



# Elmlea Schools' Trust

## Newsletter Issue 2

### Friday 10th September

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. We hope you will agree the children have had a really positive start to Term 1 and embraced all that school has had to offer them with such great enthusiasm.

It has also been a genuine pleasure to welcome all parents back on site. I know you have really appreciated being able to walk your child to their classroom and have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher in real life; we have really appreciated that too.

#### **Welcome**

Our new Reception children have started this week as well as a number of new children who have joined us across the school, some arriving from very far afield including Hong Kong, China and Israel. We hope all our new families feel warmly welcomed in to the Elmlea School family and quickly make new friends both children and grown-ups alike.

#### **Entering and leaving the school sites**

Please ensure all parents and children enter through the main Infant and main Junior gates in the morning and leave via the Junior small top gate. The width of the path of the Junior small top gate cannot accommodate parents coming in that way in the mornings and is creating a bottle neck.

#### **Covid**

If anyone in your family develops a Covid symptom please ensure they have a PCR as soon as possible. If someone in your immediate family tests positive for Covid, the recommendation is all members of the immediate family then take a PCR test. It is now really easy to quickly get a PCR test, with drive-thru, walk-in and postal options.

#### **Permissions needed for Junior children**

Please understand that at the end of the school day we are responsible for ensuring your child actually has permission to:

- walk across to the Infant school to collect a sibling
- walk home ( Yr5/6)
- meet you on the School Drive

In order to safeguard all our children, unless we have permission by email from you, we cannot let the children leave the Junior school site.

Although your child may insist they are able to walk home please consider if they would be confident and know what to do safely if something unexpected happened.

#### **Infant playground**

You will have noticed that our Infant playground has been transformed over the Summer holidays. A big thank you to Steve Forbes our Infant site manager who worked tirelessly to ensure it was all ready for the start of term and also to you who supported our PTA events, which paid for the tyre area to be converted to an all weather space.



**Rosh Hashanah Shana Tova!** to everyone in the Elmlea community who celebrated Jewish New Year at the start of the week.

**Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

### STEM - Design a Discovery Poster



The National Space Centre (NSC) in Leicester is running an exciting competition. Design a poster that answer the question, "What's the most important space or science discovery?" and you could win a school trip to the National Space Centre for your whole class. Second prize is a video workshop with the NSC's Discovery Team experts, plus 10 winners in each of the two age categories (six to 11 years old and 11 and over) will win a family pass to visit the NSC. All children will be given an application form today.

The deadline is the 26<sup>th</sup> September. Good luck!

**Mrs Wilson, STEM Lead**

### Thanks to the PTA!

We are absolutely delighted to have now received 60 brand new iPads for the trust and they've been divided between both sites. The Infants and Juniors also each have lovely sparkling new trolleys now containing 30 new iPads each. This couldn't have been done without the very generous donation from the Elmlea PTA. We'd like to thank them so much and we know how much the children will appreciate using them too. Now having enough iPads for a whole class to use them together at the same time, gives a class a much greater opportunity to have teacher led computing sessions.



### Music News



Hi there, I'm just writing to introduce myself as Elmlea's new music teacher. I have been teaching music in primary schools for more years than I'd care to mention, but I started off my career working as a secondary school music teacher. I have a second job as an instrumental teacher for Bristol Beacon where I teach piano, flute and clarinet to individuals and small groups across Bristol primary schools. I also run an adult community choir on Thursday evenings.

I will be teaching music to each year group in the junior school and leading singing assemblies in both the infant and junior schools. It was so lovely to hear everyone singing this morning!

There will be some new music clubs to join so watch this space for further details of how to sign up.

I look forward to meeting you all at some point this term.

**Miss Sadler**

### External clubs (Junior School)

It's not too late to sign up for some of the external clubs on offer. Please find full details and booking information here

Please see this [flyer](#) for more info and to book

**Mrs Patterson, head of PE, Junior School**



### The Great Big Green Week



This is a national event running from 18th-26th September, aimed at raising environmental awareness ahead of the COP26 climate summit in November. At Elmlea, we will be marking the week with a range of events including an assembly with a speaker from Greenpeace, reading stories with environmental themes and making individual or class pledges with green hearts. On Friday 24th September, we invite the children to dress in green/their own clothes in return for a donation to Tree-Bristol. This is a local project where people can sponsor trees to be planted in Bristol's parks and open spaces. If everyone donates £1, we will be able to sponsor two trees. More information about how to donate will be sent in next week's newsletter. If you have any questions about Great Big Green week, please contact Mrs Bareau (Juniors) and Mrs Emery-Symmons (Infants).

## The STEM Factory@Elmlea Junior School



Video game design, open to Key Stage 2 children.

5 week course Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15pm, starting Tuesday 14th September

For more information click [here](#)



## Netball Development Training

Every Thursday during term time, starts Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September;

6-7pm Year 3-6

7-8pm Year 7 & Above

Click [here](#) for more info and to book



## Craft Club and Fine Art Club at Elmlea

Craft Club

Fine Art Club—starts Tuesday 14th Sept

Craft Club - Starts Wednesday 15th Sep

More information can be found [here](#).

Fine Art Club

## \*\*Last Chance for Circus Tickets\*\*

We are releasing a limited number of tickets for both shows (Friday 24th and Saturday 25th) the circus today on Friday 10th September at 6pm on our [website](#)

If you are able to volunteer to help with the circus stalls please contact your class reps. Most of the time slots are an hour long and allow parents to attend the show on the same day as volunteering. We currently don't have enough volunteers to run the event and we will be making a decision next week as to whether we can go ahead with the stalls such as bar and bbq if we don't get enough volunteers which will impact on the profit for the school. Many thanks, The PTA



## School nurse webinars for September

Please find details of webinars for parents/carers for [September](#). Parents/carers can either scan the QR code which will take them to the CCHP website and the booking links or they can click on the images to be taken directly to Eventbrite to be able to book.

From the School Health Nurse



## Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

'Development through Drama'

Lower Primary (Ages 4 – 7) 5:00 – 6:00

Upper Primary (Ages 9 -11) 6:15 – 7:15.

For more information please visit the [Website](#) or [Facebook page](#) or see click [here](#)



HELEN O'GRADY  
DRAMA ACADEMY



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# Year Group News

## Reception

Reception have had a fabulous first week, we hope you have all enjoyed looking at their learning on Tapestry. We have enjoyed playing outside, exploring our new classrooms and getting to know each other. We have put a little bit more information in our Year Group letter for the start of term so please see this for more.



Many thanks The Reception Team

## Year 1



Year 1 - What a wonderful first week! We have loved meeting all the children and they have come in to school with big smiles on their faces. We have had a busy week learning new routines and making new friends. The children have loved exploring Steve's new playground and playing with the Year 2s. We had our first ever assembly in the hall with all of Year 2, the children were fantastic!

Year 1 Team

## Year 2

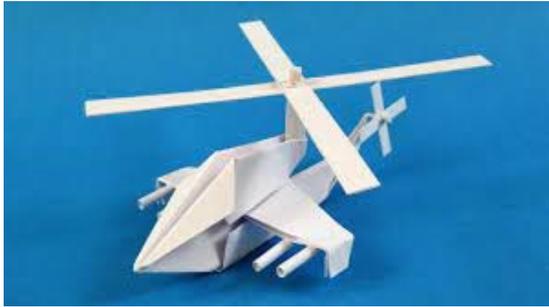
Welcome Back Year 2! It has been such a wonderful week back in school and paired with some lovely weather it has made for a great week! We are all so impressed with how mature the children have been this week as they begin their journey in year 2, we have discussed our class values and golden rules and have had lots of fun getting to know each other! We wrote some wonderful postcards about our summer holidays and began our maths learning with an introduction to our place value topic. We are set for a very exciting year and we can't wait!



Year 2 Team

### Year 3

A huge welcome to all of the Year 3 children who have joined us in the Junior School - it was amazing to see everyone back and with a level of normality. Our induction week has been spent doing a variety of activities to get the children to think about the learning behaviours that will help them to be successful this year and beyond.



We have carried out Jigsaw and Circle time discussions to consider and reflect upon how we should communicate with one another and be outstanding learners. We had a design and team building afternoon where we built paper helicopters, refining the model several times, before competing against other groups. Well done to all Year 3 children for a fantastic start!

**Year 3 Team**

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to their new year. They have come in with such enthusiasm for learning and have already adapted to all the new routines.

We have been doing lots of 'getting to know you' activities and the classes are really starting to gel and form new friendships. It has been lovely to be able to mix with the rest of the school at playtimes with a range of activities now available to us all. We are looking forward to launching our Tomb Raider topic next week.



**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5

We have had a great first week in Year 5! We have enjoyed learning more about each other and getting creative. We felt particularly lucky to have the honour of meeting Mark Williams and felt inspired after his talk.

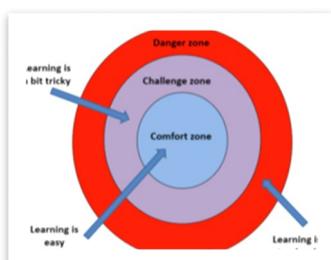


Another highlight of our week was our launch day which included making mythical creature masks and beginning to learn about Ancient Greece. Thank you so much Year 5 for a great start to the year!

**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

What a brilliant start to Year 6 the children have had this week. They enjoyed meeting and getting to know their new Year 3 buddies and taking on their first bit of responsibility by giving them a guided tour of the school.



The children have thought carefully about their hopes and goals for Y6, creating a collaborative class display that represents their wonderful uniqueness. We have focussed on developing a growth mindset and purple learning skills in order to help them to embrace learning and thrive this year.

**Year 6 Team**