



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 8 Friday 22nd October

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1, we can look back on a fantastic 7 weeks. We have been able to celebrate so much, but it has been our return to a near normal that we have all particularly enjoyed such as our site has been open for you all to be able to drop off and pick up your children, which I know you have really appreciated as we have too. We've been able to hold assemblies, our children have been able to sing together, have playtimes together, have lunch together and we've even been able to invite you in for information evenings too. We've even had our wonderful PTA event hosting a circus on site with hundreds of families attending – WOW!

We don't know what next term will bring but we're holding on to all the fabulous ways of being together in school that we can, as we celebrate our learning and making the most of our time at Elmlea.

Have a lovely break together as a family and enjoy a change of pace from your usual routines. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 2nd November .

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

School Covid risk assessment

We will be reviewing our school Covid risk assessment on the 1st November ,when we will have up to date guidance from the DfE, and Bristol City Council. If there are any changes to our usual routines then we will notify you on the 1st November.

Foodbank

Thank you to you all for your fantastic donations to the foodbank. You have been so thoughtful and generous and in total your donations filled a van and provided enough food to feed 30 families for a week!!! Thank you so much.

Maths evening

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Junior Maths curriculum evening. So many of you said how it had helped you understand how we teach maths to the children and now you feel you can help your children with their maths learning at home. We will be publishing the slides from the evening on the school website shortly.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher



Wow! So this is what
495.7kg of food looks like!

Parents and Carers Online Safety Training

Remember to book your spot!

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 info



Inclusion Lead/SENDCo Job Opportunity

The governors of Elmlea Schools' Trust are looking to recruit an experienced Inclusion Lead/SENDCo to join our Trust, to start 1st January 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

More information and application details can be found [here](#)



Shakespeare Festival 2021 reminder



A reminder that to launch the event in the Junior School, we would love the children to dress up on Tuesday 2nd November (first day back). 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



STEM COMPETITION SUCCESS

I am delighted to announce that we have some winners of the STEM competition that was launched at the start of term by the National Space, Leicester. Fantastically, Margot in Year 3 and Orla and Bella in Y4 have won passes to take their families on a visit there. Well done to you all! We are incredibly proud of you and we look forward to hearing all about your visits.



Mrs Wilson, STEM Lead

Cross Country Results



Following from the fantastic cross country 17 children took part in last week we have the results and team Elmlea were triumphant in coming 1st place over all from 4 other local primary schools and 61 points clear of second place. A fantastic team performance from all of the children; well done! Many thanks,

Mrs Paterson, Head of PE and School Sport

School nursing webinars for families

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



A BIG THANK YOU to Elmlea Infants & Juniors

This Harvest 2021, you donated an amazing
...495.7 kg of food!



Stay safe, stay spooky.

Please see the attached [Poster](#) for information from the Avon Fire and Rescue Services about keeping you and your family safe between Halloween to Bonfire Night.

If your clothing catches fire, remember to Stop, Drop and Roll!



After school Choir Club on Tuesdays

The club is now full and busy preparing for the Christmas concert. Unfortunately we are not able to offer any more spaces until January 2022.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 3

Tues 4th Jan to Fri 18th Feb

INSET DAY: Tues 4th Jan

First day of term Weds 5th Jan

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb to Fri 8th April

INSET DAY: Mon 21st March

Last day of term Fri 8th April

Term 5

Mon 25th April to Fri 27th May

May Day Holiday: Mon 2nd May

Last day of term Fri 27th May

Term 6

Mon 6th June to Fri 22nd July

INSET DAY: Fri 24th June

Last day of term Fri 22nd July

Craft Club and Fine Art Club return to Elmlea next term



Fine Art Club from Tuesday 2nd November

Craft Club from Wednesday 3rd November



Both run for 7 weeks. More information can be found [here](#).



French club back on Wednesdays next term

We will be meeting in person at the Infant School for Years 1 and 2 from 3:15-4pm and via Zoom for Years 1 to 3 at 4:15pm and Years 4 to 6 at 5pm Click [here](#) for more information.

A message from our school meal providers

When booking meals if your child is halal you can book the main meal option as the Aspens system will flag that they are halal. Salad bar will be back after Half Term, the [menu](#) will stay the same next term, until further notice.

Christmas Dinner for Year 3 & 4 is on 14th Dec, and Reception, Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 is on Weds 15th Dec. Please note that your child can only receive a Christmas Dinner on their allocated year group day, so please do not order a Christmas dinner for the other date. Thanks.

Aspens



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](#)

PTA News

Just an update on the success of the circus in September - we made an amazing amount of nearly £8,000 from ticket sales, the bar, the BBQ and the tuck shop. This money will be used to fund new Clevertouch boards for some of the classrooms. Thank you to all involved!



Winter Disco

Please see details about our Winter Discos in the links below:

The [Juniors Disco](#) is on Thursday 25th November

The [Infants Disco](#) is on Thursday 9th December

You can purchase tickets for both events by going to: pta-events.co.uk/eisa

PTA Members

We still need class reps for classes 4CW, 6S and 6B. A rep is the communication link between the PTA and the classes. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer (e-mail address below).

We will be having our AGM after half term and will need volunteers to fill a lot of vacant roles that we have this year. More details to follow.

Please note that the new PTA e-mail address is: elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Redmaid's High maths challenge



Well done to our four Year 6 pupils, Sophie, Isla, Jayson and Ben who went to Redmaid's High to compete in a maths challenge. They had to work in pairs to answer a range of maths questions that included algebra, countdown puzzles and a random selection of reasoning and word problems. They did incredibly well and represented the school brilliantly. It was a lovely afternoon of celebrating the power maths.

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

Reception

This week Reception have been learning all about harvest! We learnt how farmers collect the fruit and vegetables from the field, have had a close look at some harvest vegetables and have taste tested some too! Thank you for all of your generous donations this week.

We have also continued to learn new phonics sounds - m, g and o. It would be wonderful to have a go at practising these letters over the half term!

In Maths, we have learnt that Numbers are made up of 1's and had fun showing this in many different ways.

Each class has also chosen their new topic for next term - ask your child which topic their class has picked!

This week we are also saying goodbye to the lovely Miss Rogers! She has been a wonderful member of the team and has done so much for the children of Elmlea. We wish her the very best of luck for her upcoming arrival!

We hope you have a lovely half term!



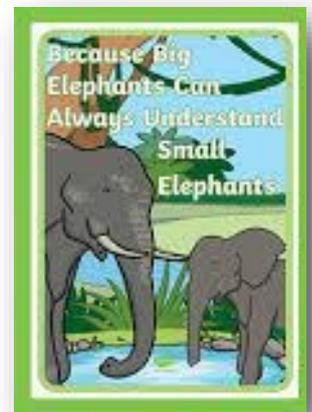
Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

What a term in Year One! We are so proud of how quickly all of the children have settled in and for all their hard work.

This week we continued to think about the story of Shen and the Magic Paintbrush. We imagined what would happen if she met another story book character, such as Rapunzel or the witch from Room on a Broom. Perhaps your child can tell you what they thought Shen would paint for them and why! We also learnt a handy little phrase to help us remember how to spell the word because - one that involves some animals with long, wavy trunks. Can your child help you to spell the word? Have a lovely holiday and we'll see you all next term.

Year 1 Team



In Year 2 this week, the children have been continuing to learn about Shackleton's perilous journey to Antarctica. The children have been learning about the use of quotes and speech marks and they also thought of their own newspaper headlines. They then used what they'd planned to

write a front page newspaper story about Shackleton's rescue from Antarctica. The children also used atlases and Google Earth to help them find and locate various places on maps of the Arctic and Antarctica. In Maths the children have now finished their 'Place Value' segment and are using these skills to help them add. We'll be continuing

addition before moving onto subtraction next term. We hope all of Year 2 have a great and fun filled holiday! This term in Religion and World Views we have been thinking about stories of kindness. Year 2 learnt about two Bible stories and a Jewish story about Mitzvah (Good Deeds). These stories all teach love your neighbour as yourself through love, kindness and good deeds.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have been finishing off several topics this week before the half term break. The children have published their first piece of writing to conclude our text, 'Leon and the Place Between.' In science, our forces topic has concluded by thinking about everything we have learned this term including friction and gravity. The children designed their own perfect marble runs which would allow a marble to travel as far as possible. Measurement has been our final topic in maths. The children had lots of fun estimating and measuring different objects and each other in millimetres, centimetres, and metres. Finally, this is Miss Greer's last week in Elmlea before she moves onto pastures new. Having been here for a number of years, I know that the staff and children will really miss her. We all wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

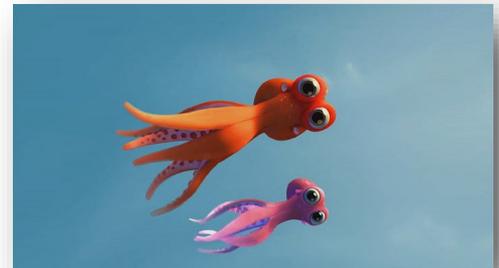


Year 4 have finished off publishing their Egyptian stories and these should be on Seesaw for you all to enjoy. Please take time to enjoy reading these with our authors! Also, we have talked about going through the blog to give positive feedback to others for their efforts. In maths we finished off our unit of addition and subtraction. Children have also been looking at the different roles in Egyptian society. We discussed which level of society achieved more and if that was where we might want to be placed if we were an ancient Egyptian. When we return from half term we will be beginning our Shakespeare unit and continuing with our Tomb Raider topic. In maths we will be looking at measuring length and converting between units.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been releasing our inner film-critic, writing and recording film reviews of the animated short film 'Oktopodi' in English lessons. In Maths, we have been doing a great job of tackling the very tricky topics of factors, square numbers, cube numbers and prime numbers. And in Art and Computing we have been continuing with our podcasts and clay pots. What a creative week it's been! We've had a fantastic half term, and the children have all settled in so well to Year 5. Thanks to all parents and carers for your support - we hope you have a wonderful break, and look forward to seeing everyone again after the half term holiday!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great last week of term. Our Greek pots have been fired in the kiln and the next step is to glaze, scratch and re-fire them. We have worked hard on some poetry about choices and making a difference. We chose emotive language, powerful imagery and clever use of word play and rhyme. Inspired by the performances of Amanda Gorman, we performed them in front of our class. A record number of us also presented in front of our house groups in the hope of being voted House Captain. The speeches were engaging, clever and often humorous. We feel very proud of our confidence and composure.

And yes,
we are far from polished,
far from pristine,
but that doesn't mean
we are striving
to form a union that is perfect.



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.

The 2022 Year 6 leavers Team