



Dear parents and carers,

This week saw Elmlea schools visited by two fantastic sporting champions as part of our Team Super Schools event.

Monday was an exciting day for the Infant School... first, we met Commonwealth Gold medal winning gymnast and mentor Steve Frew. He put us through our paces completing sit ups, leg drives, press ups and star jumps and talked to us about perseverance and trying our best. It was hard work but great fun to chant all together to keep up our momentum. Then, we went to meet Jason who showed us some videos of him racing in the Olympics with his team. He spoke to us about his journey to becoming a top athlete and reminded us of the importance of finding our passion and following it. He was spotted by his teachers when he was around 6 years old and remembered his first taste of success was at his sports day! Jason and Steve have really inspired us to try our best, be the best we can be and follow our dreams!



On Tuesday it was the Junior School's turn. After the exercises, the children were treated to a presentation and question and answer session with Jason himself where he described his journey of becoming an Olympic Gold medalist.

He showed the children the video of his winning race in Athens 2004 and the gold medal he was rewarded with for his part in the 4x100m relay winning team. Children (and Mrs Paterson) also competed in race against him but sadly we were not quick enough!

The main aim of both mornings was to inspire the children to enjoy sport as well as to help raise money to go towards the new adventure playground. All the children worked extremely hard in their circuit and earned their sponsorship.

A massive well done to the Infant School who are close to raising £4000! The Infant sponsorship page can be found [here](#) and there is still time to donate. The Juniors are also well on their way and have raised over £900. Come on Juniors, let's give the Infants a run for their money! There's still a week to add your well-earned sponsorship money [here](#) and help us reach our target of £1,500 even if it is just £2.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

KEY DATES

2020-21

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 '21
Fri 3 Sept '21
Mon 1 Nov '21
Tues 4 Jan '22
Fri 8 April '22
Fri 24 June '22

Driving to school

We have had a high number of complaints over the last 2 weeks from our neighbours on The Dell and Elmlea Avenue with regards to Elmlea parents parking across driveways. Cars are being parked and left whilst parents drop off or pick up their children and this can take up to 20 minutes. This is obviously really inconsiderate and understandably our neighbours are upset by these actions as they are effectively blocked in or out of their own driveway until parents return.

Please allow yourself more time so you can park elsewhere. We don't want to have to start publishing photos of cars but we are being sent them. Our current signage encourages you to "Show you care, park elsewhere!"



Music lessons reminder

A reminder to children who receive instrumental lessons to please remember your instruments and sheet music on your relevant teaching days.



Year 2 afterschool French Club Starts back after Half Term

Year 2 afterschool French Club Starts back after Half Term on Tuesdays - 3.15pm - 4pm £7/session. More information and booking details can be found [here](#).



Infant School Online Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Visit [this link to](#) browse the latest books and order online. **For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by May 21st 2021. Many thanks, Miss Neal



Junior School Book Fair



We have endeavoured to make the Book Fair happen this year and you will have read on last week's newsletter last week that we had made arrangements for it to happen in a Covid secure way. However, due to the weather forecast next week we have been forced to move to an online Book Fair. This also means that the order forms attached to the previous newsletter are now redundant.

Please see the below link to browse and purchase a wonderful selection of books. For every book you buy, the school receives money to spend with Scholastic and update our bookshelves. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online using [this link](#) by May 28th 2021. Books will be delivered to school during Term 6 and will be distributed to your child. Happy Reading!

Uniform

A quick reminder that wearing the old logo uniform is absolutely fine - it can be used until the clothes are no longer wearable - we are an eco-friendly school.

New Uniform can be purchased from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists (formerly The Famous Branches School Wear Specialists) Unit 1 Simmonds View, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8HR or ordered [online](#). Alternatively, for second hand uniform contact the PTA elmlea_infants_pta@hotmail.co.uk



Shine Clubs Term 6 are now live PLUS Inset Funday Monday 7th June.

Shine are running an Inset Funday for Elmlea Infant and Junior children on Monday 7th June. Full details [here](#).



The programme for next term (Term 6) is now live for Elmlea Infant and Junior Schools. Bookings and will open to everyone else on Thursday 20th May at 10am, details can be found here.

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

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

Henbury Golf Club's Junior Day Sunday 23rd May

Registration from 3pm
Games start 3.30pm /
finish at 5.30pm. More
information can be
found [here](#).



Absence Reporting

Please note that if you need to report an absence you need to use the telephone absence line, as per our procedures. Please do not email us in the morning as we do not have capacity to check emails before commencing first day safeguarding proceedings.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about the number bonds to 5 and 6, these are the numbers that add together to make 5 or 6. We have been practising these as a class and during activities to hopefully enable the children to recall them independently.

We do hope that you have enjoyed watching the class assemblies. The children worked very hard on them and you should all be so proud of their achievements!

As we are nearing the end of Term 5 we are seeing and encouraging more independence in learning and the children are certainly rising to the challenge, choosing to be purple learners and challenge themselves, being in the challenge zone rather than the comfort zone.

How you can help at home:

Regular daily reading with your child will make a significant impact on their reading progress.

Practise instant recall of the number bonds to 5 and 6.

Discuss different art forms and your favourite artists with your child in preparation for arts week next week.

The Reception Team

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy making shoebox aquariums! They designed them, made the parts and then put them together using different methods! Please could you send a plastic bag in with your child on Monday so these can go home safely in all weather. We were also inspired by a free diver to imagine what it would be like to be able to breathe under water and wrote some amazing descriptive pieces.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been focusing on using money in maths this week. They have been calculating different amounts and had a fun activity where they had to check envelopes containing various amounts of coins and notes. On the front of each envelope was an amount written from the 'bank'. The children then had to total the number of coins and check the totals against the figures on the front of the envelopes. They then had to think of different combinations of coins that could be used to create these totals. Had the bank calculated the right amounts? Later in the week, the children then had to calculate the correct amount of change for various items they could buy from the shop. This term, Year 2 have been focusing on their 'Purple Learning' and how they can reach their potential and challenge themselves in their learning. The Year 2 team think that the children have been trying to have better focus and showing good perseverance in lessons.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 LOVED their morning with Jason Gardener this week and asked him lots of interesting questions. It was great being active, meeting an Olympian and seeing a real gold medal! They have been exploring fossils in science, volume in maths and newspapers in English. They are looking forward to carrying out some geography fieldwork as part of their homework. They were really excited that they were able to have their first year group assembly and go over our Golden Rules - I wonder if you can spot them 'listening' really well this weekend.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

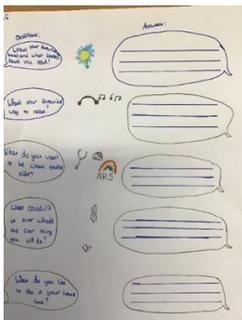
The Year 4 children in school have had a lovely week getting crafty with our cardboard art project where we created cardboard versions of important buildings in Westbury-on-Trym. We have also enjoyed having debates as part of our English discussion unit. We discussed whether the voting age should be lowered, if graffiti should be art and if children should have school uniforms. We are looking forward to creating our own discussion texts next week. In maths we have enjoyed our geometry work looking at shapes. 4B have been working hard at home and are very excited to be back in school next week. With Arts week next week, we are very excited to get creative and find ways to represent our chosen animals.



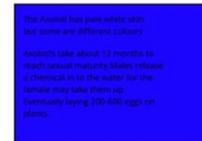
Year 4 Team

Year 5

It has been a brilliant week in Year 5, one of our highlights was Team Super Schools on Tuesday, we were inspired from meeting Jason Gardener, hearing about his journey and seeing his Olympic gold medal. We have continued our learning on Lifecycles but looking at some of the weird and wonderful examples in nature. Each group was given a type of animal that was unique to its species and they had to research what was different about its life cycle and the main stages involved in its development. We then used Book Creator to present our findings about its life cycle to the rest of the class! We have also posted curious questions to find out more about our Linking class. We look forward to seeing their responses!



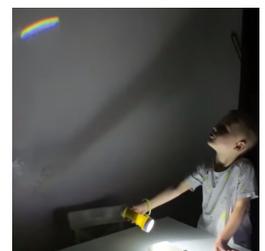
It lives for 10 to 15 years and it can grow up to 6 to 18 inches and it lays 2 to 8 oocytes



Year 5 Team

Year 6

We are extremely proud of the hard work, determination and resilience that Year 6 have put into their tests this week and as a result they have all earned a well-deserved end of week treat. Aside from tests, Year 6 have had another exciting week of learning and on Tuesday, the school had a visit from Team Super Schools and met the inspiring Jason Gardener, Olympic gold medalist sprinter and Steve Frew, Commonwealth Gold gymnast! The children even got a chance to race Jason! They have also enjoyed learning about the Bristol Bus Boycotts and were inspired by the 'levers of power' that the organisers used, such as use of the media, influential individuals, and Government involvement to make positive change. We have also delved further into our science topic about light and learnt about Isaac Newton's theory of colour. The children then tested out this theory in an investigation in which they experimented with splitting up light using torches, prisms and water. They discovered that although light looks white, it is actually made up of all of the colours of the rainbow!



Year 6 Team

Camp Pocket Money Remember your tuck shop money! Please will all children bring £4 (x4 pound coins) into school in a named envelope marked with child's name and class. This must be given to the class teacher. x4-pound coins will be the only money accepted. The money will be safely stored in the school safe and will be taken to Camp and given to the children at appropriate times. Please ensure tuck money is in school by Friday 28th May.

Camp, Mojo and Mendip payments - please remember to make your camp and trip payments via Tucasi. Thanks!