



Elmlea Schools' Trust

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Friday 6th May

Diary Dates

2021/22 Academic year

Term 5:

Mon 25 April - Fri 27 May '22
16 May - Yr 5 Windsor Castle
19 May - Yr 6 Windsor Castle
26 May - PTA Whole School Picnic (after school)

Term 6:

Mon 6 June - Thurs 21 July '22
INSET DAY Fri 24 June
Last day of term Thurs 21 July

2022/23 Academic year

Term 1:

Thurs 1 Sept - Fri 21 Oct '22
INSET DAYS Thurs 1 & Fri 2 Sept '22
(first day back Mon 5 Sept)

Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22

Term 3:

Tues 3 Jan - Fri 10 Feb '23
INSET DAY Tues 3 Jan '23

Term 4:

Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March '23

INSET DAY Mon 20 March '23

Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23
INSET DAY Fri 23 June '23

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and the sunshine which made a welcome appearance. We have made the most of a 4 day week as well.

Very excited classes from **Yr 3** and **Yr4** travelled on double decker buses to Caerleon to explore the Roman remains there as part of their topic. With an opportunity to dress up as soldiers and explore the amphitheatre, museum and look at the mosaics it was a fabulous trip. Thank you to all the parent helpers and staff team for making it happen.

Yr1 also visited the Bristol aquarium on Tuesday looking at the aquatic animals and their habitats. As always the children were so enthusiastic about everything they could see and learn there. Thank you for the many helpers and staff team again for their energy and enthusiasm too.

Meanwhile, our **Reception** classes really enjoyed their visit to the Baptist Church on Wednesday, to explore and learn about what happens at the church for the people who attend. We always need a large number of helpers for any Reception trips and thank you for the enthusiastic response from our parent and carer helpers so the trip could go ahead and our staff team for leading the visit.

Yr6 SATS Next week, our Yr6 children will be taking their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS), under exam conditions. They have been fully prepared by our Yr6 team and we have reminded them all that however the tests go, we are already so proud of them and know they have already tried their very best throughout the year.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher



Bristol Schools 48 hour Film Challenge

Could you make an original 4-minute film in just 48 hours? The Bristol Schools 48-hour Film Challenge is returning. Participants are expected to work in teams over a weekend where they will have to script, film and edit a 4-minute movie based on the set criteria they receive. We had a group from Elmlea last year and they had a superb time taking part and even got a special mention. Find out more [here](#).

Wesak

Many Buddhists will be marking Wesak at the end of this week. Sometimes known as Buddha Day, this festival celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha.

The date of the festival changes each year as it is based on the full moon. The children in both schools will be learning more about Wesak in assemblies this week and later in May. We hope that everyone in the Elmlea community who is celebrating this day has a lovely time with family and friends.



Bottle tops still needed!

Please can we have as many plastic bottle tops as you can save from recycling! From coke to milk bottles, any colour and variety of sizes, we will gratefully accept them at either office up until Mon 23rd May. So please spread the word around family, neighbours and your work place and help us make a spectacular work of art in the Infant school this year.



Music News

The junior choir is going from strength to strength and we are nearly at our full capacity of 40 children. There are a couple of spaces left if your child would like to join. We are currently practising songs for a Big Sing at the Beacon Foyer (formally Colston Hall) so this would be a great time to join.

Some dates for your diary:

- ◆ Tues 14th June (afternoon): Junior Choir trip to Beacon Foyer
- ◆ Tues 21st June (afternoon): Orchestra trip to Trinity Academy for an orchestra workshop
- ◆ Weds 6th July (evening): Summer Sing concert in school, all four choirs and guitarists involved (more details to follow)
- ◆ Weds 20th July (evening): instrumental concert in school, both orchestras involved (more details to follow)

Miss Sadler, Music Teacher



Indoor Athletics County Finals



Last week saw 19 Junior School children represent North Bristol in the indoor athletics County finals. Following from their comfortable win at St. Bede's at the start of the year this was going to be a real test of determination and skill. Elmlea were competing against the 10 best school teams from across the South West. We were excited, at times a little nervous but the children gave their all and created some fantastic performances.

Elmlea consistency placed within the top 4 in both the track events and the fielding events, they came 1st in 3 events, 2nd in 4 events, 3rd in 2 events and 4th in 6 events. Adding all these and more together meant we placed 4th overall with only 34 points behind 3rd position. A fantastic achievement for this group of children, this is the first time Elmlea have represented North Bristol in this event, a massive congratulations to you all!

Hannah Paterson Head of PE and School Sport, Elmlea Junior School

New Management Information System at Elmlea Schools' Trust



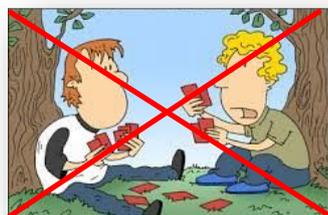
We are excited to announce that we have moved our MIS from SIMS to Arbor. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system. We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#). We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register throughout this term. We will be starting with the Infant school and setting up one class at a time. Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

If all has gone to plan, you will have received this Newsletter using the Arbor communication system so please let us know if you do experience any problems receiving it. We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

No Collectable & Trading Cards

Parents and carers, please can you let children know that collectable and trading cards (eg Pokemon cards) are not allowed in school, thanks for your co-operation.



Your Library needs you!

We've had a great year so far with the library fully operational and lots of new books arriving soon too! We have a couple of Parent Volunteers who help us with the ongoing management of the library on a rota system and are doing a fantastic job so thank you! We could do with another 2 or 3 helpers. We hope that new volunteers could start ASAP and be able to help us throughout the new academic year 2022/23. If you are interested please email info@elmleaschoolstrust.com as soon as possible to let us know if you are able to help out and to give us an idea of your availability. We will then be in touch to sort out your DBS.



PTA Jubilee picnic - Thurs 26 May

We are very excited to invite all Elmlea families to our Jubilee picnic on Thurs 26 May! It's going to be a great event to kick off the Jubilee celebrations with the whole school coming together on the field to cheer for queen and country. Here's everything you need to know:



- The event will run from 3.10-5pm; you will be asked to collect your children from their classrooms and join us on the field for a family sit down picnic. You will be responsible for the welfare of your child / children at this event. Siblings are welcome.
- Afterschool provision will run as normal although the field will not be used for any activities. Please inform your afterschool care provider if you do not wish to have your child collected so that you might bring them to the picnic instead.
- You are kindly asked to provide your own blanket and bring your own picnic, but beverages (including soft drinks & alcoholic drinks), ice creams and sweets will be available for purchase on site from the PTA. Please do not bring your own alcohol onsite and glass containers are not permitted. Children (and grownups!) will be allowed to come to school that day in any red, white and blue clothes of their choosing (£1 donation requested)
- Note this event is weather contingent – we will inform you as early as possible if cancellation due to elements is required

Please let us know if you have any questions at Elmlea.school.PTA@gmail.com

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs week commencing Mon 9th May

After school Sports & Music Clubs w/c Mon 9th May:

Mondays: Yrs 5&6 Athletics, Mrs Paterson, Playground

Tuesdays: Yr 5&6 Rounders, Miss Brooks, Field

Tuesdays: Yrs 3-6 Choir, Ms Sadler, Junior Hall

Wednesdays: Yrs 3&4 Multi sports, Mrs Paterson, Hall

Thursdays: Yrs 3-6 Boxercise, Studio

Thursdays: Yrs 1&2 Choir, Ms Sadler, Infant School

Fridays: Yrs 5&6 Cricket Mr Salisbury & Mr Weller, Field

If you could make sure that your children knows that they are going to the club as well as where it is taking place, that would be very much appreciated.

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.

Thanks, The School Office



Henleaze tennis after school club



Following from a successful collaboration with Henleaze tennis club and their lower school after school club, Will Hardiman, head coach, would like to invite the upper school to an after school club starting next term. You can find all the information and how to book a place [here](#).

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club Ltd

Henleaze Tennis club are also running a May half term holiday camp should your children be interested in taking part please follow this [link](#) for more information and booking.

Hannah Paterson Head of PE and School Sport, Elmlea Junior School

COMMUNITY NEWS

Supporting children and young people with Dyslexia

Please click [here](#) for more information about a **FREE conference for Parents and Carers** 1.30-3.30pm on Saturday 11th June 2022 at Edgar Hall, Somerton. The conference is FREE but you need to get a ticket on Eventbrite. To find us on the Eventbrite website, search for: 'dyslexia talk Somerton' or use the link on our [website](#).



Top Doodling class this week is... Willow class!!

Reception This week, Reception have been continuing to practise their class performance. The children are really excited to show you their assemblies next week! It would be great if you could practise your child's line(s) at home with them, particularly ensuring that they are saying it loud enough for an audience to hear.

We have also planted sunflower seeds and have learnt lots about what plants need to grow and the different features of a plant.

Finally, this week we enjoyed our first school trip to the church! The children did brilliantly and enjoyed meeting Priest James. Thank you again to all the parent helpers who made this possible.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1 Year 1 started off this week with a fantastic trip to the Aquarium! We saw lots of different underwater creatures and even got to feed some! Can your child remember any of the facts they learnt? There were some quite yucky ones! In maths this week we have begun to teach how to tell the time, please take some time (no pun intended!) to go through this with your child as it often needs lots of revisiting. We are focusing on reading o'clock and half past on an analogue clock. Year 1 have also started our geography topic, learning about the different continents!



In week 4 we will be making shoebox aquariums, please could you send a named shoebox (or similar sized box) in with your child before the end of next week? If you have any spares to donate that would be great as we have begun collecting a few extra.

Year 1 Team

Year 2 This week year 2 have loved kickstarting their new Artists topic where we explored different pieces of art from different time periods. We discussed how the art made us feel and explained why we liked or did not like the art.

We have also continued reading the story of the Iron Man and have thought creatively in our writing by writing our own mini chapter for the book. We focused on adding description and detail using various writing techniques such as similes and expanded noun phrases.

In maths, we revisited and recapped the different methods that can be used to work out calculations. Next week, we look forward to planning our own class research project into a chosen artist!



Year 2 Team



Year 3

This week Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their trips to Caerleon - a Roman amphitheatre and baths in Wales. In addition to looking around the area, the children had a boot camp where a Roman soldier lead them through a series of drills. Our new text in literacy is, 'Escape from Pompeii,' and the children have been diary writing with a focus on turning a text in 3rd person into 1st person. In science, we carried out some interesting experiments about the physical features and permeability of different rocks.

Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 had a great time visiting the Roman town of Caerleon for our school trip. It was great to once again return to this venue for a school visit and it didn't disappoint. The children got to march like Roman soldiers, explore artefacts found at the site and also explore the remains of a Roman army barracks and amphitheatre. The children behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Thank you so much to the parents who supported us with this trip. Back at school we have been continuing our discussion unit in English alongside some geometry in maths. We have also started our next art project around dragon eyes and look forward to sharing these when finished later in the term.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been writing descriptions of the launch and journey through space for their sci-fi stories. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, learning how to find fractions of amounts and applying this understanding through problem solving. During our topic lesson and in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have been considering what makes Queen Elizabeth II a great ruler. In computing, we have been learning how to use Excel spreadsheets and the children enjoyed using the formulas set up to budget for a weekly shop for their family. During PSHE we have been considering the positive and negative aspects of online communities and thinking about how to ensure we stay safe online. We are also enjoying being able to use the field for rounders and the indoor gym apparatus in our PE lessons.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

The long weekend has seen no let-up in activity in what has been another packed week in year 6. The final preparations have been made for SATs Week and the children have displayed a fantastic attitude towards their learning - they should all feel very proud of themselves. Now is the time for some rest ahead of next week! In other news, we have enjoyed creating market research questionnaires for our DT project; watch this space as you will be asked about your cake preferences by your child this week. In history, we have learnt about Queen Elizabeth II, what her roles is and explored why some consider her to be such a great monarch. Our science unit on electricity has continued with a focus on how to draw diagrams of electrical circuits and identify if they will work or not.



Year 6 Team

Year 6 camp payment schedule Thank you so much to those who have already paid. For those who still have some payments to make please see the schedule below. Mojo and Camp payments should now be complete. Mendip payment should be completed by 31st May. **Further information regarding camp will follow later this term**

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies We are excited to announce that the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodie online shop will be open from Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 13th May!! Please click [here](#) for full details

