



Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 21 Friday 11th February

Dear parents and carers,

A really big, huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Lunchbowl Network stalls this week, run by our school councils. Your generosity has been amazing. We have raised over **£1,500** in total, which will provide over **4500** lunches for children in Kibera, Kenya. Our Elmlea children have been really touched by the plight of the children in Kibera and they have been so determined to help out. One of the many stories we have heard include an older Elmlea child who held a cake sale at home, so they would have more money to donate to the stall and others who have donated more of their pocket money than the items they were buying. We are so thrilled for the charity and really impressed by how much the children have wanted to help others.

Parent-teacher meetings

Over 600 Elmlea parent-teacher meetings were held online this week and we hope you found the meetings really helpful and informative, thank you for taking the time to attend. We really value our relationship with you and these meetings enable us to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for your child. A big thank you too to our teachers for their preparation and time spent in meetings. Our teachers spend a long time preparing for the meetings to ensure the time is used wisely. It is a significant time investment by everyone and to ensure you are getting the most from the meetings, we would really appreciate your feedback. Please complete this feedback [survey](#) . It will take only a couple of minutes to complete.

Parking on Elmlea Avenue

Unfortunately, I have to report that a parent blocked a neighbour's drive on Elmlea Avenue this week and was also extremely rude to the neighbour, (witnessed by other parents), the neighbour was understandably really upset by the incident. This is really disappointing and unacceptable. We work so hard with all our neighbours to maintain the good name of Elmlea. All our neighbours will always be part of the Elmlea School community and really support all we are doing. I have met with the neighbour and apologised on behalf of the school, however, this would be even more meaningful if the parent who was rude could do the same.

For everyone parking on roads around the school at drop off and pick up, **please do not block driveways**. Allow yourself time for the extra minutes to find a suitable place to park.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher



2021/22 Academic year

Term 3: Tues 4th Jan to Fri 18th Feb
Parents Online Safety Evening: Thurs 17th Feb 6pm
Term 4: Mon 28th Feb to Fri 8th April
Yr 2 SATS Evening: Weds 2nd March 6pm
Book Fair at school: Mon 28th Feb-Thurs 3rd March
World Book Dress Up Day: Thurs 3rd March
Yr3 Performances 28th March 1:45pm & 29th March 9:30am
Yr4 Performances 4th April 1:45pm & 5th April 9:30am
INSET DAY Mon 21st March
Term 5: Mon 25th April to Fri 27th May
Class photos: Fri 6th May
Term 6: Mon 6th June to Thurs 21st July
INSET DAY Fri 24th 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: Mond 17th April '23 to Fri 26th May '23
Term 6: Mon 5th June '23 to Fri 21st July '23
INSET DAY Fri 23rd June

Travelling Book Fair!

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a book fair at both the Infant and Junior sites during World Book week at the beginning of next term (week commencing 28th March)! This will be a pop-up book shop that will run everyday in the Infant Library and the Junior hall at the following times:

Infants - After school on Mon 28th Feb from 3.30-4pm and from 8:30-9:00am and 3.30-4pm on Tues 1st, Weds 2nd and Thurs 4th March.

Juniors - After school from 3.30-4pm from Mon 28th Feb to Thurs 4th March.



Browse and order books online in advance ready for collection at the fair [here](#). The online [payment](#) system is available for parents wishing to pay by card either at the fair or from home and you will also be able to pay on the day via the **QR code** which we will display all around the place, upon which you will receive a receipt which you can show in order to receive your book order.

Each class will also have a chance to browse the shelves during the week in school time. The book fair is a great way for us to earn free books and resources, so the more the book orders we receive, the more free books our school will get!

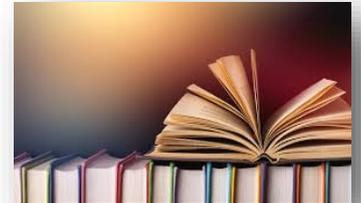
The book fair will be open to all year groups each day. We look forward to inviting you in to find some new and wonderful books to enjoy with your family!

In order to run the book fair Parent Volunteer helpers are needed! Please sign up [here](#).

Can you help us inspire a love of reading during World Book Week?

We're 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 email:

bryony.brooks@elmleaschoolstrust.com Many thanks, **The English Team at Elmlea**



Y4 Uni-Hock Tournament

Last Friday 8 children to the short walk to Shine community sports hall to take part in a uni-hock tournament against 4 other local schools. With only one training session before hand the children played extremely well with such a fast paced game. Lots of goals were scored and some fantastic saves as well, all the children had a great time.

Buddhist Meditation visit to the Junior School

In Thursday's assemblies, the Junior school pupils were visited Kelsang Lamchen from the Amitabha Kadampa Buddhist Meditation Centre on Gloucester Road. She spoke to the children about how to move from an 'angry mind' to a peaceful/happy mind through breathing and visualisation. This was a lovely link to our discussions across the school for Children's Mental health week. The children listened well and asked some thoughtful questions.



Aspens new menu for next term

The New Spring Summer 2022 Aspens menu comes out next term, we will publish it next week. Bookings will open to parents next week, please click [here](#) to log on and make your selections.



A reminder to please stay with your Infant school children at drop off



Please could we remind parents of children in the Infant School to stay with their children on the Infant playground until the class teacher arrives at their scheduled drop off time (Y1 8.45 and Y2 and Rec 8.50)

Many thanks, The Infant School

**FREE
EVENT!**

How do I know my child is safe online?

Our parents & carers online safety information evening on 17th Feb is **FREE OF CHARGE!** Spaces are limited so please book onto the evening asap via Scopay or [here](#) to secure your place.
When: Thurs 17 Feb 6-7:30pm | Where: Junior School Hall.



Book your **FREE** spot [here](#) or via Scopay **NOW!**

Junior School Lost Property



Junior school children are expected to find their own lost items from the bins located at the end of the corridor by the exit to the playground.

Towards the end of each term (weather permitting) lost property will be placed outside the main Junior entrance for parents to check themselves at drop off and pick up as we are unable to let parents into the school building to look for items.

Please remember to label ALL items!!

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs

All teacher-led after school clubs will be running 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 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.

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Mixed Netball Yr4	Junior Choir Yr3-6	Mixed Hockey Yr3	Boxercise Yr3-6	
Mixed Basketball Yr6			Infants Choir Yr 1&2	
Homework Club Yr3-6				

Term 4 Clubs confirmation - emails will be going out next week to let you know whether or not your child has been allocated a space at the club(s) they applied for next term.

Thanks, The School Office

Learning Support Assistant Job Opportunity at Elmlea Infant School



Elmlea Schools' Trust are looking for an enthusiastic learning support assistant to join our dedicated team. If you have a passion for supporting children and raising standards we want to hear from you. We are looking for somebody who can deliver high quality support for a child in Reception on a 1:1 basis.

This role is varied, and we are looking for an adaptable, flexible and resourceful individual able to cope in a high-pressure environment and deal with constantly changing priorities.

More information can be found [here](#). Closing date for applications: Thurs 17th Feb 2022 at midday.

Shine Clubs

General booking for Shine Clubs at Elmlea Infant and Junior School next term are now open.

[Elmlea Infants School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](#)

[Elmlea Junior School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](#)



Taekwon-Do classes for 4-6 year olds at Elmlea Junior School

Get Fit, Have Fun, Gain Confidence & Life Skills

while maintaining the discipline & etiquette required for a Martial Art

Places available from 14th March.....First two classes are free!

The Little Lion class is structured for 4-6 year olds, to help them develop life skills by concentrating on areas such as self-esteem, discipline, confidence and self-awareness, while having lots of fun. It is great preparation for the Junior class and a fantastic start to their Taekwon-Do future.

Westbury-on-Trym Taekwon-Do has Black Belt students, still training, who started their journey as Little Lion in Sept 2010!

MONDAY & THURSDAY

4.30pm - 4.55pm

"We have been attending the class for over two years now and are delighted with the discipline, respect and self-esteem that Margaux has learnt through Taekwon-Do. Fran is an excellent role model with care and dedication to each child."



Classes continue throughout the school holidays!

For more information or to book the 1st free class, contact **Miss Fran White**

email: w-o-t.tkd@hotmail.co.uk

phone: 07787956050

website: www.bristoltkd.co.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

BS9 Window Wanderland - A magical walking trail to light up our streets!

Window Wanderland is a fun, free community event, taking place across BS9 on the evenings of 4-7th March 2022. Anyone can make a display in their own window and light it up for others to wander around and enjoy. Why not get creative in the half-term holiday and make a window display for your neighbours to enjoy? To find out more and to sign up to have your display marked on the map, visit our [website](#). More information can also be found [here](#).



The top doodling class in the Infant School this week is... 2V!!

Reception

This week in Reception the children have been lucky to have 'Little Cities' visit! Little Cities came to Elmlea on Monday and set up many different role-play areas in the dance hall. Every class got time to explore and play with the equipment which linked fantastically to our 'People who help us' topic this term. Look out on Tapestry for lots of smiles at Little Cities.

Many thanks, The Reception Team



Year 1

It has been a very busy week this week! We started the week with a splash of colour to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children also had a go at learning the numbers 1 - 10 in Chinese and even writing the numbers! We loved hearing the story of the animals. We have also been thinking about Children's Mental Health week, we talked about being mindful and different ways we can stop and listen to ourselves. For E-Safety week the children have begun the important discussion about what information should be shared online, please continue this conversation with your child.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week has been a very busy week in year 2. We have celebrated the Chinese new year through making our very own Chinese fans from paper plates. We have loved learning about the Chinese culture and have been able to broaden our knowledge of how the new year is celebrated in China. We also thought carefully about how we can be safe when using our game consoles, tablets etc. during Internet Safety Day. We have continued to think about the different methods that we can use when presented with different division calculations and even learnt about fractions in maths!

Year 2 Team



Year 3 Information mornings will be taking place at 9:15am on Thurs 10th & Thurs 17th March 2022. Please complete this [survey](#) to let us know if your child will be accepting their place to join Elmlea Junior School in September 2022 and also which information morning you would like to attend.

Year 3

This week has been Children's Mental Health week - we have been doing various wellbeing activities and listening to stories focusing on mental health. It has also been Online Safety week - our Circle time was spent watching online clips about various safety aspects of online safety and having robust discussions around the themes. In art, we have been exploring textures, with the children using different materials to create interesting textures and shapes. This will lead onto the children creating their own artwork using the work of Van Gogh as inspiration. English has been exploring and writing a newspaper article about 'The Minpins,' whilst maths has been using the column method for subtraction.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

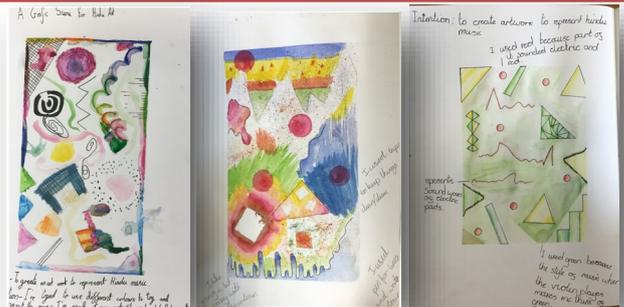
Year 4 have been spending time considering our mental health and strategies we use to make ourselves feel well. We also had an enjoyable week finishing off our computing projects with them ready to share by next week. We have just moved onto the story of Titanic this week and begun creating newspaper reports around the launch day. In maths, we have been doing well exploring geometry and working our way through different angles, triangles, and quadrilaterals. Next week in maths we will be looking at mass and capacity in measure. We will also be finishing off our final art projects next week and will make sure we share them.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been absorbed by writing their suspense stories. They have responded in a creative way to mysterious and ambiguous images to slowly build tension in their writing. We have been thinking carefully about mental health and taking part in various strategies to help balance our emotions and to feel happy, from exercise outside to yoga savasana. In Art, we have responded to religious music by creating a graphic score - a pictorial representation of the rhythm and emotion of Hindu music.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Another fabulous week in Year 6! The children enjoyed finding out about weird and wonderful living things in Science this week, including organisms such as the 'clown frogfish' and the 'latticed stinkhorn'. In art, they experimented with 'tone' using a wide range of mark making techniques. They created an abstract pattern and explored different pencil grades, pencil grips and pressures to create a piece like the one shown below. In English the children had a go at an 'imagination station' and created a piece of art which represented Aladdin's dream! The children have also been busy planning their charitable event as part of our 'Dreams and Goals' unit in PSHE and we are excited to see how their events went after half-term.



Year 6 Team

**** Reminder: deposit for Year 6 camp is now overdue. Please go to Scopay and make a payment as soon as possible. If you are in contact with school regarding support for payment we will be in touch with you shortly regarding this. ****

