



# Elmlea Schools' Trust

## Newsletter Issue 34

### Friday 10th June

#### DIARY DATES

##### 2021/22 Academic year

###### Term 6:

14 June 6S Create Centre  
21 June Yr 3 Hindhu Temple  
21-23 June Yr 6 Mojo Active  
28 June Rec Court Farm Park  
1 July Yr 2 Caldicot Castle  
4 July Upper School Sports Day  
5 July Lower School Sports Day  
6 July Infant School Sports Day  
Yr 5 show 11 & 12 July (pm)  
14 July Yr 6 Mendip  
Yr 6 show 18 & 19 July (pm)

###### **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  
**INSET DAY Mon 31 Oct '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 had a great half-term holiday and enjoyed the jubilee celebrations too.

We have had a fantastic start to Term 6, with everyone arriving back in school, full of enthusiasm for their new term ahead and the learning activities planned. Thank you everyone who also contributed to our Yellow house cake sale in the Junior school today. It felt especially significant as this is our first cake sale for 2.5 years and pre-covid is a unique feature of primary school fund raising. All the proceeds will be given to the Ukraine relief fund.

#### Governor Visit in school

Yesterday, several of our school governors were in school monitoring our curriculum provision by visiting classes across both schools and observing and chatting to children in lessons. It was an absolute privilege to visit so many classes from Reception to Year 6 and our governors observed in every class, without exception, all children engaged in their learning, on task and accessing the curriculum. They were especially impressed with the level of technical vocabulary used across all year groups with regards to the subject being taught and also noted the confidence of children speaking in lessons and sharing their learning with each other.

#### INSET day

Please note an additional INSET day has been planned for 31st October to enable essential staff training to take place led by our schools' educational psychologist team. We will liaise with Shine again to ensure there is a club running that day for working parents.

**Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

#### Arbor - Parent Portal update

Please ensure you have created a new Arbor account as soon as possible as we will not be using the Scopay system going forward.

We will be organising the Elmlea Junior School teacher run after school clubs on Arbor this term for Term 1 in September, so you will need to have an account set up in order to request a place for your child/children.



### Elmlea Schools' Trust Sports Day information

We are very much looking forward to our Sports Days this term! The children have been getting ready and practising the different events in their PE lessons. We are so pleased to be able to invite parents to come along and spectate this year. It will be so lovely to have some extra support cheering our children on! More information regarding sports day will follow later this term via your child's class Seesaw page. Please find the timings below for your child's sports day:



**Upper KS2** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 12:00

**Lower KS2** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 12:00

**Infant School** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 12:00

**Hannah Patterson and Hannah McKenzie (Trust PE Leads)**



### A Message from the PTA

We The PTA would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the Parents, Carers and Teachers for your kind generous heart and spirit in supporting both fund raising events which were held in April and May this year.

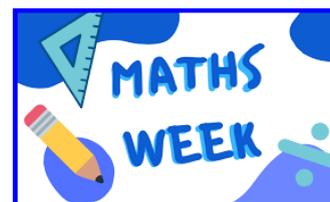
We celebrate the success of these events. We raised just over £1,300 for the Jubilee picnic and almost £700 for Easter, arising to a grand total of £2,000 for the school. We look forward to another exciting term before the school ends with ice cream sales, uniform sales and many more activities.

If anyone would like to make a donation or still needs to make your donation for the dress down day held on 26<sup>th</sup> May you can do so [here](#).

**Thank you again. From The PTA**

### Maths Week w/c 20 June

We will be celebrating maths week during the week beginning 20 June. We are looking for any parents who use maths in their jobs (and are passionate about the subject!) to come in and talk to the children during an assembly time. We are aiming to highlight the importance of maths in the wider world! If you think this sounds like something you would like to do please email [millie.crook@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:millie.crook@elmleaschoolstrust.com) and we will get in touch. This is for both the Infant and Junior school sites.



### Junior School House Sales Competition



Elmlea houses are competing against each other to see who can raise the most money for the Ukraine Disaster Fund. Money from all the cake sales will be put together and donated to the Fund to help families in Ukraine. House sales, to raise money for Ukraine, started today with the **Yellow** house. Sales will include cakes, guess the number of sweets in a jar and other small things to purchase. *Parents, please help by baking cakes for your child's house cake sale. Leave all cakes by the staffroom on the day of the sale.*

**Upcoming sales: Red - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June Green - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Blue - Friday 8th July**

### Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs Term 6

#### After school Sports & Music Clubs running in Term 6

Tuesday: Yr 5&6 Rounders, Miss Brooks, Field\*

Tuesday: Yrs 3-6 Choir, Ms Sadler, Junior Hall\*

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

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

\* Please note there will be no Junior choir on Tues 14 or 21 June and no Rounders on Tues 28 June due to Year 6 Camp.



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**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Is your family worried about the cost of living? Future Bright could improve your career prospects

The cost of having children can be expensive, and with the addition of rising living costs, no wonder families are feeling the pinch. If you are a working parent, you could be entitled to Future Bright's free career coaching to help you take control of your future and make positive progress towards new opportunities and get better pay to support your family.

In the UK, 1 in 6 jobs pay below the real Living Wage\*, and with inflation being the highest in over three decades, many of us are starting to consider our options to help improve our situation.

Future Bright can offer you a dedicated career progression coach for 3-6 months working with you to:

- Create a career action plan
- Explore career opportunities
- Develop employability skills
- Build confidence and motivation



The team can also direct you to other support services, including money, benefits, counselling, and self-employed business support. To be eligible for Future Bright you need to live in the West of England (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire).

**Participants must be aged 18 or over, in paid work (including zero hours and self-employed) and receiving eligible benefits OR earning below the Real Living Wage (below £9.90 an hour).**

If you are unsure if you meet the criteria, contact the team to find out more and discover other support services which may be more suitable for you.

Visit Future Bright at West of England Combined Authority for further information and contact details for your local area can be found [here](#).

\*Living Wage Foundation, Nov 2021.

### Are you looking for work within school drop-off and pick-up times? Greenway Care Connect could help you!

As part of our vision for communities to thrive, Greenway Care Connect is a new service aimed at reaching parents and carers who may be looking for work within school drop-off and pick-up times.

We understand it's currently difficult for adults to find work with flexible hours during the school day - yet not being able to work can bring financial hardship and low family esteem.



**GREENWAY CARE CONNECT**

With free training we offer full support for anyone who registers with us to become an independent carer, choosing when to work and who with, to suit their own family commitments. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Gympanzees Summer Pop-up



Visit Gympanzees this Summer for inclusive fun and fitness! Pop Up activity centre for children and young people with

disabilities.

Gympanzees sessions are for young people (0-25 years) with sensory, physical, learning difficulties, SEN and any mild to profound disability click to [book](#). More information can be found [here](#).

### Covid-19 Drop-In Clinics

Please find details of local Covid-19 Drop-In Clinics that will be taking place between 9-18 June for 5-11 year olds [here](#).



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

### Reception

Reception have had a great first week back. This term our topic is all about minibeasts and each class now has their own caterpillars to look after and watch turn into butterflies as the term goes on!

This term we will be talking with the children a lot about independence and change in advance of them moving to Year 1. We will be planning as many opportunities as possible for the children to discuss and experience Year 1 and what is to come. Please do let us know if you child has any worries so that we can address them and provide the best support.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

### Year 1

Year 1 have had a brilliant start to Term 6! We kicked off our topic on Toys by playing Victorian playground toys and exploring old toys. There is still time to do the Seesaw activity if you haven't already! We have been listening to the Old Bear stories and have been writing using conjunctions. We also began our new Jigsaw topic of 'Changing Me', by looking at the life cycle of a frog. In Science, Mr Friesner got out the light box and showed us some x-rays to help us learn about the human body!



Year 1 Team

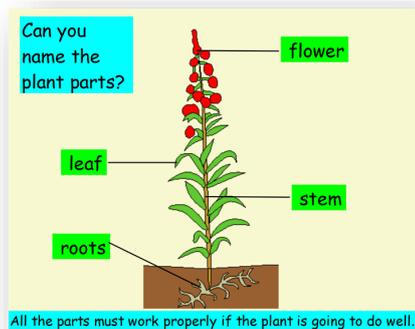
### Year 2

Welcome back to a very sunny Term 6 year two! We have had a great first week back that has been busy and full of learning! We have started our new castles topic by looking at the various features castles have and why they were so important for protection. We explained these features using conjunctions in our English learning as well as compare life now to life in 1066. In maths, we recapped place value and are now looking at how we can use the column method to answer addition and subtraction calculations. We also completed a tree study in science this week!



Year 2 Team

### Year 3



This week Year three have enjoyed starting their new quest 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' in English. In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction. We have also enjoyed looking at the parts of a flower in Science, honing our athletics skills in PE and building a Roman Road out of biscuits in topic. Yum!

Year 3 Team

### Year 4

Year 4 had a very good week back in school. We were lucky enough to go on our trip to the Hindu temple in Bristol where we had the chance to look around and ask lots of questions. Thank you to the parents who helped us on the visit. In class we have been exploring some Viking sagas and will be working towards writing our own. For our topic we also explored the positive aspects of What the Romans left us when they were here and we even made some Roman roads (out of biscuits and custard!).



Year 4 Team

### Year 5

This week, rehearsals for our production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' began. We have been very impressed with how hard the children have been learning their lines over half term. In English, we have been studying non-chronological reports and pupils have been researching an insect or amphibian (linked to our science lesson) to write their own report about. In maths, we have been learning to read and interpret information in timetables and line graphs. The week has ended with a buzz of excitement when the children made and decorated cupcakes for their food technology project. We hope they enjoyed eating them as much as they enjoyed making them!



Year 5 Team

**Class of 2023 Year 6 Leavers'** A [letter](#) has been sent to all year 5 parents today about being a part of the Class of '23 Year 6 leavers' team. Please contact Liz Kelly-Sarsfield on 07545290133 or email [e.sarsfield@hotmail.com](mailto:e.sarsfield@hotmail.com) if you would like to volunteer, thanks!

### Year 6

Our first week of term 6 has been jam-packed! We have baked and decorated our cupcakes. For many of us, it was our first time making buttercream icing and piping and we did a fantastic job. We hope you enjoyed tasting them. We have started an exciting writing unit based on some mysterious images left by a writer Harris Burdick. We have been using our creative imaginations to come up with our own short stories that could accompany them. And 2 classes visited the Lifeskills Centre on Thursday. We learnt about taking personal responsibility for our own safety and how to assess risk and cope with difficult situations by being immersed in realistic, interactive activities.



Year 6 Team

Thank you to parents and carers for completing all the consent forms for Camp and Mojo. **If you haven't completed any of these forms, please do so this weekend. IMPORTANT: As per the recent letter, ALL medications of any kind which your child will need to bring along to camp with them MUST be received in the office next week - by Tues 14th June.**