

### **WANTED: YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!!**

Since becoming Elmlea Schools Trust; EISA and the Junior PTA have joined forces to become Elmlea Schools Trust PTA.... and we are recruiting for new members. We are looking for a second treasurer (no experience necessary) as well as general committee members so we'd love to hear from you if you are able to commit any time to helping on the PTA. If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions about being on the committee, please email us [elmlea\\_infants\\_pta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elmlea_infants_pta@hotmail.co.uk).



### Headlice!

Head lice have been reported in children in school.

We would strongly recommend that a careful search for lice is carried out on your child's hair. Due to the fact that lice can spread quickly, it is essential that all potential contacts are checked and appropriate treatment instigated.



Please ensure long hair is tied up. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Little Dragons - Infants Martial Arts After School Club

GB Fit are pleased to be back at Elmlea Infant School with our Little Dragons after school club every Tuesday 3.15–4.15pm in the school hall. We currently have just 15 spaces available (due to Covid restrictions) so get in quick! The club is open to Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2.



Little Dragons syllabus is designed to give kids valuable, positive life skills such as: Growth mindset | Resisting peer pressure | Focus and determination | Stranger danger awareness and much more. Martial arts is also great for physical development and will help with Fitness, Coordination, Speed and Balance. More information can be found [here](#) All new starters get 2 free trial sessions. After that it is £6 per session, payable at the start of each term. To book your trial sessions or for more information please email [enquiries@iamgbfit.com](mailto:enquiries@iamgbfit.com) or call 01173 251330.

**Dan and Sharon, Co Founders GB Fit**

### CLUB Reminders



Please note that pick up from all Teacher Run After School Clubs is now from the School Drive-way. We kindly ask parents not to come into the playground. Staff will bring children to you.

We have a strict 'missing child procedure' that is followed when a child does not attend a club and we have not been informed they are not attending that session. It is therefore VITAL for safe guarding reasons that if your child is unable to attend a club, **parents (not children) inform the School Office on the day, in order that your child can be marked as absent on the club register.** This saves administration time, staff time and unnecessary calls to the Police.

### Arts Week 'Carnival of the Animals'

We are pleased to announce that our Arts Week themed 'Carnival of the Animals' will be able to go ahead this year complete with visiting artists and a mini-carnival. The children will take part in a year- group- bubble carnival on the field on the afternoon of Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be making most of their costumes in school, but will most likely need to bring in a coloured T-shirt and/ or some accessories which will be decided with their class teacher closer to the time.

Also, in the lead up to Arts Week there will be three competitions running that the children can enter. Everyone in school has watched an assembly outlining the competitions this week and further details will be posted on Seesaw. Please could the grown-ups of children entering the 'Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Competition' read the letter attached by following this [link](#) Further general information about this competition is available [here](#).

Thank you, again for your time and co-operation in making 'Arts Week 'a continued success!

**Mrs. E. Bjelica**



### Call out for skilled Landscape Gardeners

We are looking for volunteer(s) to help us design our natural educational and therapy space.

We have a wonderful large nature space in our grounds at Elmlea Schools Trust, which we would like to be able to use to its full potential year round.

We envisage this space becoming a semi-wild, yet fully functional, accessible, educational and therapeutic space, given an injection of funds and a well-considered design. The space already has several varieties of large, native trees including beech, oak and horse chestnut that create shaded and wooded areas as well as grassy spaces, ponds, veg patches, smaller shrubs and a marsh/bog area, that support a wide variety of wildlife. It is a perfect setting for children to explore and learn about nature, feeding into and adding to many topics in the

curriculum, as well as providing a space for children to access the therapeutic benefits of accessing the outdoors, space for reflection, physicality and mindfulness. Please call 0117 377 2266 or email [Junior@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:Junior@elmleaschoolstrust.com) if you can help!



### Junior School Lunches - Halal option available for all meals



We would like to remind you that a Halal option is available for all meal choices. If your child is having school dinners, please **pre order on Aspens by 8:30am (previously 9:30am)** It is very important that the correct allergy information is held for each pupil so please take a look at the [allergy policy](#), [allergy information](#), [nutrition report](#) and if need be fill in a [special diet form](#). (also available on our website)

### Team Superschools Visit to Elmlea Infant and Junior School: Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th May

We are very excited to announce we will be visited by Team Superschools for a sponsored event on **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th May**. As part of the visit Olympic Gold medalist Jason Gardener will be joining us to motivate the children in their circuits, give a presentation about his journey as an Olympian and answer any questions Children will need to come into school on Monday 17th May (Infants) or Tuesday 18th May (Juniors) wearing their



regular PE kits. For parents wishing to learn more about Team Superschools, visit [www.teamsuperschools.co.uk](http://www.teamsuperschools.co.uk).

For online sponsorship details, please see below as there are different details for the Infant and the Junior schools.



**Hannah Paterson and Holly Rogers, PE and School Sport**

### Team Superschools sponsored event at Elmlea Infants School on Monday 17th May

Team Superschools will be hosting a sponsored event at Elmlea Infant School on **Monday 17th May** with a special visit from the international Olympian Jason Gardener.



The money raised will be used to regenerate the outside area as well as supporting athletes in a variety of sports from grass roots level through to Olympic level. The morning is all about fun, enjoyment and participation, with all children from Reception to Year 2 taking part, regardless of whether they collect sponsors or not. After the event the children will have the opportunity to ask Jason some questions, so that they can learn more about the sport and be inspired by their guest.

Here is the [online sponsorship page](#). Please register your child to be able to make online donations. You can then view how much your child has raised and what incentive they will receive (you can only view your own child). You can also view what the school is raising money for, what the school target is and how much we have raised in total.

There are 'incentives' given for raising certain amounts of money, please see lots more information [here](#) Any cheques please make payable to: Elmlea Infants School.

The children will need to come into school on Monday 17th May wearing their regular PE kits. For parents wishing to learn more about Team Superschools, visit [www.teamsuperschools.co.uk](http://www.teamsuperschools.co.uk).

We are all very much looking forward to the event. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

**Holly Rogers, PE and School Sport**

### Team Superschools Visit to the Junior School on Tuesday 18th May

The Junior school visit by Team Superschools will be on **Tuesday 18th May** and they will be putting the children through their paces in a fitness based circuit to raise money for the new adventure playground. Children will need to arrive at school in their Elmlea PE kit ready to take part in the circuits that morning.



Please see the attached letter for more information but please be aware all sponsorship is collected through a [fundraising page](#) and the school will not accept any cash as part of any sponsorship collected. As part of the visit Olympic Gold medalist Jason Gardener will be joining us to motivate the children in their circuits, give a presentation about his journey as an Olympian and answer any questions posted by the children. Lots more information can be found [here](#).

**Hannah Paterson, Head of PE and School Sport**

# Year Group News

## Reception

This week Reception are thinking about changing their role-plays to a new focus, based on the children's interest. We have been learning to name 3D shapes and describe their properties and have all written instructions on how to grow a sunflower - sunflower plants to come home soon!

How to help at home:

Reading with your child as often as possible. Please put a message in their reading record book after doing so, this way we know when to change your child's book.

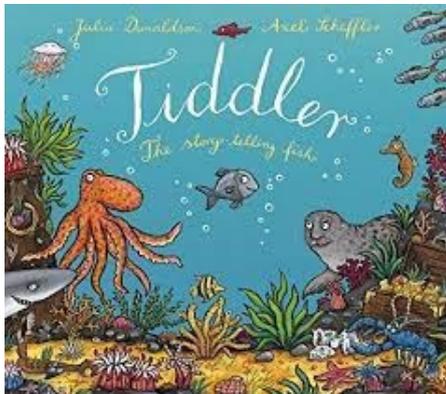
Spot 3D shapes around your house - how many can you find?



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The Reception Team

## Year 1



This week Year One have continued learning the story of Tiddler by Julia Donaldson. We wrote descriptive sentences using adjectives, nouns and verbs. Ask your child if they can explain what each one is! We have continued learning about arrays in maths and begun using them to solve word problems. Super work Year One!

Year 1 Team

## Year 2

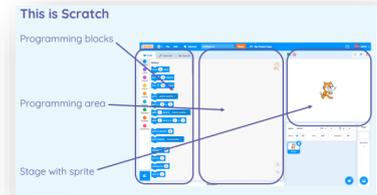
Following on from our spectacular visit from Iron Man himself last week, Year 2 have since learnt his story as he demanded and have now written newspaper reports about his visit. The children have loved this book and learning the Iron Giant's story and have worked really hard to include different newspaper features in their writing. We have also used time this week to create amazing Iron Man art using only charcoal and chalk to capture the Iron Man's features.

Year 2 Team



### Year 3

Year 3 have had a very productive week this week. In geography, we have been exploring OS Maps and looking for human and physical features within Bristol and Westbury-on-Trym. In art, we have been exploring textures and went outside to do some rubbings. In science, we have testing the properties of rocks. In computing, we have been revisiting scratch coding.

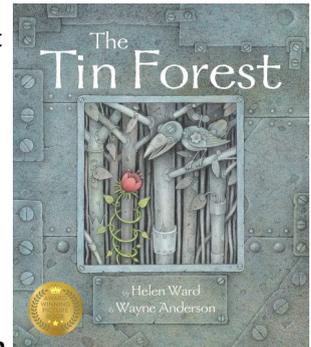


As if all of that wasn't enough, we have been learning about angles in maths and writing suspense sentences in English. We have also learnt about keeping ourselves safe in PSHE.

Year 3 Team

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week. We have enjoyed being creative in our descriptive writing about The Tin Forest as well as exploring the school grounds on a texture trail for art. For PE, we have been enjoying our orienteering and applying those skills into our geography lessons where we explored OS maps of the area. The teachers have really enjoyed seeing some of this term's homework coming in already. There has been lots of care put into the work with plenty of detail on the routes to school and high-quality research into the houses they live in. Next week we are looking at fractions in maths and continuing to develop our narrative sense in English



Year 4 Team

### Year 5

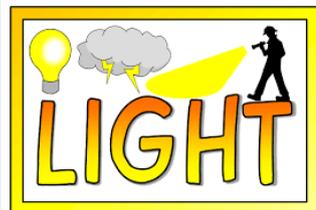
In Year 5, we have had an exciting week! In science we have taken cuttings from geraniums and are observing their growth, noting the reproduction process. We have learnt about our linking class from seeing their portraits and information about themselves. We have lots in common with the other class! We are also extremely excited for our DT project this term, making pizza!



Year 5 Team

### Year 6

Year 6 have worked hard this week and are getting stuck in with our new writing unit about Bristol, collecting figurative language including idioms! They have also learnt about early settlement in Bristol and can now explain why people chose to settle here and how Bristol grew into the city it is today.



Building on their knowledge from Year 3, Year 6 have been exploring light and how we see things, looking at the structure of the eye the functions of each part. Maths has been focused on the revision of concepts already taught and the application to test style questions. As part of homework, Y6 will be carrying out market research using a survey they created in school to gather data on preferences ready for their new cookery pizza unit!



Year 6 Team

#### Other Year 6 Information

**Year 6 Camp** Please note the second payment of £60 is due today (Friday 30 April). Please return the Year 6 Consent/Information/Medication Administration form by Friday 7 May.

**Music** A reminder that next week will be instrumental demo week for Year 6. This is a chance for children who learn an instrument or receive singing lessons to demonstrate a piece that they may be working on at the moment, or a piece they feel particularly proud of. They should bring the piano accompaniment or a backing track. The remainder of the class will act as the audience and learn how to critique a performance using effective terminology. Don't forget your instruments!

Mrs Parkes