



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 31

Friday 13th 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,

This week has seen our Yr6 children take their statutory assessment tests and we are all so proud of them. They tackled the tests with great maturity and everyone tried their very best. Whatever the outcomes, we are already so proud of each and every one of them. Well done to the year 6 team for preparing the children so well, so they all took it in their stride.

This week our Reception assemblies have taken place. It was lovely to see so many children confidently performing in front of a very appreciative audience.

Many parents commented they had noticed an improvement in their child's confidence performing to others, even since the Christmas performance. A big thank you to the Reception teams for giving our youngest children this opportunity to perform and practice their oracy skills.

Next week Yr5 and Yr6 will be travelling to Windsor castle for the day. We know they are all hoping for a wave from a very special person.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Parent and Carer Information - What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care, taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child.

At Elmlea Schools' Trust, every member of our staff team has had safeguarding training and we have appointed safeguarding leads for the schools who are; Mrs Wright, Mr Daubney, Ms Flook and Mrs Sloper. As safeguarding leaders for the Trust we receive training from the Bristol Safeguarding in Education team and also seek further advice when needed from First Response and Families in Focus.

We also wanted to highlight that as well as talking to us about concerns you may have about a child, that as a parent or carer **if you have any concerns that a child is being abused or neglected, or if you want to request support on behalf of a child or family, you can directly at any time make a referral to first response – using this [link](#).**

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Parking

Some of our local neighbours have disabled family members and require access and space to their homes. Please be considerate of others when parking.



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

Skateboarding and scooting session in the Junior school next week -Team Rubicon Action Sports School

Next Tues 17th May the lower school and Weds 18th May the upper school will be taking part in a skateboarding and scooting session within school. Following Great Britain's Sky Brown's bronze medal success in skateboarding at the Tokyo Olympics last summer, the sport is growing in popularity across the City and the Country. The session will give children an introduction to the sport allowing them to get a taste of something they may not have tried before. Scooting is a fantastic active travel method and with the weather getting warmer and dryer there's no better time to dust off those scooters and get riding to and from school.



Lower school children will need to wear their PE kit on Tuesday and upper school on Wednesday. Covered legs are recommended as they will be learning new skills on the playground and inevitably some tumbles may happen! Whilst all equipment is provided, including protective equipment, children can bring in their own helmet should they wish.

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

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs week commencing Mon 16th May

A reminder that Mrs Paterson is currently not teaching as she is away from school awaiting a planned operation. As a result, the following teacher-run After School Clubs are CANCELLED until she is well enough to return: Mondays - Mixed Athletics (Yrs 5 & 6), Wednesdays - Mixed Multi sports (Yrs 3 & 4) and Thursdays - Mixed Boxercise (Yrs 3-6) . Thank you for your understanding during this time.

After school Sports & Music Clubs w/c Mon 16th May:

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

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

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



Shine Clubs

Shine club re-bookings at Elmlea Infant and Junior School for next term opens next Tues 17 May at 10am and general booking for all clubs on Tues 24 May at 10am.

[Infant bookings](#) [Junior Bookings](#)

Details of Holiday Clubs running for 3 days over Half term can be found [here](#).

Bottle tops still needed!

We are still gratefully accepting any plastic bottle tops you can spare up until Mon 23rd May to help us make a spectacular work of art in the Infant school this year!



North Bristol Commonwealth Games

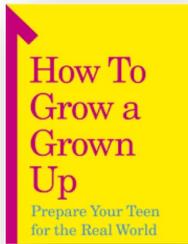
A lot of children have been super busy completing the North Bristol Commonwealth game challenges set on seesaw whether it is a creative challenge like Joe and Alex have done or a physical challenge like Bella completing the figure of 8 challenge, there are lots of ways to take part. Head over to seesaw to create a response and check out the latest physical challenge but don't forget to log your results using the link and the best part is you can complete and log your results as many times as you like!

Click [here](#) for the basketball challenge and record the results [here](#).

Click [here](#) for the hockey challenge and record the results [here](#).

Good luck and have fun! **Hannah Paterson Head of PE & School Sport, Elmlea Junior School**

COMMUNITY NEWS



'How to Grow a Grown Up: parenting tips for the 21st century'

Stoke Bishop Primary School and St Mary's Church are delighted to welcome award winning GP and author Dr Dominique Thompson for an enlightening talk and Q&A session about raising tweens and teens to thrive in the modern world, and preparing for life with a teenager!

7.30 – 8.30pm Thursday 19th May 2022 at St Mary's Church, Mariners Drive, Bristol

More details can be found [here](#) and a flyer [here](#).

Bristol Schools 48 hour Film Challenge - Now Open

Could you make an original 4-minute film in just 48 hours? The Bristol Schools 48-hour Film Challenge is returning and registration for the is now open and we are inviting all schools to enter as many teams as you want for the most amazing and creative weekend!

Check out our [website](#) for more information.

Schools can register through the website or via this [link](#).

We hope that you will join us this year for a buzzing weekend of filmmaking fun!

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.

****UPDATE**** We are pleased to announce that we have the incredible Catherine Johnson co-hosting a Screen Writing workshop for Key Stage 4 and 5 students. Catherine is the writer of the phenomenally popular Mama Mia! films. Places are limited for this free workshop. Have a look at our website for more information, as more workshops will be announced soon.



Local Junior Triathlon - Tri Bristol 2nd July

Tri Bristol are delighted to welcome everyone back to the Bristol Junior Triathlon. This grass based triathlon caters for all children from 8-17 years. The race distances are varied and within the BTF accredited distances for each age group.

Taking place at Henbury Leisure Centre, the swim is in a 25m, 6 laned pool with a short run to a grass transition. The bike and run courses are on grass, lapped and will be well sign posted and marshaled. More details [here](#).





Year Group News

Joint top Doodling classes this week are... 1C and Willow!!!

Reception

Thank you for all your help with the class assemblies that have taken place this week. The children's costumes were brilliant and we know how much you have helped to encourage them and support them learning their lines so thank you!

Don't forget it's 20 reads in May for the Reading Challenge - good luck!

Many thanks, The Reception Team

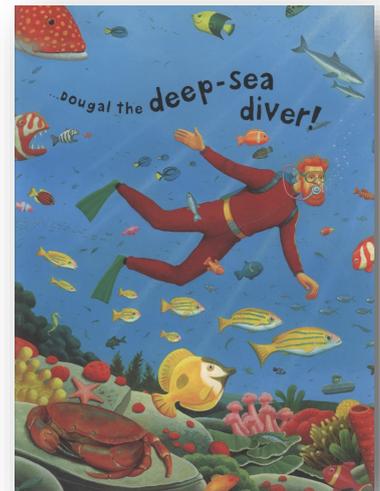
Year 1

What an amazing week in Year One! We read the story of Dougal the Deep Sea Diver and enjoyed looking at all the amazing illustrations in the book. Why not try and hide some under-the-sea creatures in your own pictures for others to find. Where could you hide a picture of a mermaid or some lost treasure?

We also carried on learning about telling the time and focused on reading half past on an analogue clock. Perhaps at home something amazing could happen at half past? Could half-past six be time for a biscuit? (Or a healthy piece of fruit).

Reminder - next week we will be making Shoe Box Aquariums, so please bring a named shoe box to school ASAP if you can, and if you have any spare we'd be very grateful.

Year 1 Team



Year 2

This week year two have had another busy week filled with lots of exciting learning. We have continued to learn our story of the Iron Man in English and created our own story maps to help us learn the story. We later took part in a class debate where we looked to answer the following question: Should Iron Man be allowed to stay on Earth?. The children presented excellent arguments for and against Iron Man and later used their ideas in some excellent persuasive writing! As part of our topic learning, each class took part in an Artist research project and created wonderful art in the style of our chosen Artists. 2M looked at Andy Warhol, 2AW looked at aboriginal art and 2V were inspired by Kandinsky.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have been full steam ahead with assessment week - we look at maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar. The children have been really good at concentrating on doing their absolute best - well done to all! We have still found time to do lots of other exciting learning. We continued with our history topic, looking at how the Roman Empire expanded before the eventual successful invasion of Britain at the 3rd attempt. In science we considered how for centuries we have used stone in multiple guises to create and shape the World around us. Finally, in art the children used watercolour paints to create amazing images of dragon's eyes, really focussing on the colour palette and lovely details.



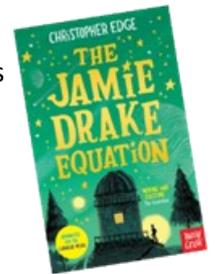
Year 3 Team

Year 4 Year 4 have been working hard all week and have impressed the teachers with their resilience and learning attitudes. In art, we have been using water colours to create background colours for our dragon eye images. For science, the children explored states of matter and how we can change states by melting. Next week, we will be writing up our discussions, exploring area in maths and in Topic we will explore the story of Boudica and how she is judged differently by Romans and Celts.



Year 4 Team

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have started writing our Sci-fi narrative inspired by Christopher Edge's work! We look forward to sharing these as a year group next week. In DT, we have used our market research to plan and design our cake. We have been enjoying athletics and rounders in PE. In PSHE, we have been exploring online communities and our roles and responsibilities in these. We have continued our work on plant reproduction in Science. We took cuttings from a geranium plant and figured out how a 'magic' bag of items linked to various types of plant reproduction. Another busy but great week. Well done Year 5!



PG Films - Year 5 are planning to use PG films/ tv programmes in lessons and for class treats this year. If you do not want your child to watch PG films in school then please let your child's class teacher know ASAP and by Friday 20th May otherwise we will assume that you do give your permission.

Year 5 Team

Year 6



SATs = completed!

Well done to all year 6 pupils who have worked incredibly hard, been supremely focussed and managed their 'SATs nerves' in a really mature way this week. We are incredibly proud of how far they have come and the resilience they have developed as individuals. They have tried their very best and that's all we can ask for - well done! Alongside our assessments, we have enjoyed some extended break-times and played rounders and cricket in the sun in addition to our well-deserved treat day on Friday! We have also continued with our wider learning and in science we planned and carried out an investigation around insulators and conductors. While in DT, we used our market research surveys to create our final cupcake designs. Have a restful weekend, Year 6 - you've deserved it!

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 close TODAY, Friday 13th May!! Please click [here](#) for full details.

