



Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 18 Friday 21st January

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we were very pleased to be able to send a team of mathematicians from Yr5 to a maths challenge event held by Bristol Grammar School. The event was open to all schools from both private and state schools and involved mental maths skills, problem solving and logical thinking challenges, all under timed conditions. Elmlea came first out of 40 teams which was a real achievement. Congratulations to Jocelyn, Tarun, Emma and Oliver for representing Elmlea.

We are so pleased that our school visits have continued this term. This week Yr3 and Yr4 have been visiting our local Baptist church as part of their "Splash" topic. The children have been learning all about the importance of water in religious ceremonies. We are very grateful for our community links, the Baptist church for hosting our school visit and for our wonderful parents who helped out too.

Mrs Woodman, our school improvement officer, whom many of you noticed on the school gate at drop off, joined us this week for 2 days, with a day spent in each building. Mrs Woodman is our school improvement officer and visits our schools at least 3 times a year to offer support and challenge with regards to our school provision. Her visits always include visits to classrooms and talking to the children. We really appreciate her insight and perspective regarding our school provision and our governing body are able to use the visits as part of their information gathering around the quality of our school provision.

Parent teacher meetings via Zoom on Tues 8th and Thurs 10th Feb - Don't miss the chance to book your parent teacher meeting, bookings will go live next Tuesday 25th at 6pm, full details can be found on page 3.

Masks - Thank you for supporting mask wearing on site over the last few weeks. However, from Monday 24th January, the wearing of masks when outside on site during drop off and pick up will no longer be required. Public Health Bristol have reported a significant drop in cases across the city in recent weeks and the rate of infection in Bristol is below the England average.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Online Safety for Parents and Carers: protect & support your child online Thurs 17th Feb



Many parents use technology widely today but, despite understanding its uses and risks, still worry about what their children do online.

The session will provide 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.

When: Thurs 17 Feb 6-7:30pm | **Where:** Infant Hall | **Cost:** £5*

To book your place, log into your SCOPAY account (*discount available, more information, email info@elmleaschoolstrust.com)

Apologies, this event may have been offline at one point Infant parents, but is now available to book via SCOPAY!

Chinese New Year

On Mon 7th February, children across the Trust may wear something **red** or **gold** or traditional clothing if appropriate to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Also known as Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival, this most important of the traditional Chinese holidays falls on Feb 1st in 2022, marking the start of the year of the Tiger.

Please take a look at this FREE family Chinese New Year event at Bristol museum on 5th & 6th Feb. Tickets will need to be pre-booked in advance [here](#).



Thank you to the parents of Elmlea and the PTA

Elmlea is very lucky and greatly appreciative of all the funding support we've received from the school PTA in the last 12 months. Both the Infants and Juniors have relished receiving 30 new iPads for each site since September. This has been especially evident at the Infants where there was a real need for greater access to updated technology. Having a full set of 30 iPads has created many more opportunities for full class computing. Year 2 completed a whole unit of work around digital photography. This would never have been possible without the new iPads. Some children commented:

'I loved being able to take photos with my friends and then learn how to crop and edit the photos'

'I feel more confident using the iPads now and think that my photos got better as we practised'

The iPads are now being used more regularly in English and Maths lessons too and as a way to build on the children's key skills in lessons. The children have also started to use the iPads to commence their coding units. Having a full class set has once again meant that for the first time a whole class has been able to learn coding at the same time.

We also must thank the parents of Elmlea and the PTA for their generous donations once again. The Infant electronic class boards were starting to get quite slow, old, and needed replacing. Due to the generous fundraising of the PTA, they've helped replace the boards across the Infants. These boards are used daily and are integral to the teachers and children in their day-to-day activities. These boards are being rolled out and installed over the coming weeks – much to the delight of the all the Infant teaching staff. One child commented:

'We love our new Clevertouch board, and it's been fun using it in maths lessons. The old one kept on being SO SLOW!'

Thank you to the PTA for their generous donations for their great fundraising exploits and to all our wonderful parents for supporting every event.. All of us at Elmlea are very grateful.



Show Racism the Red Card

In House Assembly this week, the Junior children learnt about the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'. As a school, we are inviting pupils to take part in the charity's annual competition by creating something with an anti-racist message. This could be:

- a piece of art up to A3 in size
- a t shirt design (front and back) - see Seesaw for templates
- a story or poem
- a video or animation (max length 6 minutes)

Pupils may collaborate in groups of up to 6 people. All pupils who enter will receive 5 Dojos (a commendation).

Paper entries can be given to your child's class teacher and multimedia entries should be emailed to sarah.bareau@elmleaschoolstrust.com. The deadline for entry is Monday 28th February (after the half term break).

The Junior House Captains will select the winning entries for the school to be entered into the national competition. By entering, parents and pupils are agreeing to their entry being submitted to Show Racism the Red Card, along with the child's name and year group. More details are available on Seesaw in 'Announcements'. For more about the organisation click [here](#).



School nurse webinars for February



Please see details of School Nurse Webinars for [February](#). Parents/carers can scan the QR code which will take them to the CCHP website and the booking links or click on the images to be taken directly to Eventbrite to book.

NW24 Teaching & learning partnership

NW24 are seeking a Partnership Administrator to work across the 24 schools organising events, managing meetings & the partnership budget 21 hours a week, term time only, flexible hours, home working. More information [here](#), apply [here](#) by midday Mon 31st Jan.



Parent Teacher meetings Tues 8th and Thurs 10th Feb - bookings go live 6pm Tues 2th Jan

Bookings for Parent Teacher meetings, which will take place on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th Feb via Zoom, will go live at **6pm on Tuesday 25th Jan** on SCOPAY. Slots will be available to book between 3:30 and 6:40pm on both days. Booking will remain open until 7pm on Tuesday 1st February, after this you will need to contact your class teacher to make a booking.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you **make a note of the time and day** of your booking slot in a safe place as your time and day will NOT be shown on the Zoom meeting link we send out for you to join the Zoom call. You will need to log in to each child's individual SCOPAY to make your bookings.



Thanks, The School Office

Year 5 Maths challenge

Well done to Tarun, Oliver, Emma and Jocelyn who took part in a maths challenge at BGS this week.

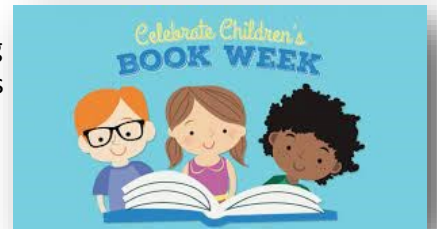


The challenge involved lots of different problems that had to be solved. Well done to Tarun and Oliver

who won the whole competition!

World Book Week

We will be celebrating World Book Week this year and are looking for any authors or people whose line of work is within literature that would be willing to come in and talk to our children.



If you know of anyone that would be interested and willing to help us inspire a love of reading during World Book Week then please send us an email to:

bryony.brooks@elmleaschoolstrust.com

Many thanks, **The English Team at Elmlea**

Teacher led after school Clubs

These teacher-led clubs will be running in the Junior school next week. Please ensure you let the School Office know if your child is unable to attend. If they do not show up, we are required to initiate our Missing Child Procedure, which could ultimately result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you. All teacher-led clubs finish at 4:15pm and this term they will run up to and including the last week of term (except in the case of staff



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Fri |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Mixed Netball | Choir Yr3-6 | Mixed Hockey Yr3 | Boxercise | |
| Mixed Basketball Yr6 | | | Instrumental Yr 3-6 | |
| Homework Club | | | | |

absence, when you will be informed as soon as possible). Please be advised that if your child has been allocated a space, they are expected to attend every week unless they are unwell. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any more requests to join.

Thanks, the School Office



Offering a HUGE range of Sporting & Creative activities this Half Term; Mon 21st - Mon 28th Feb! More information [here](#).

Booking now open!

Westbury on Trym Primary Care Centre Patient Board (Patient Involvement Group)

This group of volunteer patients working with the GP practice to improve health care services for local people are looking for new members and hope to reflect the diversity of the community the Practice serves.

More information can be found [here](#)



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

Reception

The children this week have been learning all about doctors, nurses, hospitals, ambulances and more! We have had a special visit from a doctor this week which the children enjoyed! A big thank you to Bekki (Evie's Mum) who offered the children this great opportunity!



They have learnt 3 new digraphs - sh, ch and ng. The children have been ordering numbers within 10 and discussing what is one more and one less than a given number. On Tuesday they learnt about the artist Mondrian and created artwork in his style as part of our artist study focus across the Infant School, some of which is displayed in our school hall.

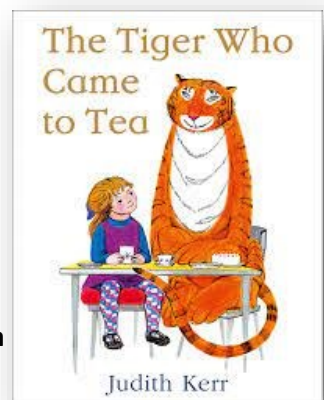
Throughout the week the children have been learning a poem to perform as a class and each class had the opportunity to perform in front of the rest of Reception today! Please see Tapestry to watch the performances.

Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

We've had a fantastic week in Year One. We read the story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea and then rewrote it, making up our own versions of the story. This time it was the T-Rex who came to tea! In Maths we have been learning about multiplication as repeated addition and using the 2s, 5s and 10s sequences in our calculations. We are all amazing mathematician

Year 1 Team



Year 2

Well done on another great week of learning Year 2. This week we have been learning about the story of Theseus and the Minotaur in English as part of our Myths and Legends topic. The children have loved learning the story and have been practising their talk for writing actions lots this week, I am sure they would love to share them with you at home! We have collected vocabulary to describe the fierce Minotaur and have writing in depth descriptions about him this week. The children are working very hard in their maths learning as we continue to teach the different methods of multiplication and have loved their new Hockey topic in PE. We have also been hard working on our class assemblies which we can't wait to share with you later this term!

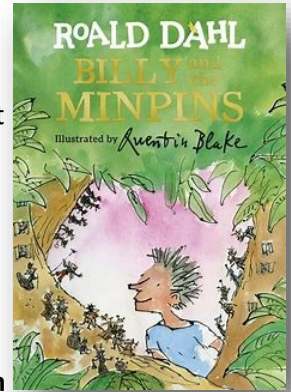


Year 2 Team

Save the date: Year 2 Sats Information Evening - Wednesday 2nd March @ 6pm in the Infant Hall.

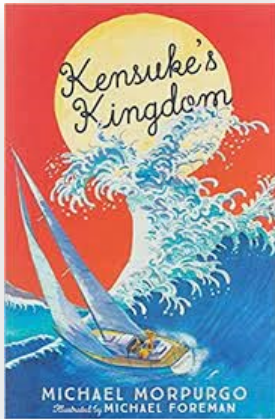
Year 3

This week Year 3 had a fantastic visit to the Westbury on Trym Baptist Church. We listened to the local Vicar talk about how and why people get baptised and the children asked lots of fantastic questions. In English and Guided Reading we have been looking at the fantastic text, 'The Minpins,' by Roald Dahl. We have been using the opening of the story to write quality description of the Minpins and the terrifying monster chasing the boy. In science, we carried out our own enquiry into bones in the human skeleton, making measurements and comparing results. It has been a week of time in maths, which can be a really tricky topic. The children have been busy learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute and thinking about how to work out durations of time.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

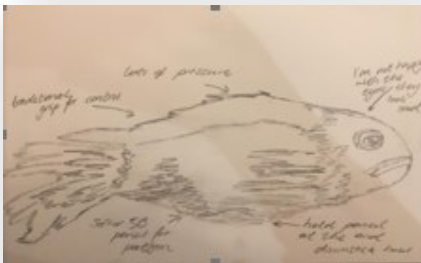


Year 4 have had such a creative week in school. We have continued our art unit by contrasting hot and cold colours before then using this in our English work around Kensuke's Kingdom. For this, the children integrated descriptive storm language into a chalk pastel storm scene. In maths we have continued with fractions and explored ways to find equivalent fractions. Next week we are moving into time so if you have an analogue watch to wear that could be helpful. It might also be good to do lots of time checking at home to reinforce our learning. Thanks to all the parents who supported us on the trip this week. It is nice that we can begin venturing out of school.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been using their research on the European Extremely Large Telescope to become journalists and write their own newspaper reports. They have enjoyed creating catchy headlines and interviewing each other to collect quotes for their work. In maths, pupils have been learning to convert between units of measure for length, capacity and weight in metric and imperial units. In science, we explored the properties of materials and tested a variety of materials in order to find out more about their properties. The children's South America Scratch projects are coming along well and they have also been studying line in art and using this to sketch natural objects.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have had another geography filled week as we have continued to increase our knowledge of South America, its countries and capitals. We had our first countries challenge which saw only one student successfully pass level 1. Having said that, we have been impressed with how quickly the children have picked this up - now it's about learning the correct spellings of each country! Our geography lesson was focussed on understanding the key biomes of the world and recognising how diverse South America is. In English, we have continued to refine our persuasive speeches by using emotive devices and in maths we have been immersed in 3D shapes and their properties.



Year 6 Team

Please click for Slides from the Year 6 [SATs](#) and [Camp](#) information evening .