



# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 19 Friday 28th January

Dear parents and carers,

To great excitement, Yr1 were visited by a dinosaur on Monday. It was a fantastic dinosaur workshop and the children discovered so much. If you're not sure what the difference is between a velociraptor and a triceratops, ask any of the children from Yr1!

Explorer Dome have also visited Yr2 this week and brought the wonders of Space to life for the children within the dome. The children spotted Orion in the night sky and then listened to the Greek myth. No doubt many children will be star gazing this weekend!

On many of the windows in the Junior School, beautiful stained glass windows have appeared after an excellent workshop led by Encounter Christianity. The children were encouraged to consider the theme of light in works of art and sculpture. Their stained glass window creations could be literal or abstract and we are so proud of their fantastic work.

Good luck to our Coronation Cup football team who have their first league match today at Coombe Dingle. In July 2019, Elmlea made it to Ashton Gate to play in the final and won the cup, which because of Covid we still have proudly displayed. We are hopeful that we can retain the cup for another year. Match report to follow next week.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 2021/22 Academic year

Term 3: Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Parents Evenings - Tues 8<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Parents Online Safety Evening: Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm

*\*Remember to book your spot via SCOPAY*

Term 4: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Yr 2 SATS Evening: Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6pm

### **INSET DAY Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Term 5: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Term 6: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June to Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **INSET DAY Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June**

### 2022/23 Academic year

Term 1: Thurs 1st Sept '22 to Fri 21st Oct '22

### **INSET DAYS Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd Sept**

(first day back Mon 5th Sept)

Term 2: Mon 31st Oct '22 to Fri 16th Dec '22

Term 3: Tues 3rd Jan '23 to Fri 10 Feb '23

### **INSET DAY Tues 3rd Jan**

Term 4: Mon 20th Feb '23 to Fri 31st March '23

### **INSET DAY Mon 20th March**

Term 5: Mon 17th April '23 to Fri 26th May '23

Term 6: Mon 5th June '23 to Fri 21st July '23

### **INSET DAY Fri 23rd June**

### Chinese New Year Assembly

On Thursday, the Junior school welcomed three students from the University of Bristol Chinese Society. Bohan, Shuyan and Quilin led our assemblies, telling us about the traditions of New Year, the legend of the monster Nian and how overseas students celebrate in Bristol. Can you remember which three things the monster was scared of?

Remember, on Mon 7th February, children across the Trust



may wear something **red** or **gold** or traditional clothing if appropriate to celebrate Chinese New Year.

### Online Safety for Parents and Carers Remember to book your spot!

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

**To book your place, log into your SCOPAY account**

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[info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com))



### Children's Mental Health Week - express yourselves

As you may know, 7-11 February is Children's Mental Health Week. Supported by Place2Be, the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Growing Together'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, with others through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good."

In addition, to activities happening throughout the week at school, pupils are asked to help raise awareness during the week by posting a photo/video on Tapestry and Seesaw of them expressing themselves by Fri 11th March. Teachers will view all contributions and celebrate every child in school. Remember it is all about sharing the things that make us who we are and feel happy. You may choose to **dress in your favourite colour** or **choose a colour which expresses how you're feeling** as well. Either way it is a chance for the children to express themselves and we look forward to seeing what they produce!



### A message from the PTA and Fundraising brainstorm session Mon 31st Jan at 8pm via Zoom

First of all we want to thank all parents who supported our Christmas fundraising efforts either by volunteering or through financial contributions. I'm delighted to report we raised over £9k total which is going immediately to the funding of clever touch boards for the school! (More information about these boards - including pictures - can be found in last week's newsletter.) Thank you for your generosity in time and contributions! The children and school will see the benefits of this fundraising almost immediately.

We are now looking ahead to 2022 and will be holding our next fundraising brainstorm session virtually on Mon 31st Jan at 8pm. (Zoom details are coming out from your class reps.) We'd love to hear from you if you have an idea for an activity the kids might enjoy or you might be willing to give a little time to a specific project. We are pleased to report the main PTA roles have been filled, but we welcome as little or as much time as you have to give. Email [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com) if you want to submit an idea, ask a question or clarify the meeting logistics. Happy new year!



Many thanks!

### Music News

A huge well done to those who took part in the orchestra workshop at Trinity Academy last Friday. What a wonderful experience it was to play famous pieces as part of a large orchestra in a dedicated theatre space! Their behaviour and concentration throughout the afternoon was exemplary and we are incredibly proud of them.

We are hoping to be able to offer more opportunities like this in the near future.



Miss Sadler



### Bristol North West Foodbank Cookery Course

Our next 'Eat Well, Spend Less' Cookery course runs from Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March. The course teaches basic food hygiene, knife skills, managing your food budget, recycling skills, preparing a menu and gives each course participant the opportunity to cook 2 food items each week that they can take home. We've found that many who attend report reducing their food costs as they start to cook from scratch. More info [here](#).



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### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

As you may be aware, The Department for Education announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) which came into effect from September 2020. All schools are obligated to comply with the updated requirements.

We have been in the process of reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our provision meets the Government criteria and is appropriate for our children. We would very much welcome your support and comment. Here's how you can help. Please find our current policy [here](#) and a letter with more information [here](#) and return any comments or questions for our review via the school office at [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) before midday on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.



### Lunchbowl Charity - School Stall

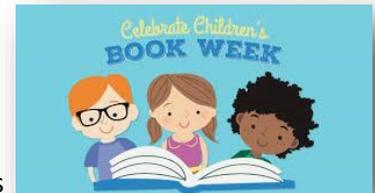


Next week, Lunchbowl charity will be visiting children across the Trust in assembly. More information about this amazing charity which provides education, food and other help for the

most underprivileged children in Africa can be found [here](#). As in previous years, the following week School Council will be running a stall selling some lovely items to raise money for the charity. The stall will be open after school from Tues 8th Feb and before and after school from Wed 9th to Fri 11th Feb - more details will be available in next weeks Newsletter.

### 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](mailto:bryony.brooks@elmleaschoolstrust.com) Many thanks, **The English Team at Elmlea**

### Teacher led after school Clubs

These teacher-led clubs will run 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 will run



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri
Mixed Netball Yr4	Choir Yr3-6	Mixed Hockey Yr3	Boxercise Yr3-6	
Mixed Basketball Yr6			Instrumental Yr 3-6	
Homework Club				

up to and including the last week of term (except in the case of staff 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**

### Fine Art Club & Craft Club at Elmlea Junior School

Fine Art Club every Tues from 1st March

Craft Club every Weds from 2nd March.

Cost £48 (6 weeks)

More [information](#).



### Please practice using knives and forks

A gentle reminder to practice using knives and forks with your children at home, especially cutting skills!



### Shine Half Term Holiday Clubs [Booking open!](#)

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



### Seeking French speakers to teach & inspire

Could you inspire children's love of languages and build their confidence through story-telling, games, songs, craft and fun activities? Click [here](#) for more information.





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# Year Group News

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

## Reception

This week in Reception the children have been learning the digraphs ai and ee and their first trigraph (three letters that make one sound) igh. We have been learning how to subitise and represent 6 and 7 and also been very lucky to have two visitors to talk to us about our 'people who help us' topic.

Thank you to Natasha (Theo's Mum) for teaching the children all about being a vet and thank you to Sue (Wilf's Grandma) for talking to the children all about the police.



One important message that the children learnt this week was the importance of them knowing their home address in case of an emergency - that is your weekend challenge. Can you remember your home address?

Many thanks, The Reception Team

## Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic start to the week with a visit from a palaeontologist and a T-Rex! The children became fossil hunters and used posters and books to find out what they had uncovered. In the afternoon they were lucky enough to meet Bella the velociraptor, Mia the triceratops and Sophie the T-Rex! Can your child remember any of the amazing facts they learnt that day?

In maths the children have been investigating arrays to help their multiplication. Can they spot any arrays in their home?



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

We have had such an exciting week which I am sure the children have been delighted to share with you! We had our third WOW event of the year on Tuesday this week. We were surprised with a visit from an explorer dome where we entered the dome and watched a



magnificent show all about space. We also learnt about the Ancient Greek story of Orion which we later retold in our English lessons. We then thought more about the Ancient Greeks and the food that they would make, we had so much fun making and tasting our very own flatbreads! Yummy!



Year 2 Team

**Save the date: Year 2 Sats Information Evening - Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 6pm**

### Year 3

This week Year 3 started their auditions and singing practise for the forthcoming Peter Pan production. We are all excited to see how rehearsals progress over the next few weeks. In English this week, the children have continued with the story of the 'Minpins', writing a non-chronological report about the elusive creature. In maths, we have been busy learning addition using both the expanded and formal column methods. Our topic lesson asked the children to make a video describing the water cycle and P.E. is split between tennis and basketball this term.

**Year 3 Team**



### Year 4



Year 4 had a great week exploring textures and tone in our artwork and are building up nicely to the end of unit project piece. We have also begun creating our soundtracks to accompany a video linked to our topic using Garageband. In English, we have continued exploring Kensuke's kingdom which the children are really enjoying! Next week we will be getting stuck into our STEM project.

**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we enjoyed an art workshop with Encounter Christianity. This linked to our learning about Art and Religion this term. In the

workshop, we made our own stained-glass windows inspired by light and different art work. In

English, we have looked at atmospheric and spooky images which we used as a stimulus for our own suspense opener. In science, we got practical and explored which materials were soluble or insoluble. We have also been busy coding an interactive game in which Miguel (our Scarlett McCaw) flies over South America and explores significant sites.



**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful workshop run by Encounter Christianity this week. Linking to our recent art unit exploring religious artwork, the children examined and discussed a range of both literal and abstract artwork from paintings to sculpture. In the session, they focussed on creating their own stained-glass window which depicted a quote from the bible about light. Some children chose to create a literal representation whereas others chose abstract. We have also finished our persuasive speeches in English and are looking forward to practising and recording them at home as homework this week, ready to share with the rest of the school!



**Year 6 Team**

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