



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 7 Friday 15th October

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have held over 600 online parent-teacher meetings over 2 nights, which is a fantastic achievement and meant that many more of you were able to attend together as you didn't have to organise childcare. We hope you found them helpful and informative, as we work together to achieve the very best for your child. A big thank you also to our class teachers who spend a long time preparing for these meetings in order to make the most of their time with you.

In response to many of you who also wanted to be able to see your child's work as well, we will be holding a "Happy Hour" next week which will give you an opportunity to come into school and see all the learning they have achieved.

Happy Hour Friday 22nd October

We would like to invite you to come into school with an opportunity for your child to show you what they have been learning by looking through their work. Please join us at the following times

Reception Classes 9.00am – 9.30am

Years 1- 6 will be at 2.00pm – 3.00pm

We have left an hour for the afternoon session, so parents can visit siblings across the schools. If you only have one child please come in the latter half of the hour.

For those unable to attend next week, we will be running happy hour again in term 3.

Junior School Maths evening: Monday 18th October

For anyone wanting to brush up on how to support your child with their Maths in the Junior School, the Maths team will be running a Maths evening at 7pm on Monday 18th October. See details on next page.

Adventure playground

We are delighted our Junior adventure playground is up and running again. However, it is not for use of children before or after school as a member of staff is not available to supervise this.



Parents and Carers Online Safety Training to protect and support your child online Wednesday 10th Nov 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 a 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)

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Shakespeare Festival 2021



At the start of term 2, Elmlea Trust are delighted to be holding the first 'Shakespeare Festival 2021'. Over the course of 4 weeks, the children will have a chance to work with Toby Hulse to explore scenes from Shakespeare's plays, take part in drama, speaking and listening activities and will create piece of writing based on a play.

To launch the event in the Junior School, we would love the children to dress up on Tuesday 2nd November (first day back). To launch the event in the Infant School, we would love the children to dress up on Thursday 11th November.

Costumes can be based on any Tudor outfit or a character from a Shakespeare play Eg/

Simple Costumes:

- Shorts/trousers, long socks and white shirt/t-shirt
- Plain top and long skirt or dress with tie/ribbon.

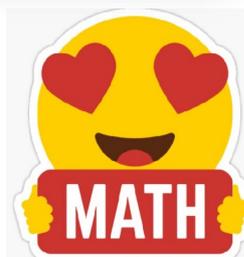
Possible characters:

- King / Queen
- Knights / soldiers (Tudor)/sailors
- Witches
- Jester / sprite etc



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. **No need to book - just turn up at the Juniors entrance.**

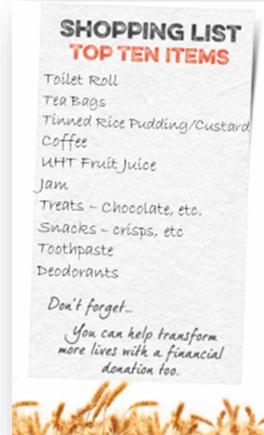


Harvest Collection

Representatives from Bristol North West Food Bank spoke to all of the children in assemblies this week. They explained the work that their organisation does to support families in need and how donations are collected, sorted and distributed. Across the Trust, we are asking families to donate items for the Food Bank as part of our Harvest week in school. Please see the attached [poster](#) for more information or chose some items from the suggested shopping list pictured to the right and [here](#).

Donations can be given to your child's class teacher in both the Infant and Junior schools on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

A donation form can also be downloaded [here](#).



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</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 5 Mon 25th April to Fri 27th May May Day Holiday: Mon 2nd May Last day of term Fri 27th May</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 4 Mon 28th Feb to Fri 8th April INSET DAY: Mon 21st March Last day of term Fri 8th April</p>	<p>Term 6 Mon 6th June to Fri 22nd July INSET DAY: Fri 24th June Last day of term Fri 22nd July</p>

Elmlea Schools Trust Sporting News

It's been a busy few weeks in sporting news here at Elmlea. A full round up can be found [here](#) but please find a few highlights to follow...

Year 2 Indoor Athletics Last week twelve Yr2 children took part in the Infant's first sporting tournament of the year! We visited the Shine community hall along with five other local schools to take part in an indoor athletics tournament. All children had to take part in a variety of different activities such as the Javelin, hurdling and we even had a go at some curling! All children loved taking part and performed brilliantly! Well done!



Yrea 6 Netball squad played their first league matches last week. Miss Sheffield was super impressed at how well they worked as a team: passing beautifully, defending with gusto and supporting each other. They won all their matches...so bring on Round 2!

St Bedes Premier League football season kicked off again last week. The first squad of players represented themselves and the school brilliantly in our opening two matches by encouraging each other and working well as a team.

Year 5 Hockey festival Ten Yr5 girls visited Red Maids' brand new astro turf last week to play in a fun festival against 5 other private school teams. For some girls this was their first experience of playing a hockey match and they played brilliantly!

Year 5 & 6 Cross Country - This week saw a team of seventeen Yr5 and Yr6 children compete against local schools in the North Somerset schools cross country at St Bede's school. The children were to run 1500m around the school fields which looked very different to our small field in comparison but that did not deter everyone's determination in their race.

Hannah Paterson **Head of PE and School Sport (Junior School)** & Hannah McKenzie **Head of PE (Infant School)**

Elmlea Schools - Fundraising for BBC Children in Need

We are dressing up in fancy dress or our own clothes on Friday 19th November because we want to help all children in the UK have a bright future.

Children and adults across the Trust are invited to come to school in fancy dress or their own clothes on Friday 19th November in return for a donation to Children in Need.

You can donate to our JustGiving page by clicking [here](#)



Nasal Flu Spray for children

Due to the announcement of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to all 12-15 year olds, we have been advised that all primary school flu sessions are being postponed. These sessions will be rescheduled and we hope to be able to have them after half term.

We will give you as much notice as we can once we know the date.



Important COVID Notice

We know it is the time of year when coughs and colds are rife, but we still need to remain alert to the following COVID symptoms, for which we will need to send your child home and for a PCR test.

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough (lasting for over an hour)
- Any change or loss of sense of smell or taste



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

Reception

Reception have had another great week, they have been recapping the previously learnt sounds s-a-t-p-i-n and started writing them as they hear them in their new writing books. The children have been learning all about Autumn, been on an Autumn walk around our site and created lots of Autumn artwork including hedgehogs made out of clay and brilliant bird feeders using the old toilet roll tubes you provided.



Our main focus at the moment is encouraging your child to write their name independently. This skill develops at different times for every child, however, any practise holding a pen/pencil, writing the letters of their name or colouring will help them master this skill.

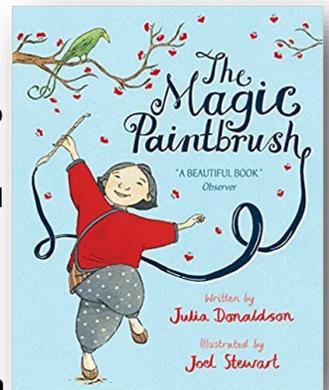
In the final week of term we will be continuing to learn about Autumn and Harvest - look out on Tapestry for our harvest song performances!

Please keep sending in your 'WOW' moments on Tapestry for the children to share with their friends, they are so enjoying being celebrated for their achievements!

Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have learnt a magical new story from China. In the story there is a magic paintbrush which can make things come to life! Ask your child to tell you what they painted and why they chose it. Can they use our new word 'because' in their answer? In maths we are still thinking about numbers and we looked at 'one less' by taking away one. The children learnt the sign for take away! We have also been drawing a birds'-eye view map of our school playground. Your child can tell you what this means!

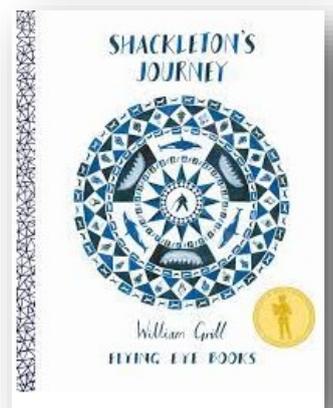


Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a great week in year 2 focusing on various aspects of our curriculum. Our 'Explorers' topic is now taking a historical path as we explore the amazing expedition of Shackleton and his crew. We have focused on the crew members taken on board and asked some insightful questions about the adventure itself. In science, we have continued to explore the various adaptations that Arctic animals have to survive in such harsh conditions and have also started to look at animals from all over the world and have been able to sort and classify them. We felt that parents evening was a great success, thank you to all for attending!

Year 2 Teachers

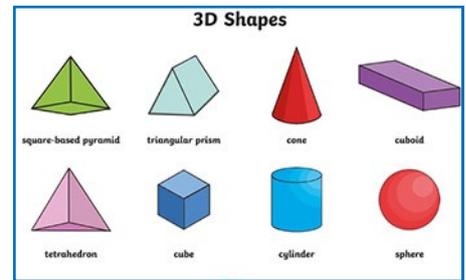


Year 3

It has been a week of shape in maths in Year 3. We started off looking at 2D shapes in and out of the classroom and moved onto 3D shapes and building Egyptian pyramids by the end.

In English, the children have been concentrating on writing and drafting their first large piece of writing based on Leon and the Place Between.

The children are excited to be publishing it next week. In science, children have been carrying out their own marble races to consider the forces involved.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

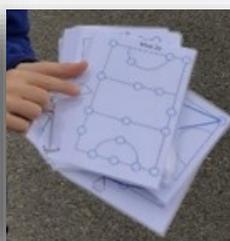
Year 4 have had an enjoyable week continuing to write and publish our Egyptian stories. We look forward to sharing these next week. There was a visit from authors Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre last Friday which was brilliant, and the children really enjoyed creating their own characters and searching for the authors' books in the library. In art this week, we focused on proportion when drawing bodies and making the poses link to Egyptians. Hopefully, we can add these as illustrations into our stories too. Next week we will be finishing our stories and looking at some poetry and continuing with addition and subtraction in maths.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 felt so lucky to watch 'This Island's Mine', inspired by Tempest. We found the play interesting and engaging. We all participated with great enthusiasm in the workshop and discussed what we thought the message of the play was. We are excited for our focus on Shakespeare next term. In art, we made clay pots using different techniques such as the coil technique. Another highlight of our week was our science lesson, we explored water resistance and why animals such as fish, shark and penguins are streamlined. We then tested and timed the amount of time it would take different shaped plasticine to reach the bottom of the container. In English, we started our unit Film Reviews and have enjoyed exploring the structure and content of a review. In PE, we have been working really hard on our orienteering skills and ensuring we are orientating our map. Thank you Year 5 for your continued enthusiasm this term!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week has been very busy in Year 6. In English, the children have finished publishing their mythical narratives based on the adventures of Odysseus. On Tuesday, we were very lucky to watch a performance of This Island's Mine which was written by Toby Hulse of the Bristol Old Vic with the help of some former Elmlea pupils and is based on Shakespeare's The Tempest. It was incredibly thought provoking around topics such as belonging, ownership, value and intelligence. We look forward to doing some English work based on this play after half-term. In art, we practised making different types of pots out of clay and are currently in the throes of making our final versions...



Year 6 Team

*****REMEMBER***** Please log into SCOPAY to give permission for your child's name to appear on the leavers' hoodies and to let us know how you wish their name to appear.

Thanks, the 2022 Year 6 leavers Team