

Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 39 Friday 16th July

Dear parents and carers,

This is the last newsletter of the academic year which is a good opportunity to reflect.

Once again it hasn't been the year we had planned for our wonderful children and there have been many challenges along the way for us all. However, despite this we should all feel so proud of what we have achieved for the children of Elmlea. We have all held on to our determination that the children should have the best possible year we could provide and with a consistently "can do" attitude from everyone, both in school and at home, I think we have achieved that.

A big thank you to our **teaching teams** who have ensured every day your children have been met with positivity and hopefulness that today will be a good day and this attitude has moved our children through some tough times.

A huge thank you to our **business and site teams** who have been challenged too and had to adapt and move with the additional stresses that Covid has brought to their ways of working. Our school has continued to run smoothly and this due to their diligence and problem solving approach throughout.

To all our **Elmlea parents and carers**, thank you. You are always so supportive of all we have tried to do this year for your children and it has been a tough year for you all too. Yet, you've kept your children enthusiastic and ensured they have started every day ready to learn.

Finally to the **children of Elmlea** who have shown levels of perseverance and determination, combined with resilience, we had not thought they had the capacity for. They have maintained their enthusiasm for learning, embracing every new day at home or in school, finding a way through it, which would lead to success. They should all feel so proud of themselves.

So, as this academic year ends we can look forward to a summer break and have hope that September will be a positive start to a new academic year, without disruption.

Have a lovely summer holiday and hope you're all able to take time out to be together as a family at home or away. We look forward to seeing you all back in school in September on Monday 6th September.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Contact tracing and Class Bubbles

Any positive cases reported to school from the 19th July will not require a class bubble to self isolate.

If a child tests positive, they and their family will be required to self-isolate. Test and Trace may ask questions about the child in terms of who may have had prolonged contact with, a friend for a sleepover etc but will not require the whole class to self-isolate.

Up to midnight on Sunday 18th July any reported positive tests to school via the covid updates email over the weekend would require a class to self-isolate. If reported to school on Monday this would not be the case.

Please see [FAQ's letter attached](#)

Arrangements for September

We are unsure if further guidance will be produced by the DfE shortly, therefore final arrangements for drop off, pick up timings etc will be sent out on the last day of term this Tuesday.

Year 6

We say goodbye next Tuesday to our magnificent Yr6 children, who throughout this year have shown such maturity, tenacity, determination and perseverance through all the challenges and hurdles they have overcome. They have remained determined to embrace all the responsibilities and privileges that have come with being in Yr6 and have been role models for all our younger years. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to their new schools and hope they will return to tell us how they are getting on.

Happy's Circus Tickets

We have now sold out of the current ticket limit however, if you missed out last week we maybe in a position to release more tickets next week following the lifting of government guidelines on the 19th July.

Please check our [website](#) on Wednesday 21st after 6pm see if we have been able to release more tickets. More details [here](#).

If you are able to volunteer to help with the circus stalls please sign up using the doodlepoll's that have gone out on class WhatsApp groups. Most of the time slots are an hour long and allow parents to attend the show on the same day as volunteering. Unfortunately, if we don't get enough volunteers we will not be able to go ahead with the event.



Many Thanks, EISA



Shine

Please find attached details about the Shine clubs running at school from September. [Infant School programme](#) | | [Junior School Programme](#)



These will be now live for booking by clicking on the relevant link below.

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

Reception children are welcome to the stated clubs where their school day finishes at the usual time. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate any early finish times as the children settle in.

Team Super Schools Challenge



Together across the Trust we raised a staggering £8,025 with the Team Super Schools Challenge event.

Children in the Infant school have already received their prizes for their fundraising efforts and the Junior school children will get theirs on Monday. Well done everyone!

Intergenerational activities for schools, parents and teachers

Bristol based charity [Alive Activities](#) invite your pupils to take part in our free intergenerational activities. Last year we supported both primary and secondary schools across Bristol create links with local care homes. Our One Good Turn project works to create links between pupils, school staff families and older people living in care. The project aims to tackle social isolation among older participants and encourage new friendships and connections to form despite the difficulty of the pandemic.



If you are interested in setting up a link with a local carehome or hearing more about our intergenerational summer club please see more [information](#) here and [attached](#).

Guitar Club

Guitar club starts up again in September. Please contact hazel@hazelwinter.co.uk for more information.



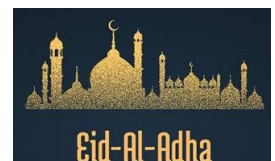
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Daisy Boo in Year 5 who took her Grade Two Verse and Prose exam in May, and received an amazing distinction - gaining 96 marks.



Eid al-Adha

Next week, Muslims around the world will celebrate the festival of Eid al-Adha. The Junior children have been learning about how and why it is celebrated in this week's assembly. We hope that everyone in our Elmlea community who is marking Eid has a lovely time with their family and friends.



Year Group News

Reception

Thank you all for a wonderful year - we can't quite believe it's coming to an end!



The children have had a fantastic week, learning and talking lots about Year 1, learning about Bees, enjoying our end of year celebration event with SHINE and a bouncy castle and playing in the sunshine with their friends!

Please remember to download your child's Tapestry journal before the end of the year.

Many thanks The Reception Team

Year 1

What an amazing week in Year One. We've had fun rewriting the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. What if it wasn't Jack but one of us that climbed the beanstalk? What if instead of a hen that laid a golden egg, they found something else? A pet? A magical object?

We have also been using tally charts to find out more about what we like, such as our favourite flavours of ice-cream and our favourite animals and pets. Then we ended the week with our class parties and had lots of fun to celebrate a fantastic year together. Well done 1F, 1C and 1HS - you are all amazing!!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week year two have been thinking all about Summer! We started our week by writing wonderful poems about the things we are looking forward to in the Summer holidays and designed our own pair of sunglasses to go with our poems. We have also enjoyed lots of outdoor time and had the best time at our Sports Day, we took part in three events: javelin, relay race and a sprint race. We worked well within our teams and supported each other along the way.



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Year 2 Team

Year 3

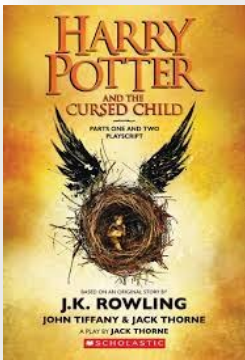
We have finished our last full week of year 3! This week we have been creating our own Wild Things based on the wonderful book by Maurice Sendak, Where the Wild Things Are. We have continued learning about plants and their parts by dissecting a flower and discovering how water travels up the stems. We have visited the Gurdwara with Mrs Bateau as we continue to discover more about the Sikh faith. In maths, we have been exploring measures. We can't believe there are only two more days of school. Thank you to all the year 3 parents for all their support over the past year.



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Year 3 Team

Year 4



Year 4 have had a very good week in school and 4B have been brilliant with their home learning too. The children have dissected flowers to understand the parts and their functions. We have all really enjoyed our English this week where we have been reading an extract from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone as well as writing play scripts based on The Cursed Child. It has been brilliant to see such enthusiasm for the stories and the discussions have flowed brilliantly. We are confident that it has inspired Year 4 to go and read more of the stories. We are excited about heading into our final few days with some animation and a DT project lined up

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Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant last full week of term! We have chosen our significant people, planned our design and created their statues to place on the empty plinth left by Edward Colston. We have enjoyed using Modroc to achieve an effective 3D sculpture. Another highlight of our week has been a visit from Mr Green who did a demonstration of 'Elephant's toothpaste' this linked beautifully to our Science work on irreversible changes. Thank you, Year 5, for all your enthusiasm and hard work this year. We are really proud of you!

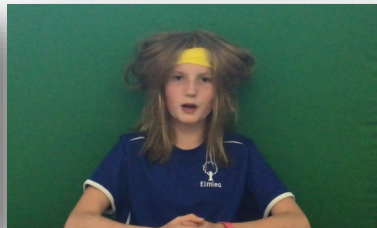


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Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week in year 6, the children have been working in groups to write and produce a short film all about the last 18 months of living with COVID. Many groups decided to take a humorous approach towards the inconveniences we've all lived with during this time. They did brilliantly to work on using



different camera shots and angles as well as developing their post production editing skills in the process. Well done, year 6!



Year 6 Team