



Dear parents and carers,

Art's Week 2021

Art's week has been a fabulous end to Term 5. I hope your children have enjoyed all the activities which culminated in our joyous carnival parades on the field, which both schools were able to take part in. The beautiful artwork the children had completed provided a glorious spectacle of colour and made for a memorable event for everyone.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cosgrove and Mrs Bjelica, our Art subject leaders for ensuring a fabulous week and to all our staff who embraced with such enthusiasm all the activities provided, ensuring every class had a range of Arts activities to enjoy throughout the week.

Everyone is now ready for a break from the usual routines and we hope you have a lovely half-term break and enjoy the promised good weather to brighten the week.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 8th June.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

KEY DATES

2020-21

Term 5

Mon 19 April
to
Fri 28 May

Term 6

Mon 7 June
to
Tue 20 July

INSET DAYS

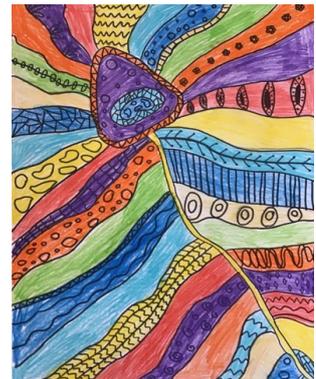
Mon 7 June
Fri 2 July
Weds 21 July

**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
Tue 4 Jan '22
Fri 8 April '22
Fri 24 June '22



Staffing update

Mrs Smith, our 3S teacher is leaving us today to begin her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Smith and her family all the very best and look forward to meeting baby Smith in due course. Ms Cracknel and Mrs Shanuk will be teaching 3S for Term 6. A big thank you to Mrs Chesneau and Miss Chadwick who have supported 3S this term too.

COVID notification email

Please remember to use the email address elmleaCOVIDupdates@elmleaschoolstrust.com to notify us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and you receive this notification during the holidays, when the school office is closed. We need to know as soon as you have this result so we can contact the DfE for advice if we need to self-isolate a class. If we get your notification we can then notify parents if their class was required to self-isolate. In your email please let us know the following:

- When your child was tested and you received the test result
- When your child's symptoms started
- When your child was last in school
- Your contact phone number

Elmlea Schools Arts Week!



The Infants have had a fantastic time celebrating arts week. The children have all enjoyed being creative and learning new skills. At the start of the week we focused on the piece of music 'Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saëns. Each year group chose a different part of music which represented a different animal. The children explored the music and then created a piece of art themed around their animal. The children have also really enjoyed creating bright head dresses and decorations for the parade. We can't wait to show them off!

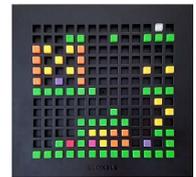
What an amazing week packed full of art in the Junior school as well...

Graffiti, drama and dance workshops and weaving too! Chalk drawing, samba drumming, bubble printing, batik and so much more! Our 'Carnival of the Animals' was hugely successful and the sun shone on us as well. It was so lovely to have everybody out together again. A true celebration. Thank you so much to all the teachers and pupils for all of their hard work towards making the week such a success.



The STEM factory Video Game Design course

After a very difficult 15 months, The STEM factory are returning to Elmlea Junior School to run our Video Game Design course. This is an extremely creative course where the children's imagination can run wild creating their own characters, levels and obstacles. The focus is on encouraging the children to really think carefully about cause and effect to enable the development of games which keep the player interested. For further information click [here](#).



Second hand uniform sale Wednesday 9th June

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 9th June 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.

Please drop any outgrown uniform donations to 145 Abbey Road between Friday 4th & Monday 7th June to enable them to be sorted in time for the sale.

Thanks, the PTA



Uniform

New Uniform can be purchased from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists Unit 1 Simmonds View, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8HR or ordered online [Parent Guide](#)

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.



Reception

This term Reception have been learning all about their chosen themes, alongside learning about planting and growth of sunflowers during Spring and all about birds during this week's art inspired activities! It has been a busy term and the children certainly deserve a rest for all their fantastic efforts and achievements!

Throughout this week the children have enjoyed using different media to create artwork alongside their peers and also individually. We really enjoyed watching the Junior School parade their artwork on the field yesterday, clapping along to the music and spotting the animals they had chosen to be.

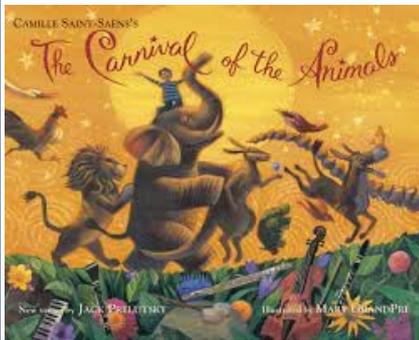
We have also been focusing on looking after our property, including what is theirs (water bottles, jumpers etc) and the school property. As a cohort this week we have talked about the importance of looking after things and respecting others property and would appreciate if you could also reiterate this important message with your child at home.

We want to wish you all a restful week and look forward to welcoming you back in Term 6!



The Reception Team

Year 1



This week in Year One we have had a fantastic time taking part in Arts Week. We listened to Carnival of the Animals, by Camille Saint-Saëns, and enjoyed thinking about how it made us feel and then we used our underwater topic as inspiration for making amazing printing patterns. We also enjoyed making Blotack boats, to investigate floating and sinking, practising our scientific and engineering skills!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year two have absolutely loved art week this week. This week, we were a native animal from Australia. Have you guessed what it is?... Yes, that's right we were Kangaroo's for the week. We wanted to explore the animal's country and its heritage in more detail, so we focused our Art week all around Aboriginal Art. We explored the history of Indigenous Australian's and their love for the sacred art. We used a dotting technique using cotton buds and paint to act as the Ochres mixture to create a variety of different native animals using the Aboriginal art style.

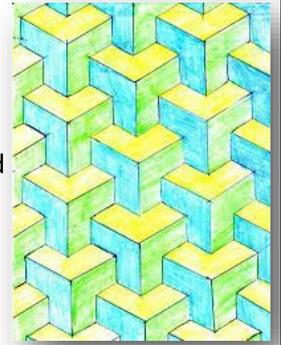


The children loved this week and were so intrigued to learn more about this culture and where the art came from. If you would like to know more, perhaps the children can tell you some facts that they have learned this week. Have a lovely half term everyone, we look forward to seeing you in Term 6.

Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing Arts Week celebrating the Carnival of the Animals. We have been inspired by tigers, lions and monkeys and created some amazing artwork. We loved taking part in the Big Draw and had a really inspiring workshop with Toby Hulse. On Thursday, we paraded around the field and showed off our incredible banners and masks. Even our maths has been inspired by art this week and we have looked at some really interesting tessellations. We have also been publishing our newspaper reports about the reopening of Westbury Wildlife Park and lots of us have been inspired to visit soon! Happy Half Term everyone!



Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had a super Arts Week. We have had a great time being creative and representing our different animals. Using peacocks, dragonflies and giraffes as our inspiration, we have produced mosaics, water colour painting, made masks, created silhouettes and had a fantastic time at the carnival. A highlight for all, was our streetdance session with Wendy who taught us a whole dance routine. It was great that everybody got involved and gave it a good go.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have LOVED all our Arts' Week activities. From the weaving workshop with Angie Parker, the whole-school 'Big Draw' challenge, designing and making Batik lizards, frogs and elephants, to scripting our own mini-drama performances, Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills. We particularly enjoyed celebrating our learning with the rest of the school as part of our Elmlea Carnival of the Animals too.



Well done Year 5 and we hope you all have a restful half-term break. See you in Term 6!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

WOW what a wonderful week Year 6 have had. It has been jam-packed full of varied and innovative art. Using toucans, macaws and jellyfish as our inspiration, we have created stained glass windows, batik, Papier Mache heads, fine ink drawings, watercolour seascapes, bubble printing, mask-making, musical instruments, giant wings and much, much more. We were also very fortunate to have some samba drumming training which



we demonstrated during the carnival. And perhaps the highlight, was the opportunity to create some graffiti through a company called Graffarty. I know the children are keen to take them home and display them with pride.

Year 6 Team