

Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 6 Friday 8th October

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week. We have had a really good week in school ; a real highlight has been our sports fixtures which have started again. Both the Infant and Junior School fielded teams for indoor athletics and hockey events as well as for the Junior football and netball league matches. All the children attending were real superstars and fantastic representatives for Elmlea, showing the very best of team work by encouraging and supporting each other and showing respect for everyone. Thank you to the teachers who volunteer to attend so the matches can go ahead.

Dangerous driving

A concerned parent has notified us that some parents are parking dangerously and illegally on the bend on the yellow lines but had also seen a parent turning their car around by reversing the car over the edge of the pavement where a child was walking. Please give yourself time if you have to drive for pick up and drop off. As always we would ask that you park and stride: park on the roads a few minutes away from school and stride in.

Parent -Teacher meetings 13th and 14th October

Please ensure you have booked your slot online to meet your child' class teacher. Zoom codes will be emailed out so you can log in to the meetings. Please log on a few minutes earlier and wait in the waiting room, the teacher will be able to see you are waiting and then meet you on time. We really hope you find these meetings helpful and informative. We really value our relationship with you as parents and by working together we can achieve the very best for your child. Please note, if your child has SEN and you have already had your IEP meeting you do not need to meet again with the teacher at this time. Teacher-led clubs WILL be going ahead on these dates.

Reception Tours

It was a real treat to start our Reception Tours again with parents looking for places for September 2022. As the birth rate has dropped significantly so our catchment area has expanded. Please pass this message on to any of your friends who would have previously ruled Elmlea out, thinking they were too far away, this may well not be the case for the coming years.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

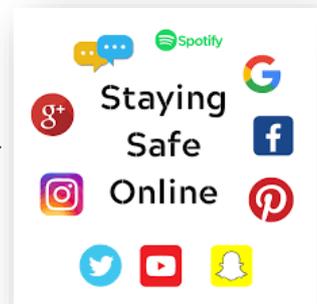
A Tissue appeal!

Please could we ask that if possible you send your child in with a box of tissues for their class next week ,as we are currently getting through a box a day in every class! Many thanks!



Parent and Carers Online Safety Training 10th November 6-7:30pm

Many parents use technology widely today but, despite understanding its uses and risks, still worry about what their children do online. Most children will manage their online lives well and build their own coping mechanisms just as they do with real life threats. Despite this, they do often use technology and services in different ways to adults - which is where insecurity and worries can form



Run by South West Grid for Learning expert , this session provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way. Our pupils will be undertaking a survey beforehand so that their understanding of technology can be focussed on during the session.

When: 10th November 6-7:30pm

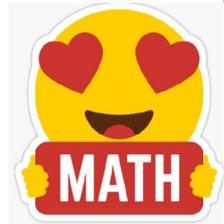
Where: Infant School hall

Cost: £5*

To book your place, log into your

SCOPAY account (*discounted rate available, email; info@elmleaschoolstrust.com for more information)

Maths Curriculum Evening - Monday 18th October 7-8:15pm in Junior Hall



Do you want to know what your child is doing in their maths lessons? Don't recognise some methods they are using? Need some top tips to help them learn their times tables? Then refresh your knowledge and join us on an informal, fun and interactive journey through Elmlea Junior's maths curriculum from Yr 3 to Yr 6. Monday 18th October 7-8:15pm in Junior Hall

Shine term time and holiday clubs

The re-booking for children to do the same Shine clubs for next term is now available online. Booking for all clubs will be open to everyone on Thursday 14th October at 10.00am.



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

Elmlea Christian Parents

We are a group of Christian parents at Elmlea who love the school and the work it does with our children. Whatever denomination you are, whether you go to church regularly or occasionally, or even if you're just interested to learn a bit more, we would love to hear from you. We will be meeting at 9.00am on Friday 15th October in the Infant School staff room. Feel free to bring any younger siblings. Everyone is welcome.



If you have any questions, please contact Fiona at elmlea.christians@gmail.com.

School nursing webinars for families

Please find here [details](#) of webinars delivered by the school nursing team in October.



Missing Lunches and No Salad Bar until the end of term

A message from Aspens, our school meal providers; Please note that, due to staff absences, there will be no salad bar until the end of term. We apologise for any inconvenience.



To ensure every child has a lunch meal organised, anyone without a packed lunch or a missing Aspens order for the day will have an Aspens school lunch (of their choice, subject to availability) arranged at the start of the school day to allow sufficient time for the kitchen to prepare. Parents will be notified that their Aspens account has been deducted to pay for the lunch order placed on their behalf. Therefore, please could we remind parents to not bring in to the Office late packed lunches from home as we cannot accept them.

Diary Dates

2021/2022 Academic Year		
<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>

The top doodling class in the Infant School this week is... 1F!!

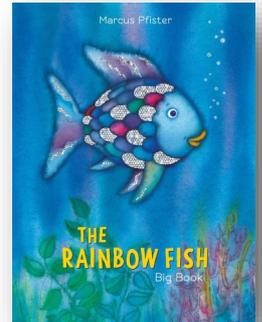
Reception

This week in Reception the children have learnt the sounds for the letters p-i-n and started practising blending them together to make words. In maths we have begun subitising numbers 1-3 (looking at a group of objects and knowing how many there are before counting) through playing lots of fun number games!

We have had a theme for each day of the week this week from pirates to rainbows and octopus to friendship, reading the story of the rainbow fish.

We have noticed that lots of children are playing in the 'grassy area' (the fenced off part of our playground with climbing equipment) before or after school, however this area is closed at these times and should only be used during the school day.

Now that we are coming to the end of our 'all about me challenge' we would like another project for the children where they can share achievements from home. **Please can you upload to Tapestry a photo or video of your child achieving something recently at home**, we call this a WOW moment. This could be anything from getting dressed themselves or writing the new sounds they have learnt to learning to ride their bike. Once you have uploaded it we will make time for your child to share their WOW with their classmates and enjoy celebrating theirs and others successes.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1



Year 1 - This week we have been thinking all about autumn. We mixed autumnal colours and did some leaf printing! In maths we have been comparing numbers with the help of a greedy crocodile! We also wrote a letter to Anansi with some ideas for being a good friend, ask your child about their ideas!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

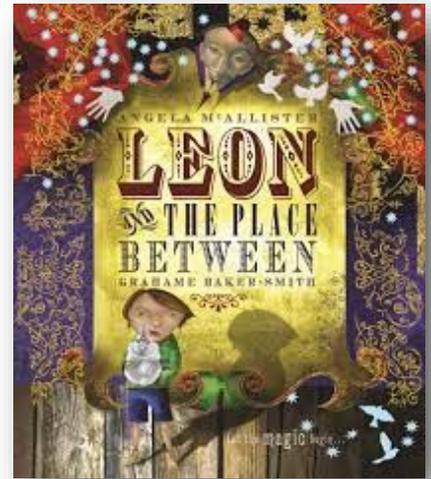
We have had another great week in Year 2 this week! We have been diving deeper into our Explorers Topic. We have explored the various features Arctic animals have to survive the harsh conditions of living in the Arctic and have started letter writing in English this week. We have also moved onto partitioning 3 digit numbers in maths as well as representing numbers in different forms. With the seasons changing, we have thought about Autumn and created some beautiful fox art in our sketch books. Well done to all of the year 2 children that took part in our Shine athletics tournament today, we had so much fun and worked hard as a team to represent Elmlea. Please remember to send your child in with a coat every day as the temperature begins to drop.



Year 2 Teachers

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been put themselves in the position of the central character of our class book, 'Leon and the Place Between.' The children have been learning about expanded noun phrases and direct speech, using them to write lovely passages in which they are part of the story. In maths, we have continued with our different techniques for mental addition and subtraction. Science was really exciting this week - the children used their knowledge of forces to run marbles down a chute and try to work out what surfaces impacted most upon the marble.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful week in school. We have begun publishing our stories from English and look forward to continuing this next week. In science we have continued investigating sound and looking at decibels. The children have enjoyed their orienteering in some dry weather this week with a focus on how to manipulate the map when moving around a course. Next week we will be finishing our stories and doing column addition in maths. Teachers are looking forward to meeting you at parents evening.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been busy writing and publishing the final part of their Ancient Greek myths. In maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division and have been practising the formal written methods. On Monday afternoon, pupils were set a science challenge to find out which parachute is best to save an egg. First, we found out about air resistance and used this, together with our knowledge of gravity, to find out how parachutes work. The children then worked in small groups to devise an experiment, make and test three different parachutes. Luckily, there weren't too many broken eggs on the playground! On Tuesday, in our computing lesson, pupils began to plan the podcasts that they will be recording over the next few weeks. They are looking forward to sharing them with the school community when they are ready!



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 focusing 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