



# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 27 Friday 1st April

Dear parents and carers,

This week has seen 1F perform their assembly to all the children in the Infant school as well as their families, which was a real treat. Our Year 3 classes have also performed their magnificent Peter Pan show to their families and as always the children's confidence and ability to remember the lines for 15 songs astounded us all. A big thank you to all our staff teams who enable the children to have the unique experience of performing to an audience.

Next week will be Yr4's turn to perform their show *Splash!* to parents and we are all looking forward to that.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

### Covid self-isolation update

We have followed DfE recommendations regarding Covid self-isolation for this term and will continue to do so up until the end of term 4. Please see below the latest DfE guidance, which will apply across the Trust from next term:



*"On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.*

*Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.*

*Updated guidance will advise:*

- ▶ adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature*
- ▶ children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend*
- ▶ adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days"*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 2021/22 Academic year

Term 4: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April

Yr4 Performances 4th April 1:45pm & 5th April 9:30am

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

Term 5: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May

Y1 1 Aquarium Trip Tues 3rd May

Class photos: Fri 6th May

PTA Whole School Picnic after school Thurs 26th 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**

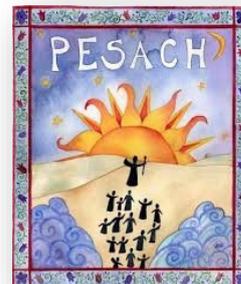
### COVID-19 vaccine update

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. Parents of 5 to 11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

For 5 to 11 year old and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, parents can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment. Appointments and walk-ins can be accessed for 12 to 15 year olds now, and bookings will open up for 5 to 11 year olds in early April.

### Pesach (Passover)

On Tuesday, Dr David Jewell from the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation led the Junior assembly to talk about Pesach (Passover). This year, it will take place from 15th-23rd April and we hope that everyone in our Elmlea community who marks the event enjoys their celebrations. David was very impressed with the children's knowledge of how and why the festival is celebrated and remarked on their excellent listening and participation.



### Reception tournament



Last week, eight of our reception children took part in their very first tournament! We competed against five other schools at the Shine sports hall, the children have been learning about football in their PE lessons and were able to put their skills into practise as we played mini games against other schools! I am very proud of all of the children who took part as this was a new experience to many of them. We had so much fun and look forward to the next tournament in term 6!

### Music News

This was the final ukulele session for our year 3 classes. They performed their choice of three songs from those they learnt this term. What an incredible performance, well done to all! I hope to be able to share the videos with you all soon.

Next Wednesday the whole school will be invited to be an audience for our orchestras, choirs and guitar groups in an end of term music assembly. We are all looking forward to this very special event.

**Choir:** there are a few spaces in the Junior choir for next term, please email the School Office if your child is interested in joining.



Miss Sadler

### Elmlea Schools' Trust Trustee Recruitment



We have three vacancies for Trustees to join the team.

These are voluntary roles that require attendance at an early evening meeting each Term as well as additional committee / project meetings.

We are fortunate to have a wide range of professional skills within our local community and we wish to draw upon this by recruiting people with experience of:

\* ICT \* Education \* Finance \* HR

Whilst we currently have needs in these areas, we absolutely welcome applications from across the entire community regardless of experience and it is particularly important to us that our team of Trustees represents the diversity of our local community. So, if you have enthusiasm, commitment, are naturally inquisitive, seek high standards and are prepared to get involved then this is for you.

More information can be found [here](#).

### No Tech Day across the Trust - Fri 29th April

'No Tech Day' is returning to Elmlea! 'World Earth Day' falls on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school holidays so we will be having our own day across the trust on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Teachers will not be able to use their computers, photocopy or use the lights.

This is a great discussion point for the children and a lovely opportunity for the teachers to think creatively with their planning. The teachers are planning to follow their normal timetable but find ways to teach English and maths without technology as well as looking to incorporate lots of outdoor learning opportunities, practical science experiments or creative art lessons. This also filters into Elmlea striving to be more ecological by wasting less paper, resources and energy. You could even reinforce this at home by trying to not use technology that day around the children. Spend some more time outside or do some fun board games with the children! We would love to hear what you have been doing on 'World Earth Day' and during our 'No Tech Day'





### PTA Spring goodies fundraiser!

Spring has arrived – hooray!! To celebrate the PTA has prepared two goodies for you and your loved ones to celebrate.

**Easter Egg Hunt (£3)** Your child will receive an easter egg hunt walking map which can be done in your own time in the local Stoke Bishop area. You will also receive a goodie bag with edible Easter treats which you can give to your child either on completion of the hunt or perhaps as motivation along the way!

**Spring craft (£3)** We've collected a wonderful little mix of crafts that are suitable for all ages across infants and juniors to keep your children busy over the holidays. Easy and fun - they will keep boys and girls entertained!

**Bundle of both items available for £5.**

**Additionally, the Elmlea community is very keen to have a voice in supporting displaced refugees – specifically children – from the various crises around the world today.** This year we will also be collecting:

**Invisible Easter Eggs** Every £2 donation here will go straight to the BT UNICEF Children's Emergency fund. You won't receive an easter egg, but children around the world - including specifically in Ukraine and Afghanistan – will benefit from your generosity with emergency parcels of blankets, hygiene products, food and fresh water. BT will match all donations here doubling your impact.

**Purchase all items at:** <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa>

If you are interested in the above goodies, but the budget just isn't stretching that far this spring, then please reach out to [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com) as we can offer concessions. We also plan to sell for cash on the 7th and 8th by the school gates.



**Collection of all items will be from Elmlea School on 7th and 8th April or by agreement.**

### Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs week commencing Mon 4th April

#### After school Sports Clubs next week:

Mondays- Year 3 Netball Club with Miss Wilson in the Playground

Wednesday- Year 4 Hockey Club with Mrs Paterson in the Playground

#### After school Music Clubs next week:

Tuesdays - Years 3-6 Choir Club with Mrs Sadler in the Hall

Thursdays - Years 1-2 Choir Club with Mrs Sadler in the Infant School Hall

**PLEASE NOTE: Year 5 Basketball (Mon) & Years 3-6 Boxercise (Thurs) both CANCELLED due to staff absence**

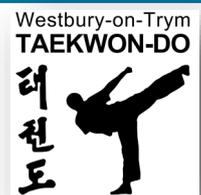
Please always ensure you let the School Office know if your child is unable to attend as if they do not show up, we are required to initiate our Missing Child Procedure, which could ultimately result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you. All teacher-led clubs finish at 4:15pm Please be advised that if your child has been allocated a space, they are expected to attend every week unless they are unwell.

**Term 5 clubs allocation will be confirmed next week, unfortunately we can no longer accept any new requests.**



### Taekwon-Do Grading Achievements

I should like to congratulate the Westbury-on-Trym Taekwon-Do students from Elmlea Infant and Junior Schools, who took part in the March Gradings. The Little Lion (4-6yrs) Grading was on Monday 7th March at Elmlea Junior School, and the Junior students attended the Bristol Taekwon-Do Colour Belt Grading on Friday 11th March at Little Stoke Community Hall.



Every single Grade promotion is a significant achievement for many reasons; they need to reach the required standard in technique, knowledge and attitude to be successful; with each promotion the syllabus becomes more challenging, which in turn means the student needs more commitment in their training; and every new rank accomplished, brings more responsibility, skill and dedication.

I'm extremely pleased to announce these Grade promotions:

**Little Lion Black Belt - 1st Degree** *Margaux*

**Little Lion 6 - Blue Belt** *Orla*

**4th Kup - Blue Belt** *Bahar and Olivia*

**5th Kup - Blue Stripe** *Anaiya*

**7th Kup - Green Stripe** *Siaana and Thomas*

**8th Kup - Yellow Belt** *Kingsley*

**Grade 2 - Orange Stripe** *Evie, Jack, Joe, Rohan, Sam and Thomas*

**Grade 1 - Purple Stripe** *Eva and Livvy*

**Well done everyone. Miss Fran White. Bristol TKD 07787956050**

## Joint Doodling winners this week...1C and Willow classes!!!

### Reception

Reception have had a great week learning about 2D and 3D shapes and sharing all their finds for our past and present topic - thank you all for your great efforts in sourcing such wonderful 'show and tells' for the children. It has been a real highlight of the week!

We have noticed such a difference in the children's happiness over their lunch choices this week and thank you for looking at this with them in more depth.



SHOW  
and  
TELL

Many thanks, The Reception Team

### Year 1

Year One have worked extremely hard this week! They have been imagining they were passengers at the launch of the s.s Great Britain and wrote descriptive sentences using conjunctions.

In maths we have started exploring 3D shapes. See how many you can spot this weekend?

We are very excited to go watch our Year 4 buddies perform 'Splash' today!

Congratulations to 1F who did a fabulous job performing their class assembly. 1SC are excited to share their class assembly with you next week at 2:45pm on Thurs 7th April. Please come along to the Infant office 10 mins before hand using the Infant gate.



Year 1 Team

### Year 2

This week we have been very busy during our learning time. We have started our learning about Westbury-on-Trym in preparation for our WOW event next week where we will take a walk around our village. We have stepped back in time and thought about what Westbury-on-Trym once was and how it has changed. In Jigsaw, we have been learning about how we can keep our bodies healthy, we loved making our very own fruit kebabs as a healthy snack alternative! We understand that eating the right food is important as it helps give us all of the right nutrients to help us grow. We have also been busy making our very own waterproof alien shelters ready for testing them next week. Will they be strong and protect our aliens from 'rain'?



We have also noticed lots of children's jumpers and cardigans with no names which means lots of school uniform is getting lost and not being claimed. Can you please take some time over the Easter break checking that all uniform and clothing has your child's name.

Year 2 Team

### Year 3

It was a long time in the making, but Year 3 finally performed their production of Peter Pan on Monday and Tuesday this week. The children were absolutely phenomenal - from the acting, the clarity of their voices, the song routines and remembering hundreds of lines of dialogue. All the staff are incredibly proud of their efforts and a thank you to parents for helping with costumes and learning lines. In addition to the play, we squeezed in time for persuasive writing in English, grid method for multiplication in maths and light experiments in science.

Year 3 Team

**Year 4** Year 4 have been excitedly rehearsing in school this week. Thank you so much for all the support with costumes for the play and the learning of lines. We will be showing it to the school this Friday and are ready for you all to see it on Monday or Tuesday. The performance is our way of giving back, and we have decided to use it as a chance to raise money for Red Cross Ukraine crisis. So please bring some cash with you for any donations you wish to make. Next week, alongside performances, we will be creating our own non chronological reports and looking at statistics in maths.

Year 4 Team

### Message for Year 5 & 6 Parents and Carers

Throughout Term 4, the upper school children have been working on a mixed-media self-portrait in response to a brief set by the Spirited Arts competition to, 'Express your own world view, representing your identify, truths, beliefs and values as you see them.'

We would like to invite you to drop into school to view and celebrate their work on Friday 29th April, 3:15 until 3:45

Year 5 work will be displayed in their Year 5 classroom

Year 6 children will display their work in the Year 4 classrooms.

Looking forward to welcoming you.



Best wishes, Year 5 and 6 team

### Year 5

Year 5 have had a really exciting week! We had a brilliant trip to St Mary's Church, during our visit we followed a map and found different clues which represented what Christians believe about Easter. The children tasted food, smelt incense and explored items such as pictures and extracts from The Bible. We also enjoyed Countries Day, this day included dressing up in the colours of South American flags, a capoeira workshop, mola art and learning about ancient civilisations. In English, we have been reading Journey to the River Sea and writing a setting description



about the Carter's home. In computing, we are continuing to work on our Tourism film ready for the Oscars! In maths, we have been working hard at converting fractions, decimals and percentages. We also have felt extremely lucky to watch both the Y3 and Y4 performances over the last two weeks!

Year 5 Team



### Year 6

In year 6, the highlight of this week has certainly been our South America Day celebrations as we bring our On The Latin Side topic to an end.

During the day, we dressed in the colours of a South American flag, enjoyed an amazing capoeira dance workshop and completed our final countries challenge of the topic. Well done to all the children who have managed to learn all the countries in S.A. and especially those children that now know all the capital cities too - very impressive!

We also enjoyed learning about mola art where we created our own designs using iPads and created our own Inca style sun god trinkets out of air-dry clay. Next week, we plan to paint them gold.



Year 6 Team