



Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 25 Friday 19th March

Dear parents and carers,

Our second week since reopening has been great and Comic Relief has made us all chuckle. It has been lovely to see the school looking so colourful with lots of superheroes visiting Elmlea today, we are very lucky. The jolly red clothes have lifted our spirits and there have been jokes galore, what a great end to the week.

The Junior children have enjoyed watching the Talent Show Grand Final, with two entries per House selected by the House Captains. The teachers eagerly await the children's responses to their joke competition, and we hope the children will share their own favourite jokes on Seesaw.



At the time of writing, we have raised just over £1,200. If you are able to and would like to contribute to the work of Comic Relief, the link is [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend and I hope the care and gratitude for our Mums and grandmothers shown last week might continue for you all this weekend too.

Residential Trip

We are delighted that we are able to offer a 2 night residential trip for our Yr6 children to Okehampton in June. We have provisionally booked the 2 night, 3 day stay as well as 2 day trips in June. Hopefully by having both options available, whatever happens with Covid, we might be able to offer our Yr6 children memories and experiences to treasure before they leave us. Yr6 parents, please check your emails for further information and please return all forms requested promptly when they are issued.

Masks and social distancing

Thank you to everyone for continuing to wear masks and socially distance when on the school site or directly outside school. However, just a reminder, please wear masks and socially distance especially on Brainsfield running down to the Baptist Church. A concerned parent has informed us that apparently, lots of people are removing them at the top of this road. As hundreds of people are going up and down this stretch in the space of 15 minutes, if possible, please keep masks on for a tiny bit longer until away from the busyness in this section and keep socially distanced where possible. Hands, Face, Space.



Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Reminder about dropping off forgotten items

Please note that neither the Infants nor the Junior Office is able to accept forgotten items, so please get into the routine of ensuring your child has everything they need when they arrive at school each morning.

Thanks very much for your understanding.



GCB Chance to shine for Elmlea Children

This week Elmlea were lucky enough to gain a place with the extremely popular chance to shine programme which provides a GCB coach for the day. Lower school children participated in a 30minute session which focussed on their hand eye coordination, reaction timing and listening skills; all key in the sport of cricket.



The upper school girls were also given the opportunity to take part in a batting session during lunchtime. It was fantastic to see so many girls take part on the field with the sun shining; a glimpse of brighter days to come. GCB coach John couldn't have come at a better time with the all stars and dynamos cricket sessions open to registration this week. Please [click here](#) to find out more, search for cricket clubs offering the sessions and to register for this summer.



Countries day



Years 3 & 4 will be marking the end of their topic 'Around the World' with a Countries Day on Wednesday 31st March where they will take part in a range of cross-curricular activities. Please can all children come to school dressed in the colours of the flag from a country of their choice. 4B and 3W will have their afternoon PE lessons as usual so should be dressed in appropriate clothes and shoes for outdoor exercise: do not bring in your PE kit.

Juniors School Dinners: New Spring menu and change to order cut off time

The new Aspens Spring 2021 menu, which will be offered from April 19th (after the Easter holidays) is now available to view and can be found [here](#).

May we once again remind parents that **if their child is having school dinners, they must pre order on Aspens by 8:30am (previously 9:30am)** If you haven't pre-ordered, you will receive a phone call from the school and will need to bring a packed lunch in for your child. Please note that we are unable to accommodate changes of minds on the day.

**Order Cut-Off
Time Change**

Is very important that the correct allergy information is held for each pupil so please take a look at the Aspens [allergy policy](#), [allergy information](#), [nutrition report](#) and [special diet forms](#). They can also be found on the school website.

If your child ends up not coming in, eg due to illness, self-isolating or school trips, please remember to cancel your Aspens order as otherwise you will still be charged. Thanks

🎵 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



Easter family trail

Explore Together at Easter family trail at St Mary's Stoke Bishop on Friday 2nd April

Please [click here](#) for more information about how to book a place.



Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had a wonderful second week back at school. We have been exploring our new topics, dressing up as superheroes and continuing to learn new digraphs and trigraphs in phonics.



Thank you for all of your support as the children have settled back in. Please continue to check tapestry for any messages from us and for updates on observations of your child's learning.

Many thanks, The Reception Team

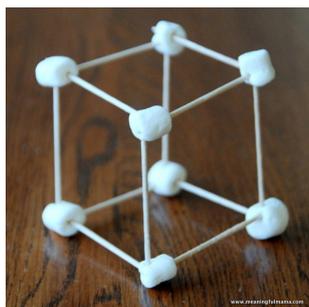
Year 1

Year 1 have been building bridges this week! They worked together in a team to plan, build and test their bridges. We have also been thinking about being a good friend to others in school

Year 1 Team



Year 2



In Year 2 this week we started learning about the Great Fire of London. We learnt about some of the key historical figures and the timeline of what happened. We then wrote interview questions to ask one of the historical figures using speech marks. In maths we have learnt about 3D shapes and their properties. We've had great fun making the shapes using marshmallows and toothpicks! Maybe we could show you how to do this at home.

Year 2 Team

Diary Dates

<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)

Year 3

Year 3 have continued working hard this week and we have been thinking a lot about our theme of 'friendship'. We understand what makes a good friend to us and how we can be a good friend to others.

In geography, we have learnt about the differences between the outback and Sydney in Australia and were amazed that the whole of Europe could fit in to Australia with room to spare! In science, we have been investigating how much light different materials let through.

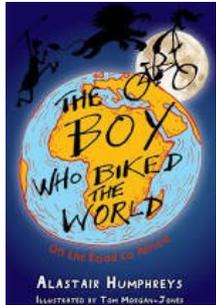
John from Gloucester Cricket Association tested our catching and ball skills with lots of fun games and in PE we have been continuing to develop our orienteering skills with the commando challenge.

In maths, we have moved on to written multiplication and are using the grid method and partitioning to help us multiply. In English, we have been acting out our story from Africa with a woosh! We are now moving on to think about how to make sure we get excellent description into our writing.



Year 3 Team

Year 4



In year 4 we have finished reading 'The Boy who biked the World' and are now working on producing a newspaper report to share with our readers. We have been continuing to look at the human body and the parts of the digestive system and look forward to seeing how they all get on with their disclosing tablets homework. The children had a great time talking about Australia in our geography lessons this week too.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have had another brilliant week back at school, exploring the whole-school PSHE theme of 'Friendship'. As part of this, we discussed the importance of communication in keeping successful friendships. We thought about how to be a clear communicator and also how to be a good listener. To apply these skills, Year 5 were set the homework task of teaching their group a new skill and we had great fun learning a range of new activities whilst learning more about the interests of our class.



We also started our lino printing project where we planned our space-themed design. As part of this, we thought carefully about shape (abstract or geometric), the use of colour, our techniques as well as the incorporation of negative space. We look forward to showing our completed work next week!

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week in year 6 we have continued to work really hard on developing our understanding of algebra in maths and have also been planning our suspense narratives based on a film clip. In computing, we have worked in groups to create space themed stop animations. This started with mapping out a storyboard before creating our animations and editing them with sound effects, music, text and lighting. We look forward to sharing these as part of our Elmlea Oscars film awards at the end of term.



Year 6 Team