



Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 10 Friday 12th November

Dear parents and carers,

There has been so much to celebrate in school this week: Our Infant school held their Shakespeare festival yesterday and once again your Tudor costumes and Shakespearean characters flowing through the school gates in the morning was a joy to behold. The children really enjoyed the opportunity and lovely that all the children from Reception upwards have been finding out about the plays of William Shakespeare!

In another first for many months, school trips are back up and running as children visited Mojo Active this week from across the Junior school. Every class will have the opportunity to visit and the activities really encourage team building.

For the first time ever we were also able to organise sibling photos from children across both schools today, which was lovely and is a perfect example of how our schools are now working together. We hope you like the photos too.

Updated Covid risk assessment.

As part of our response in school to children who test positive for Covid, starting on Monday, we have agreed the following in terms of notifying you.

- * When 1 child in a class tests positive for Covid, we will notify you that a positive case has been identified in your child's class and encourage you to be extra vigilant in checking your child for Covid symptoms.
- * Once there are 4 or more positive cases in a class within 10 days we will notify you of this and recommend that you take your child for a PCR test as a precautionary measure

Junior school individual and sibling school photos



Please note that the QR codes for individual photos will be sent home with the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and that there will be proofs sent home soon of sibling photos.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Infant School Christmas performance



The dates for the Infant School Christmas performance have now been confirmed, there will be two performances for each year group, a morning and an afternoon and we will be using the Junior Hall. Please note there is limited space available, and more details will follow.

	Tuesday 7th Dec	Wednesday 8th Dec	Thursday 9th Dec
09:30	Year 1	Year 2	Reception
14:00	Reception	Year 1	Year 2



PTA News

Christmas Cards - Just a reminder to order your cards and other products directly from the PTA website: pta-events.co.uk/eisa before Wednesday 3rd November.

We have been receiving your e-mails regarding amending your child's name and these changes will be processed once we have received all orders.

Christmas Trees - We will be selling these again this year and they will be available for collection from 5pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 9th December from the Junior School car park.

These are now available to be ordered from the pta-events.co.uk/eisa. More information can be found [here](#)



A BIG Thank you to Mel Hacker for organising the Xmas trees and Junior's disco. It is much appreciated.

AGM - The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 22nd November in the evening via Zoom (link to follow) We will summarise the year and vote in new members. Most of the current PTA has stepped down so we need all roles to be filled.

We are also still in need of class reps for classes 4CW and 6B if you can let us know who would like to do this. Our e-mail address is: elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Shine festive clubs available to book online now!

**FESTIVE
HOLIDAY
CLUBS**

Book your festive clubs now; join us for a range of **Sporting & Creative** activities Selected days between 20 Dec - 04 Jan. Click [here](#) to book.



Remembrance Assembly

In Thursday's Remembrance Assembly, the children in the Junior school found out about the different colours of poppy badges and the causes they support. More information can be found [here](#).

We listened to Mrs Drew playing the Last Post in the courtyard and held a minute's silence.



Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 15th November we are inviting children to come to school wearing odd socks in order to symbolise that we are all different but we are all equal! The theme for this year's Anti-bullying week is '@one Kind Word'. During the week each class will be learning more about this during their PSHE lessons. We hope to see lots of children wearing odd socks and speaking kindly throughout the week.



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](#)

A message from Aspens about Christmas Dinner

Please find the Aspens Christmas menu [here](#). There are the meat and vegetarian options and we will also be able to provide for those children on agreed special menus.

The Christmas menus will be go live for booking on the **18th November 2021 and will be labelled Christmas day meat or Christmas day veg** for ordering. **Please note that any orders made PRIOR to 18th November will be cancelled and will need to be reordered.**



Christmas Dinner for Years 3 & 4 is on Tuesday 14th December, and Reception, Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 is on Wednesday 15th December. 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.

If you book a Christmas dinner on the day that your child's year group is not having Christmas dinner, they will automatically receive the hot meal which will be lasagne.

Thanks Aspens

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Aid Box Community - Bristol charity supporting refugees and those seeking asylum



Aid Box Community (ABC) are a small Bristol charity supporting refugees and those seeking asylum here. We do this by providing basic essential items like clothing, shoes and toiletries, alongside welcome, hope and community through our Men's and Women's Groups and our befriending program.

In just under 3 weeks time, in collaboration with MOJO Active, ABC will be hosting 'The Muddy Madness' fundraising event and we still have lots of places that we need to fill. It'll be a super family and team activity to take part in and all whilst raising some much needed pennies to support vulnerable and in need refugees right here in Bristol. For more information and to get involved click [here](#).

School nurse webinars for December

Please see [details](#) of School Nurse Webinars for December. 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



Walk in vaccination clinic

There is a walk in vaccination clinic at The Rock Community Centre, St Peter's Hall, Rodingleaze on Saturday 20th November 10 am- 6pm. First and second covid vaccinations, boosters and flu jabs are available. Anyone still unsure about having their jab can pop in for a chat. For more information click [here](#).

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

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

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

Reception

This week Reception have been learning more about the sounds d-g-o and practising blending sounds together in words. They have learnt about Remembrance Day and why we wear a poppy, discussed friendship and differences and learnt facts about Shakespeare whilst dressed up in their fabulous costumes!

We would like to ask if you have any spare socks, tights or uniform that we could use for our stock of 'spare clothes' in Reception we would be very grateful for any donations.

Please keep up to date on Tapestry - information on 'mystery readers' will soon be coming out!

Many thanks, The Reception Team



Year 1

Wow! Year 1 have had a very busy week! On Tuesday we had a special visitor in our classrooms... a hedgehog! Can your child remember any facts about how to look after them? Our new topic is Night and Day, we are learning all about animals who are up during the night. What are these animals called? We also thoroughly enjoyed Shakespeare day, learning about who he was and we even wrote with a quill and ink!

Year 1



Team

In Year 2 this week we started our rainforest topic. The children found and located the different rainforests of the world and then drew them onto their own world maps. They

Year 2

learnt about the tropics and how this is based around the Earth's equator. They then studied the layers of the rainforest and drew their own diagrams to show this. Thursday was Shakespeare day and the children looked brilliant in their outfits. We'll be continuing to learn about Shakespeare and his plays next week when we have workshops for each class. In Maths, the children have continued developing their addition skills where they challenged themselves by doing some tricky 2 digit plus 2 digit calculations.



This week, year two were also given the task of writing their own 'Rhymes' poems that were created by a neighbour nearby. She took some time in lockdown to focus on her poems and asked us if we would like to have a go at recreating them ourselves. We decided to write our short, descriptive poems about different rainforest animals!

Please see a message from Mrs Evans: I was inspired by my grandson, Daniel, to write these rhymes as he had sent some of his own. Daniel and his sister Serena do not live in Bristol, so I chose to work with Elmlea School as their father had attended and I live nearby. I will be delighted if parents, relatives and friends might consider donating to the following charities: [Bristol Children's Hospital](#) (Several of my family members and friends are medics) [Long Covid Research at Southmead Hospital Bristol](#) (Family reasons) [Alzheimer's Research](#) (Several of my family members and friends suffered or are suffering from Alzheimer's)

Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have had lots of enjoyable activities this week, outside of regular lessons. Following on from our Shakespeare week, we were delighted to have a Shakespeare workshop with playwright and actor, Toby Hulse. The children thoroughly enjoyed the drama activities, thinking about how we can use our senses in performing and writing descriptive passages. 3B and 3D had a great time at MOJO outdoor activities, on our first trip of the year. The children used nerf guns, ghillie suits for camouflage to play hide and seek, as well as a dam building exercise. 3M are very much looking forward to the trip next week.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

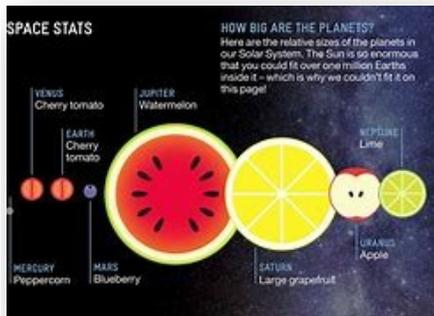
Year 4 have had an enjoyable week as we have continued to immerse ourselves into the Shakespeare work. We have been using descriptive language to describe aspects of a castle and looked at how we can change the mood of a setting. 4CW enjoyed their trip to Mojo and the other two classes are looking forward to going next week. In topic we explored farming in Ancient Egypt and the importance of the River Nile. Next week will be participating in Anti Bullying week within PSHE and topic. We will also be moving onto multiplication in maths next week.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been exploring balanced arguments and writing about whether Goldilocks should be prosecuted giving both sides of the argument. In maths, we have been ordering and comparing fractions and finding out about improper fractions and mixed numbers. We enjoyed starting our new science topic on space and learning about some of the important discoveries throughout history. We also enjoyed making the solar system from fruit and then eating it! 5B had a wonderful time at MOJO and 5CS and 5G are looking forward to their upcoming visits.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have realised 'fractions are our friends' as we start our maths unit simplifying, converting and finding equivalents. We are engrossed in writing our backstories for 'The Tempest' and are concentrating on excellent description through expanded noun phrases and accurate speech punctuation. We have made excellent links comparing the Ancient Greek and Roman armies - check out our findings on seesaw. We have further explored how light travels in a straight line and can even label an eyeball and explain how we see!



Year 6 Team