

Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 26 Friday 26th March

Dear parents and carers,

I really hope you have had a good week and enjoyed the warmer days.

This week has been a time of reflection nationally as we mark the 12-month anniversary of the first national lockdown and remember all those we have sadly lost to the virus. Some of you will have been personally touched by such loss, and we again extend our deepest condolences to our families who have lost loved ones over this past year.

As we reflect I also want to be able to thank all our Elmlea families, We have journeyed through great challenges together since March 2020 and your support for your children and for all we have been trying to do in and via school has been much appreciated. It hasn't been an easy road for anyone but the load has been lighter as we have worked together, school and families as a community and supported each other. **Thank you.**

Looking forward next week, will be our last week of Term 4 and will be a slightly shorter week as we finish on Thursday 1st April. Our theme for the week will be "Celebration" which will allow the children time to reflect on and celebrate all they have achieved this term, at home and in school.

As the children reflect on their achievements and celebrate these, you may want to also reflect on what you have achieved too through such a challenging time and find time to celebrate those achievements.

Please remember to continue to be kind to yourselves.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Wow Walk to School at Elmlea Juniors and Infants

This week Elmlea are launching it's participation in the Wow walk to school programme which aims to encourage families to travel actively to and from school. Please see the attached [letter](#), the [map](#) of the walking radius around the schools and watch this [video](#) to learn more about this fantastic programme. Both the Juniors and Infants will be starting our new active travel ways on Monday 29th March ready to record in a travel tracker once they're in school that morning.



Earth Hour 2021 Saturday 27 March at 8:30pm

Within our school we look to be Eco friendly and have shared many conversations with the children about our impact on the environment and what we can do in school to contribute. With this in mind, we wanted to direct your attention to Earth Hour this weekend. Join millions of people around the world and switch off your lights in support of nature and our **planet** on Saturday, 27 March, 2021 at 8:30pm.

Please share any photos of the creative activities you and your families do onto See-saw or Tapestry for your teachers to see and share with your class www.earthhour.org/



Celebrating Holi and Passover (Pesach)

Best wishes to everyone in our Elmlea community who is celebrating Holi this weekend or Passover (Pesach) over the coming week.



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 Tues 20 April CLASS PHOTOS	Mon 7 June to Weds 21 July	Mon 7 June & Fri 2 July



Shine Clubs Term 5 live on Monday

The programme for next term (Term 5) goes live to everyone on Monday 29th March at 10am, details can be found here

[Elmlea Infant School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](#) [Elmlea Junior School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](#)

Whole School Class Photos - Tuesday 20th April

We are pleased that Tulip Photo will be coming to Elmlea on Tuesday 20th April to take class photos for the whole of the Infants and Junior schools. For information about how their 'contactless picture day' will work, please see their [website](#). They have created a process that allows them to keep at least 6 feet of distance at all times and eliminate all paperwork on the day of the photoshoots.



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 book - it 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)** Please note that we are unable to accommodate changes of minds on the day.

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 if need be fill in a [special diet form](#). 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.



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.



A message to Elmlea students from Bristol Taekwon-Do

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved Taekwon-Do Grade promotions; a significant achievement for many reasons especially when even just continuing with their training during this difficult time has required a great amount of Perseverance and Indomitable Spirit (two of the five Tenets of Taekwon-Do). So, going on to achieve a Grade promotion (and some more than 1) within this extraordinary year, is absolutely remarkable! Huge congratulations to all the students, you have amazed and inspired me. A big thank you to all the parents as well for their support, patience and understanding. **Miss Fran White, Bristol TKD**



Sidney - Promoted to 4th Kup - Blue Belt in December 2020

Sophie- Promoted to 6th Kup - Green Belt in September 2020

Edward- Promoted to 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe in June 2020, 8th Kup - Yellow Belt in December 2020 and 7th Kup - Green Stripe in March 2021

Reuben- Promoted to Grade 2 - Orange Stripe in June 2020, 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe in September 2020 and 8th Kup - Yellow Belt in March 2021

Olivia- Promoted to 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe in December 2020 and 8th Kup - Yellow Belt in March 2021

Anaiya- Promoted to 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe in December 2020 and 8th Kup - Yellow Belt in March 2021

Bahar- Promoted to Grade 1 - Purple Stripe in June 2020, Grade 2 - Orange Stripe in September 2020, 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe in December 2020 and 8th Kup - Yellow Belt in March 2021

Tom- Promoted to Grade 2 - Orange Stripe in September 2020 and 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe in March 2021

Thomas - Promoted to Grade 1 - Purple Stripe in December 2020 and Grade 2 - Orange Stripe in March 2020

Dhyani - Promoted to Grade 1 - Purple Stripe in December 2020

Thomas - Promoted to Grade 1 - Purple Stripe in December 2020

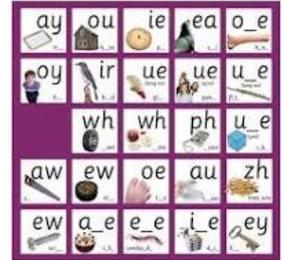
Reception

Another successful week in Reception, with new digraphs being learnt alongside lots of doubling!

Each class is learning a song that you can look forward to watching on Tapestry next week!



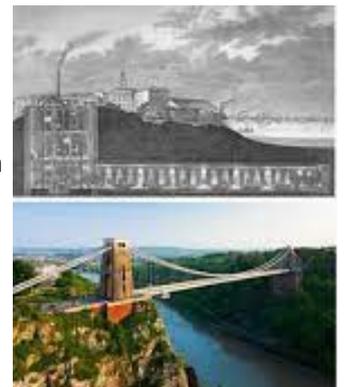
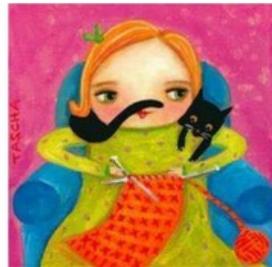
At lunchtimes, we are encouraging the children to attempt to chop their own food up - we would be grateful if you could also support this at home.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been finding out all about Brunel! Ask your child if they can tell you any facts about him. We also learnt about Mrs Knitter who is going to help us with multiplication!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 this week have been doing brilliant setting descriptions where they had to picture themselves living in London both before and after the Great Fire of London. We were so impressed with the amount of detail the children included in their writing and we can't wait to read their diary



entries this week. UFO's were seen within the Year 2 building this week in the form of clay aliens. The children loved getting the opportunity to explore this material and we loved seeing all the children's imaginative designs. They're going to be using their clay aliens next week in a science experiment.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

In English we have been finishing writing our tale from Africa about Ndou the elephant and how the elephants came to have trunks. We are really looking forward to publishing and illustrating these over the next few days.

In maths, we have been revisiting fractions by placing them on a number line, ordering them from smallest to largest and adding and subtracting them.



In RE, we have started to plan our Easter gardens and are looking forward to making them next week.

In science, we have been testing how different materials can protect us from harmful UV rays and using our knowledge to choose the best materials for an astronaut's spacesuit.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year four have enjoyed the theme of Team work and we have been creatively working in teams this week. The children did some collaborative art lessons on patterns that led to them printing on fabric together. They also completed some team challenges and have begun working on a board game for our Around the World topic. In English they have published their final newspaper report linked to the book, 'The boy who biked the world'. In maths we have been investigating equivalent fractions and finding fractions of amounts. The teachers are very excited for Countries Day next week and looking forward to seeing the children dressed in the colours of a flag from a country of their choice.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have had another amazing week, our PSHE school focus has been on 'Team work'. We have discussed what makes a successful team and the importance of team work. We have also been busy working as a team to create a stop animation. We look forward to sharing these with you on Seesaw! Next week the Elmlea Oscars will take place and a group of panellists will choose the winning team to receive their Oscar trophy. How exciting! Lastly, we would love to share our



Andy Warhol inspired lino printing with you this week. We enjoyed learning a new skill and are super proud of our finished result!

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week year 6 have been incredibly busy working on various projects. In maths, we have concluded our algebra work - much to the disappointment of some and delight of others! The children have worked really hard on this over the last few weeks even if all the concepts haven't clicked with them YET!



Each class has taken a day off timetable to complete our Lino printing art project. During our day, we explored negative space before designing our templates and then carving the Lino. We then used rollers and ink to print these designs onto different coloured paper and textured materials. We are really pleased with the results!

Year 6 Team