



# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 4 Friday 24th September

Dear parents and carers,

Our "Big Green Week" across the Trust has enabled all the children to think about our planet and how they can help protect our planet. Our visitor from Greenpeace spoke to the children in our assemblies on Monday and really inspired and encouraged the children to think about environmental issues.

It has also been our special topic days for Yrs3 and 4 this week who came to school dressed as Ancient Egyptians. Our topic days really motivate and enthuse the children further for their topic. Thank you so much for supporting these special days. However, we are mindful of the environmental impact of our topic dress up days and I would really encourage parents to borrow and share costumes from year to year but also encourage the children to be creative in putting together a costume.

**Reception parent information evening** We are delighted to invite you to our Early Years Curriculum evening next Wednesday 29th September from 6:00-7:00pm, more information can be found on the next page

**Parents evening** Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October between 3.30 and 7.00pm

There was an overwhelming response to be able to continue to host online parent evening meetings. Many of you told us via the parent survey about how helpful and convenient online meetings were. You said it really helped as there was no childcare to be booked, no time was wasted as meetings never over ran and several parents, who usually work shift patterns had been able to attend online and that hadn't been the case ever before. Parent meeting slots are expected to go live by 6pm on Monday 4th October.

**Tours of the Infant School for Reception starters** Please see next page and our Website for the dates of our upcoming tours of the Infant School. Please note these tours are ONLY for September 2022 Reception starters. We will host tours for existing parents who haven't had an opportunity to see around the schools in Term 2.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

### School Photographs Day 2- Friday 12th November

The School photographer will be back on this day to take the following years and groups:

- Year 4, 5, 6 - individual photos
- All years - sibling photos (all classes from both schools)
- Preschool sibling photos - please email [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) if you would like to book a photo with your preschool siblings.



### No Nuts

Please note that any cakes, biscuits, chocolates, sandwiches, cereal bars, pesto etc. bought into school for children OR staff must not contain any nuts. This is to protect the health of children & staff some of whom have life threatening allergies to nuts.



### Diary Dates

#### 2021/2022 Academic Year

##### Term 1

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
INSET DAYS: Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept  
**First day of term Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

##### Term 2

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
INSET DAY: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
**First day of term Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**  
Photos: Yr 4,5, 6 & siblings - Fri 12th Nov

##### Term 3

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
INSET DAY: Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
**First day of term Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan**

##### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April  
INSET DAY: Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March  
**Last day of term Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April**

##### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May  
May Day Holiday: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
**Last day of term Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May**

##### Term 6

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
INSET DAY: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June  
**Last day of term Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

### Registration times and absence procedures

**Registration times:** Reception and Year 2 parents are asked to arrive at school by 8.50am, Years 1, 3 & 4 should arrive by 8:45am and Years 5 & 6 by 8:50am. Registration takes place 5 minutes after the listed start time. If you arrive after these times, please use the Junior School entrance and sign your child in. If your child is unwell and not attending school please call the Infant office on 0117 3772352 or the Junior office on 0117 3772266 and leave a message on the [absence line](#) before 9.30am stating the reason for your child's absence. This is a requirement of the Educational Welfare Department. School attendance is monitored by the Educational Welfare Officer and persistent lateness and absence will be followed up. Please note, we do not check emails before we have done our registration and safeguarding checks



**D&V:** If your child has been suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, the School Nursing Service state that they must stay at home at least 48 hours after the last symptoms have disappeared. Tummy bugs can be extremely contagious in a school environment. In the event of an outbreak across the school this will extend to 72 hours.

**Reporting Secondary School and other Visits:** Please could we ask parents to give the School Office as much notice as possible (at least 24 hours) if their child is attending a secondary school visit (or any other appointment). For children's safeguarding purposes all absences, including school visits are recorded in our system and it is a challenge at the start of the school day to track emails sent the night before.

Thank you for your support with this, The School Office



### Tours of the Infant School for Reception starters

#### School Tours

See below dates for tours of the Infant School (for September 2022 Reception starters ONLY) Please email [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) giving your child's name and date of birth along with which tour you would like to attend and how many people will be attending.

#### School Tour dates:

Thurs 14th Oct @ 5pm\*

Thur 21st Oct @ 9.15am

Weds 3rd Nov @ 9.15am

Thurs 18th Nov @ 9.15am

Weds 1st Dec - 2.00pm

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\*Please note that on the 5pm tour, no children will be in school but tour will be lead by Exec Headteacher & Early Years Leader  
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### The Voice Kids UK 2022

The Voice Kids will be returning to our screens on ITV in 2022 and we're looking for super talented singers and duos aged 7-14\* who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage. See [flier](#) for more information.



### Early Years Curriculum evening on Wednesday 29th September

We are delighted to invite you to our Early Years Curriculum evening next Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm.

#### Early Years Curriculum Evening

This information evening will take place in the Infant School Hall and be led by our Early Years teaching team. Throughout the evening we will talk to you about what your child will be learning throughout the year in each of the curriculum areas and how you can support their learning and development at home including how to support their early reading skills. There will also be time to ask your child's class teacher any questions that you have. We look forward to seeing you next week.

**Many thanks, The Reception Team**

### Title Great Big Green Week

This week we marked Great Big Green Week across the Trust. We had assemblies on topics including Greenpeace, WWF, environmental STEM developments and COP26.

Inspired by Nicola Davies' book The Promise, classes have discussed small pledges we can all make to reduce the effects of climate change and we shared these on our green hearts. If you would like to make any pledges as a family, we would love to see them on Seesaw.

It was great to see a wave of green children around the site today! Thank you to everyone who has already donated on Tucasi. We will keep the event open until Thursday 30th September and then see how many new trees we can sponsor through TreeBristol.



## Reception

This week Reception have been enjoying their first full week of school which happens to have been Green Week. We have focussed on recycling, reusing and looking after our planet, you'll see lots of learning on Tapestry. We are continuing to practise fine motor skills including drawing, cutting and building. We have had lots of conversations and learning opportunities based on our Golden Rules at Elmlea and the importance of having 'kind hands and kind feet'.

### The Golden Rules are:



- ◆ We are gentle.
- ◆ We are kind and helpful.
- ◆ We listen.
- ◆ We are honest.
- ◆ We look after property.
- ◆ We work hard.

Next week we will be focussing on friendships, beginning to learn our first phonics sounds and practising our fine motor skills.

**\*\* IMPORTANT Early Years Curriculum evening \*\*** See previous page for details of the Early Years Curriculum evening which is on next Wednesday 29th September. **Many thanks The Reception Team**

## Year 1

Year 1 have continued learning about the Tortoise and the Hare this week. We learnt what an 'adjective' is and wrote our first descriptive sentences. In maths we have been learning to use tens frames to represent number and to investigate teen numbers. We have enjoyed Green Week, making our own Eco promises - ask your child what their promise is!

**Year 1 Team**



## Year 2

This week Year 2 have engaged in some fantastic learning in all areas of the curriculum. We started our week by using laptops, iPads and library books to research different Arctic animals. The children were fascinated by the wonderful facts that they found out. We explored five different Arctic animals, they were: polar bears, a walrus, Arctic foxes, narwhals and beluga whales. Perhaps ask your children if they can tell you an interesting fact! The children were then able to focus on just one Arctic animal and write some lovely descriptive sentences about them using adjectives and conjunctions. We later created observational sketches to go with our writing. The children continue to work hard on their place value topic and have enjoyed using the resources in the classroom to represent and partition different two-digit numbers. We have also really enjoyed Big Green Week and have all made a promise about what we can do to help the world.



**Year 2 Team**

**The top doodling class in the Infant School this week is.... 2V!**

### Year 3

This week Year 3 had a fantastic Ancient Egyptian day where the children and staff dressed up and explored various aspects of Ancient Egyptian life. The children made pottery, designed Egyptian art, learned hieroglyphics and carried out an archaeological dig. Additionally this week, in English we have looked at some grammar, whilst exploring our David Walliams book, and in maths we have been ordering and comparing numbers to 1000



Year 3 Team

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a great time launching their Tomb Raider topic this week with our special Egyptian Day. Even without the planned visit of Clever Cogs, we had a great time dancing, making scarab beetles and some hieroglyphic bookmarks. The costumes looked brilliant so thanks to the parents for supporting with this. Next week we will be doing an outdoor learning session on Tuesday so children will need appropriate footwear if the weather is not great. We will be looking at character description for our fairy tale writing in English. In maths we will be looking at rounding numbers and negative numbers.



Year 4 Team

### Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been using our Maths lessons to learn about rounding, using number lines and our knowledge of place value to help us; In Literacy lessons we have been thinking about the ingredients of engaging creative writing, and beginning to draft our own Ancient Greece-inspired myths; And in Science we have been learning about the effects of gravity and the importance of our 'centre of gravity'. It has also been Green Week this week, and on Monday we enjoyed an assembly with a visitor from Greenpeace who told us all about how we can take small actions to combat the impact of climate change. Finally, we have all been very impressed by the excellent examples of Topic-based homework challenges that have been turned in this week - so thank you to all the students who have completed the assignments to such a high standard!

Year 5 Team



### Year 6

This week Year 6 enjoyed a practical demonstration of the contents of blood and the movement of blood within the circulatory system. They have investigated the properties of number finding common multiples and factors and identifying prime and square numbers. As part of our History work about Ancient Greece, we explored city states deciding whether they would have preferred to be a Spartan or an Athenian.

Year 6 Team



**\*\*NOTE:\*\*** For important information regarding secondary school transfer, please see this [letter](#) and [flyer](#).

