

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 36 Friday 25th June

Dear parents and carers,

In school it has been a lovely week and has culminated in a very successful shuffle up, where the children got to spend time with their new classes and meet their new teacher. The children have been so positive about this experience and they can look forward to another opportunity next week too.

Junior Sports day

The sun has shone for both our Junior sports days this week and it was so great to see the children having fun and for all our usual races to take place. To hear children laughing together and enjoying all the events ranging from potato and spoon to hurdles was a really uplifting experience to be part of. Thank you to Miss Paterson for her excellent organisation and for our Yr6 helpers who supported Yrs3 and 4 through their events too. The Infant Sports day will take place in a fortnight, fingers crossed for another lovely day.

Covid reporting

Please ensure if the school office is closed, report any covid positive results to elmleacovidupdates@elmleaschoolstrust.com **The lateral flow home tests should not be used on primary age children.**

Yr6 Camp

Yr6 are going away on their residential camp on Monday to Okehampton – we hope they have a lovely time away with their classmates and enjoy the fantastic range of activities planned from gorge scrambling to high ropes!

STEM week and Maths Day

Please read all about our fantastic STEM week and Maths day in the Junior School this week under the year group reports. Thank you to Mrs Wilson, Miss Sheffield and Mr Weller for making it happen. Infant events to follow shortly.

Senior leadership Contacts

Please note Mrs Wright will be away with Yr6 on camp from Monday to Wednesday next week. To contact a senior member of staff, Mr Daubney and Mrs Sloper, our Deputy Heads for the Infant and Junior schools will be available if needed. However, we would always ask that where possible contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

2020/2021 Academic Year	2021/2022 Academic Year		
Term 6 Mon 7 th June to Weds 21 July 2021 INSET DAYS: Mon 7 th June Frid 2 nd July Weds 21 st July Last day of term Tues 20 July 2021	Term 1 Thurs 2 nd September to Fri 22 nd October 2021 INSET DAYS: Thurs 2 nd September Fri 3 rd September (First day of term Mon 6 th September 2021)	Term 3 Tues 4 th January to Fri 18 th February INSET DAY Tues 4 th January 2022 (First day of term Weds 5 th January 2022)	Term 5 Mon 25 th April to Fri 27 th May 2022 May Day Holiday Mon 2 nd May 2022
	Term 2 Mon 1 st November to Fri 17 th December 2021 INSET DAY Mon 1 st November (First day of term Tues 2 nd November 2021)	Term 4 Mon 28 th February to Friday 8 th April 2022 INSET DAY Fri 8 th April 2022 (Last day of term Thurs 7 th April 2022)	Term 6 Mon 6 th June to Fri 22 nd July 2022 INSET DAY Fri 24 th June 2022 (Last day of term Fri 22 nd July 2022)

Film making competition

Three Year 6 pupils, Ida, Dilly and Bryony took part in a 24hr film making competition recently run by Redmaids High. The girls had a week-end to script, film and edit their movie. On the awards evening they got a special mention for their movie. The judges said, "It was an interesting choice not to resolve the story and suggests the film-makers have a flair for drama serials." Well done girls, we are very proud.



Elmlea Schools Trust Happy Circus

The long awaited tickets for the Elmlea Schools Trust Happy Circus event are now available on our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa> more info can be found [here](#)

There will be two showings:

- > **Friday 24th Sept 2021** - 5pm - 8pm (includes pre activities & interval)
- > **Saturday 25th Sept 2021** -1pm - 4pm (includes pre activities & interval)

This event is only put on every 3 years and is very popular so tickets are guaranteed to sell out. Due to current Covid restrictions, there are only a **limited number of tickets** so buy your tickets today to avoid disappointment.



Due to the limited number of tickets please note that they only available for Elmlea families at this time. **Tickets are £12 each** (under 2's on laps are free). We will be selling refreshments and hot food prior to the show and during the interval.

As you can imagine this event requires a large number of volunteers and we will shortly be asking class reps to gather volunteers for each show. Please consider if you could volunteer for a different show when purchasing your tickets.

Elmlea schools Trust PTA

Considerate Parking notice



Please be aware that Year 6 students will be leaving for camp at 9am on Monday 28th June and returning at 3pm on Wednesday 30th June. Coaches will be using Westbury Baptist Church carpark so the area will be busier than usual. Please always park considerately.

Engineering competition

Rosie D (6L) has won an individual award in an engineering competition and in turn earned us £100 for school resources! Rosie has been awarded an individual award in the primary schools age category. The judges were so impressed by Rosie's idea and were particularly impressed by how much research she has done. We will be awarding Elmlea School with £100 of school resources. In addition to Rosie's entry, there were also a few highly commended entries from Elmlea School. They will be sending out certificates for each of the teams involved. Well done everyone, we are very proud. All results are available on their [website](#).



Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had a great week learning all about ladybirds.

We have been writing stories using story language and learning about different times of the day.

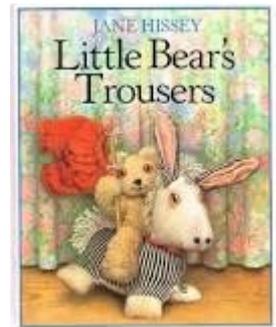
We also enjoyed 'shuffling up' to our new class for a short time on Friday where we got to see our new classrooms.



Many thanks The Reception Team

Year 1

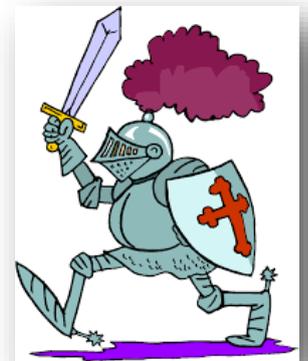
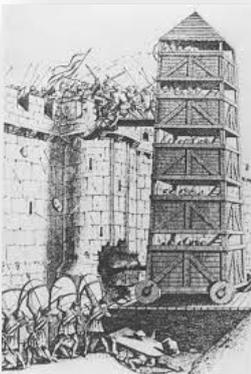
Year 1 - We have been authors this week! We innovated Little Bear's Trousers and wrote our own versions. In maths we learnt a new fraction, quarters! Ask your child to explain these to you. We also enjoyed meeting our new teacher! We are so excited for year 2.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week year two have loved learning more about our Castles topic. We have explored the role of a Knight and learnt about their life and journey to becoming such an important role in a castle. Towards the end of this week, all children had the opportunity to design and make their very own Siege Engine, a very important piece of equipment used in battles. The children were able to choose to make either a Trebuchet, Siege Tower or a Battering Ram. We really hope the children loved making these during as part of their DT learning. In maths, we have continued to revisit our measurement topic. We have worked hard to practise our practical skills when measuring capacity and volume this week. As always, the children are so happy and have really shown how much they love being in school, a fantastic week year two - well done!



Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed this week. We LOVED finally getting to take part in Sports Day and we are very grateful to Mrs Paterson for all her hard work. We had an amazing maths day and showed excellent group working skills, resilience and resourcefulness to complete all our tasks. In STEM week, we investigated how to reduce single use plastics and what swaps we could make in the bathroom to play our part. We also had another wonderful singing assembly and finished off the week meeting our new teachers.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

What a great week Year 4 have had! Not only did we have a superb time with our STEM project, but we also loved sports day. In our STEM project, we had to explore ways to regreen the desert by creating some irrigation systems. Check out Seesaw to see how we got on. In maths, we did a lot of talk around money and where it comes from. These discussions were great as we talked about tax and loans too. For our English work, we created our own unique plant species ready to present next week.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

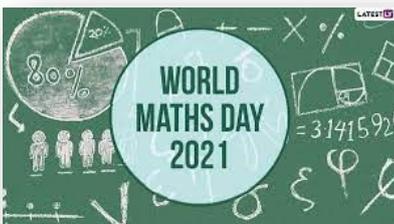
In Year 5 this week, we have been so enthused by Sports day, STEM week and Maths day. Our STEM project was to create a cooker hood or cook stove for people in Nepal. We found out about the damage caused by open fires and felt very passionate about our solutions. We have planned, adapted, and tested our designs. We have also challenged ourselves on Maths day, solving puzzles, working collaboratively, and taking part in competitions!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have loved STEM Week, Maths day and Sports day this week. They explored creating filtering systems to purify water and competed in their houses during a series of Maths challenges as well as their Sports Day events.



They all hugely looking forward to their residential camp next week. Fingers crossed for good weather!

IMPORTANT: CAMP INFORMATION Please make sure your check the most up to date [information, kit list and drop off arrangements](#) and [COVID precautions](#). Please remember to bring a packed lunch on Monday morning and to arrive PROMPTLY at 8:30am. Please park considerately. Happy packing!

Year 6 Team