



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 24 Friday 12th March

Dear parents and carers,

It has been so lovely to see all our children return this week. The joy of being able to socialise again has been so evident and the beaming smiles on the children's faces on the first day as they all came back in was so uplifting for all. The careful planning for children returning by the teachers has borne fruit, with so many opportunities to talk and reconnect, the children have really settled back in so positively.

We really hope it has been a less stressful week for you all too and the routine of school life has been beneficial for all the family.



Our theme across all classes next week will be friendship which is very apt as our children reconnect with each other. It will also be Comic Relief on Friday which will bring much laughter as we share our best jokes. Children can come to school dressed in red or as a superhero. See below for details on how you can get involved.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Charity fundraising sleep out by Elmlea pupils

Last night, Freddie (4B) and Gaby (1C) and their family took part in a national event of sleeping outside to raise money and awareness for homelessness in young people with the charity Land Aid. They had crazy weather with heavy rain, strong winds and a 1°C temperature, but they stayed outside in their boxes until 5am!

Mum said "We are all on a bit of a high this morning but it was very hard last night. The children all look hanging but determined to go to school with enthusiasm!"

They are, quite rightly, incredibly proud of their achievement and as a family they have already raised more than £2,000 towards a total of over £300,000 raised for the charity from this event. Please [donate](#) to their worthy cause!



Here they are in their Box beds!

Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy that has arisen for a classroom assistant to support a Year 3 class 3 days a week Wednesday to Friday 8:30am-3:15pm. It is only for 8 weeks to start week beginning 22nd March and running to the end of Term 5, finishing on 28th May 2021. Find the full [job description](#) here.

If you are interested and can commit for this time, please download the [job application](#) and email it back to the school office Junior@elmleaschoolstrust.com by Tuesday 16th March at 5pm

Comic Relief 2021



A reminder that we will be celebrating Comic Relief on **Friday 19th March**. Children can come to school dressed in red or as a superhero. Online donations can be made [here](#)

🎵 Music 🎵

A note to parents who may be hoping to enrol children for new instrumental lessons after Easter, please register interest with BPM now so that timetables can be prepared. It is challenging for children to start an instrument when the term is already underway because it effects timetabling.

Thank you in advance. Mrs Parkes



Second hand uniform sale POSTPONED

Due to the wild weather earlier this week, we will now be holding the second hand uniform sale next Wednesday (17th March) on the driveways of 33 The Dell (near the Junior entrance) and 32 Elmlea Avenue (near the Infant entrance) at pick up between 2.45 and 3.30pm. All items are £1. Please bring correct change if possible to avoid handling of money.

Many Thanks, EISA

**SECOND HAND
UNIFORM SALE**

Extra Shine Clubs



Shine are delighted to be offering some **additional** Sports Clubs on site at school for Juniors children on top of the regular clubs and the Easter holiday clubs. Please book online

[Elmlea Infant School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](http://myshine.co.uk)

[Elmlea Junior School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](http://myshine.co.uk)

Determined Admission Arrangements September 2022 – Bristol Free School

Consultation on the school's admissions arrangements for September 2022 took place between 15 December 2020 – 26 January 2021.

The determined Admissions Policy and Sixth Form Admissions Policy for the academic year 2022-23 together with a note of the decision reached following consultation are attached as follows:

[Admissions Policy Year 7](#)

[Admissions Policy Sixth Form](#)

[Consultation Report](#)



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For more information visit [Cool Projects Online](#)



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<u>Term 4</u>	<u>Term 5</u>	<u>Term 6</u>	<u>INSET DAYS</u>
Mon 22 Feb to Thurs 1 April	Mon 19 April to Fri 28 May	Mon 7 June to Weds 21 July	Mon 7 June & Fri 2 July (NEW date)

Reception

Welcome back to all Reception parents/carers and children. It has been so brilliant to have the children back at school and enjoying their days alongside their friends.

Your child will now be bringing home a school reading book again, just as they did before Christmas and it has been wonderful this week to hear all children read to us again. Please write a comment in their reading record book on how they have read and we will change their book once they have consolidated their learning and read the book twice. Reading the book more than once will support their reading fluency and allow for practise of any tricky new key words/ comprehension understanding.



From this term, ongoing, Reception get the opportunity to take part in SHINE coaching sessions twice termly during school time. These take place on a Wednesday afternoon and you will be notified when your child's class has their session in order to send them in with a suitable kit. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of sending your child in with a named water bottle and snack box with fruit snack inside. Please ensure grapes are cut up into quarters and avoid fruits with stones.

Our new topics started this week! Oak class are enjoying their vets, Maple class are enjoying their Egyptian pyramids and Willow class are enjoying their jungle! Look out on tapestry for lots of new topic fun and learning!

Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

Year 1 have settled so well back in to school and it has been a pleasure to see their smiles! In Year 1 we have been reading *The Colour Monster* and thinking all about the different emotions we might be feeling. We have been working in groups and enjoying spending time with our friends! We even made a collage of our own colour monster!

Year 1 Team



Year 2

It has been so lovely to have all of the children back in class and it's been wonderful to see lots of big smiles and the sound of laughter around the school grounds once again. Our focus this week has been Spring, which was helped along by the beautiful weather at the start of the week. All three classes learnt and performed a 'Spring Rap' song which the children loved. Each class wrote their own verses and the children relished trying to keep to the rhythm and pace of the hip-hop beat. The



children also wrote their own springtime haiku poems and learnt about the number of syllables to make a haiku correct. The published poems, plus some beautiful observational drawings of daffodils, will make up our first new display of the term.

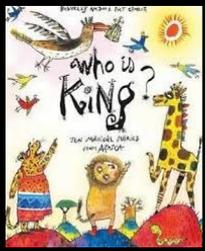
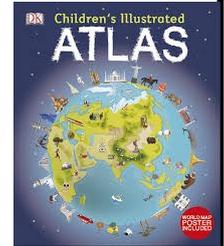
The word 'SPRING' written in large, colorful, block letters. Each letter is a different color and has small flowers or leaves integrated into its design.

Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a wonderful week it has been welcoming the children back into school. We are impressed with their enthusiasm and just how quickly they have all settled back in.

This week the children have been learning all about How Elephant got his Trunk (a South African tale) in English and have been revisiting the 3 main sentence types - simple, compound and complex.



In maths, they have been carrying on from their home learning with multiplication and division and spotting the relationship between the two.



The children have also had some wonderful hands-on lessons in the afternoon using torches for an investigation on shadows and the atlases in Geography.

Year 3 Team



Year 4

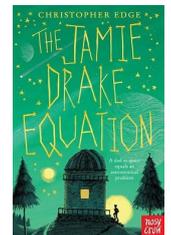


Year 4 have had a very good first week back with the children very excited to see each other but ready to work hard. In English we have been gathering ideas ready to write our own newspaper report about school children returning. Children even got to interview each other for quotes. In maths we have been looking at line graphs and continuous data which involved measuring the diameter of a puddle over a day. The measurements varied with plenty of rain and sun throughout the recording day. Please can everybody remember to bring a reading book and pencil case to school everyday.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have had a fantastic return to school. It has been lovely catching up with friends and having lots of opportunities to tackle creative challenges and teamwork projects together. From our Topic 're-Launch Day' and designing our own planets for the Solar System, to propelling parachuting eggs when testing out the effects of air resistance, the Year 5 teachers are really proud of how everyone has approached their learning this week.



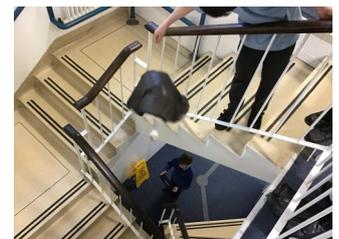
In particular, Year 5 have been working extremely hard to solve challenging maths investigations involving angle-hunting outside and studying interior angles of 2D shapes. They have also begun writing some highly-engaging Sci-Fi stories, inspired by Christopher Edge.

Year 5, congratulations on fabulous week and we look forward to continuing our project-based learning next week, which will involve getting artistic...

Year 5 Team

Year 6

Y6 have really enjoyed being back in school this week and have spent large periods reconnecting with their classmates and teachers. It has been VERY noisy upstairs (we're wondering when they'll run out of things to talk about!) but we've had a lot of



fun working collaboratively on various projects. We have created fantasy planets as part of our Planet Earth topic relaunch as well as testing the effectiveness of our flood-proof home designs in DT. In science, we had an eggcellent time exploring the effects of air resistance by creating parachutes to protect our precious cargo (an egg). Well done to everyone for being so enthusiastic and positive this week.

Year 6 Team