

Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 5 Friday 1st October

Dear parents and carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the circus last week, to see the joy and happiness so apparent on your children's faces, especially when Mr Slinky appeared. It feels like a privilege to be able to gather together in this way after so long apart and we are so grateful to the PTA, their huge bank of volunteers and Steve Forbes (Infant site team) for staging the event and ensuring it was a real success. Thank you to you all our wonderful parents and carers too, for supporting the event by buying tickets and eating over 600 burgers and sausages and lots of refreshments! These events are always about more than fundraising, they are events to bring our community together and a unique way for your children to be able to have fun with their classmates outside of school. Big thank yous all round.



Parent-teacher meetings

Appointments will go live at 6pm on Monday 4th October for you to sign up to meet your child's class teacher for an online appointment. The teachers are very much looking forward to "meeting" you and discussing how your child has settled into their new class.

The meetings will be held on zoom and a code will be distributed nearer the time.



Birthday reminders

Please remember if it is your child's birthday that as a healthy school we are encouraging you to donate a book for the class to celebrate birthdays rather than bringing in sweet treats.

Contacting class teachers via email

We know that many of you really appreciate being able to contact your child's teacher when necessary by email. However, please ensure the tone and content of your emails remains polite and respectful as if you were speaking to the class teacher in person. Please also consider if it is really essential to email your child's teacher or could your child for example search for their own water bottle?

Medical and Injury Risk Assessments

If your child has a medical issue or injury which may impair their egress around the school a risk assessment will need to be carried out by the office team before your child comes into school. Please make sure you report to the school office and give as much information as possible. The risk assessment will need to be carried out and agreed before your child comes onto school site.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Covid reminder

Please note that, as per government guidelines, we will no longer be notifying parents and carers of any positive cases in school as this role is now performed by NHS Track and Trace.

**COVID 19
UPDATE!**

Learning Support Assistant Job Opportunity

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a strong candidate to support teaching and learning at Elmlea Infant School. If you have a passion for supporting children and raising standards, we want to hear from you. [More details and application forms](#)

**JOB
OPPORTUNITY**

Music News

School Choir has started this week, we had a lovely mix of children from all year groups and what a fantastic sound they make as a group already! Next week I will be sending out an invitation to children who play an orchestral instrument to attend an **instrumental club** on Thursdays after school. We will be practising the parts in preparation for an orchestral workshop that takes place on Tuesday 16th November. In this workshop, children have the opportunity to play pieces with other instrumentalists from schools across the city, usually ending with a short performance at the end.



Miss Sadler

Shine Holiday Clubs

Shine Holiday Clubs are running this October with 2 NEW venues at Clifton High School in BS8 which adds Multi Sports with Swimming for children from Year 3-7 to our choice of activities and at the Golden Hill Sports Ground, BS6 (behind Tesco) as well as our usual locations at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex and the Shine Community Sports Hall. Loads to choose from including Football, Netball, Creative, Performing Arts, Dance, Forest Adventure, Girls Tag rugby and more!



For more information please visit [Holiday Clubs | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](https://myshine.co.uk)

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club October Half Term Holiday Camps

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club holiday tennis camps are a fun and rewarding experience for children in the school holidays and a great first stepping stone into the tennis club. Run by our team of highly qualified and experienced coaches, players will be taught all they need to progress in a fun and active environment. Rackets are available to borrow from the club. October Half Term Holiday Tennis Camps start w/c 25 October for ages 4-12 at Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club. More details can be found [here](#).



Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club

5 stars for Elmlea Schools Trust kitchens

Great work Pam and Maria and their teams who had their EHO (Environmental Health Officer) Inspections recently. Both the Infant and the Junior kitchens scored the maximum 5 stars *****



Diary Dates

2021/2022 Academic Year

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| <p>Term 1 Thurs 2nd Sept to Fri 22nd Oct INSET DAYS: Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Sept First day of term Mon 6th Sept Parents Evening via Zoom: Weds 13th & Thurs 14th 3:30-7pm</p> <p>Term 2 Mon 1st Nov to Fri 17th Dec INSET DAY: Mon 1st Nov First day of term Tues 2nd Nov Photos: Yr 4,5, 6 & siblings Fri 12th Nov</p> | <p>Term 3 Tues 4th Jan to Fri 18th Feb INSET DAY: Tues 4th Jan First day of term Weds 5th Jan</p> <p>Term 4 Mon 28th Feb to Fri 8th April INSET DAY: Mon 21st March Last day of term Fri 8th April</p> | <p>Term 5 Mon 25th April to Fri 27th May May Day Holiday: Mon 2nd May Last day of term Fri 27th May</p> <p>Term 6 Mon 6th June to Fri 22nd July INSET DAY: Fri 24th June Last day of term Fri 22nd July</p> |
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The top doodling class in the Infant School this week is... 1SC!

Reception

This week in Reception we have started learning the phonic sounds for the letters s-a-t and have learnt how to write them. Ask your child to show you these at home.

We have been talking a lot about friendships and learning how to be a kind friend to others and how to make new friends.

Thank you to those that were able to attend our Curriculum Information Evening. For those that were unable to, you will be able to collect a hand out on how you can help your child at home from the Early Years Playground and the information will be shared on our website soon.

Just a little reminder to please provide a coat everyday for your child as the weather is now changing.



Many thanks The Reception Team

Year 1

This week we learnt a new story as part of our topic, Tales As Old As Time. This story originated in West Africa and it stars a very cheeky trickster, who uses his cunning to trick all his friends. Perhaps your children can help you work out who it is. Whatever you do, don't say the words 'what a strange moss-covered rock!' We have also been observing the change in the seasons by drawing trees around the school and have taken our maths work outside, exploring the number system by

grouping the leaves, sticks and pine cones we could find into groups of tens and units.



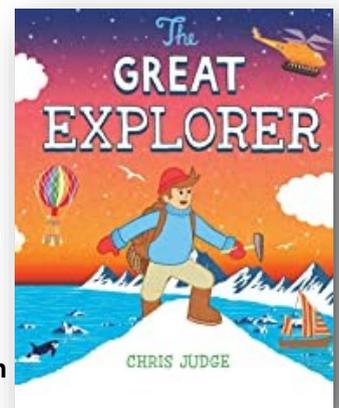
Quick reminders: Please remember that with the change in weather your child needs to bring a coat everyday and only water please in drinks bottles.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

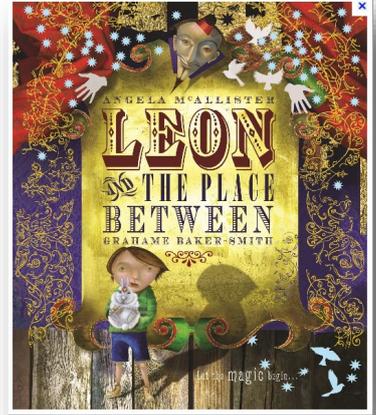
In Year 2 this week we've returned to the story of 'The Great Explorer'. The author Chris Judge actually emailed the children to ask them to create their own double page spread to add to the story. The children had to think of what might happen in this new part and what arctic animals Tom might encounter. The children planned their ideas, wrote some excellent descriptive sentences and even illustrated their own drawings. The children then published their writing and pictures to finalise their new page design. The teachers think they all look brilliant and will be sending them off to Chris Judge soon.

Year 2 Team



Year 3

This has been a really good week of learning in Year 3. In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed our new text, 'Leon and the Place Between,' which is a narrative all about the circus and magic. The children have been learning and using their knowledge of grammar to create increasingly detailed descriptive sentences. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of partitioning to add and subtract mentally. Friction has been our topic in science and the children loved testing out the grips of their shoes on different surfaces to see how much friction was created. The library has reopened this week and the children were very excited to receive their library logins and take home some books that they had chosen.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

In Year 4, we enjoyed getting to visit the library for this first time this week and exploring the books available.

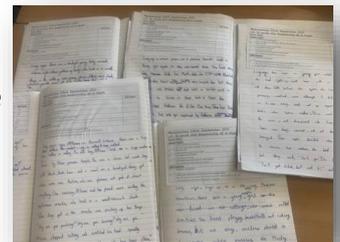
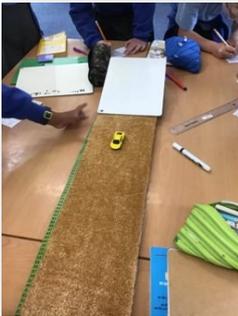


We are already excited to go back next week. On Tuesday, we had a lovely wet afternoon in the copse with Mrs Bray doing some outdoor learning where we looked at some of the trees in the school. Next week in English, we will be continuing our Egyptian Cinderella narratives and in maths we will be moving into addition and subtraction mentally and formally.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been busy investigating Friction in Science by testing the stopping distances of toy cars on different surfaces. In Maths, we have been revisiting written methods of addition and subtraction; Our PSHE lessons have had us thinking about the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child; In English, we have brought together all our planning and learning around Greek Myths and created our own beautiful stories inspired by the story of Perseus. Focusing on figurative language and descriptive detailing, the children have imagined a rich world of heroes and monsters. Having carefully edited them, we are publishing them with pride this week for our class books.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

After a few weeks of planning, designing and preparation, Year 6 finally got to scratch away their Ancient Greek inspired sgraffito pot design this week. They loved our practical demonstration of how the digestive system works in Science and used the knowledge gained to explain how humans absorb nutrients and water into the blood stream from the food we ingest through the process of digestion. They also discovered how this process links to the circulatory system. In History this week, we found out about some of the achievements of the Ancient Greeks and how they influenced the western world focussing on how the Ancient Greeks used trade to build their empire. A special well done to the Year 6s who have already completed some of the optional homework tasks to a high standard.



Year 6 Team