



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 35

Friday 17th June

DIARY DATES

2021/22 Academic year

Term 6:

21 June Yr 3 Hindhu Temple
21 June Yr 3 new parents Info
Evening 6pm Junior school
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,

It has been an unusually sunny week this week, which has been lovely. Thank you to everyone who responded to my email yesterday with the reminder for children to have hats and water bottles in school and to apply sun cream before leaving home. We have provided additional shade by opening the studio and courtyard for the children in the Junior school, as these playgrounds are really exposed. The children made the most of it today by coming in to sit with friends when too hot outside.



Yr3 September 2022

We look forward to welcoming all parents whose children will be moving into Yr3 in the Junior school next Tuesday 21st June at 6.00pm. You will be meeting your child's new teacher too.

Teachers and classes for September 2022.

We will be notifying you on Monday, via email, with the name of the class teacher for your child next year. The children will be told in school on Monday by their own class teacher, who their new teacher will be. The following day, we will be holding our first shuffle up session, when the children meet their new teacher and spend an hour with them in their new classroom too.

Our transition arrangements for all Elmlea children are very thoughtfully planned by year group teams and are appropriate for the age and year group. For example Yr2 moving to Yr3 will have lunch in the Junior school, attend a Junior assembly and experience Junior break time on top of 2 shuffle up visits. Yr2 have already been this week to our Junior computer suite, supported by Yr6 children, who helped them log onto the Junior system.

Tailgating via school gates.

Please ensure if you are entering or leaving the pedestrian school gates outside drop off/pick up, but during the school day, to check that the gates close behind you, to ensure no one follows you in or slips in as you leave.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

A reminder of the latest Covid guidelines

Please see below the official guidance for when children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education;



- * Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.**
- * Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.**

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 4th July 9:30 – 12:00

Lower KS2 – Tuesday 5th July 9:30 – 12:00

Infant School – Wednesday 6th July 9:30 – 12:00 **Hannah Patterson and Hannah McKenzie (Trust PE Leads)**



Cricketing Dynamos!



On Tuesday, a team of Year 5 and 6 cricketers attended a Dynamos tournament at West Indian Cricket Club. The children played superbly and were so encouraging of each other. They displayed excellent sportsmanship towards the teams which they played against. Furthermore, the Elmlea team won all of their matches, including the final! Well done to all involved!

Infant Parents/Carer- New Phonics Scheme across the Trust

The Trust is excited to be moving to a new Phonics Scheme in September. The new scheme that we will be using for our reading curriculum is called **Little Wandle**.

The process of changing reading schemes means that we are currently auditing our reading book stock and this may mean that your child could bring home a book they have read before due to limited availability. If this happens we would recommend that you make use of your child's 'bugclub' account in place of their physical reading book for the next few weeks if needed.

From week 4 of this term we will not be sending home any reading books from Pink-Turquoise level and instead ask you to read on bugclub. If your child is reading above Turquoise level then they will still receive a book home. More information will come shortly on the exciting new scheme and how you can help at home. If you need a reminder of your child's bugclub login please speak to their class teacher.

Many thanks, The English Team



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, continued today with the **Red** 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.*

Still to come: Green - Thursday 23rd 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 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



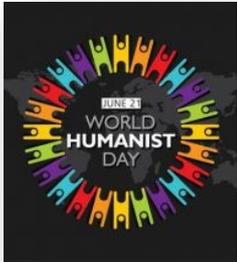
Music News

Well done to the Junior Choir who performed as a massed choir in a summer sing jubilation at the Beacon Foyer today, alongside choirs from Christchurch, Horfield C of E and St John's primary schools. They were amazing; the sound of children's voices singing in several parts echoed through the building and made a fabulous impact. Our next event is our very own choir concert featuring the four choirs and also guitar groups. It takes place in the Junior Hall on Wednesday 6th July at 6.30pm. Can't wait!

Miss Sadler



World Humanist Day - 21st June



Tuesday 21st June is World Humanist Day. Matt Evans from Bristol Humanists came to lead the Junior school assembly on Thursday this week. He spoke about the key beliefs of Humanism and shared some pictures of famous people who are Humanists. Did you know that the date of 21st June was chosen because it is the solstice, an important date in the scientific calendar and recognised across the globe?

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club Summer Camps

Bookings for summer holiday tennis camps are now open!

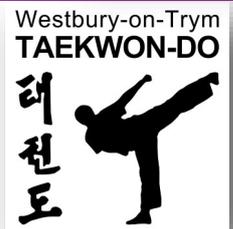
Follow the [link](#) for more information and to book your place.



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 June Gradings.

The Little Lion (4-6yrs) Grading was on Monday 13th June at Elmlea Junior School, and the Junior students attended the Bristol Taekwon-Do Colour Belt Grading on Friday 10th June 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 - 2nd Degree *Margaux*

Little Lion 7 - Red Belt *Orla*

Little Lion 2 - Purple Belt *Jonny*

6th Kup - Green Belt *Siaana and Thomas*

7th Kup - Green Stripe *Kingsley*

9th Kup - Yellow Stripe *Evie, Jack, Joe, Rohan, Sam & Thomas*

Grade 2 - Orange Stripe *Livvy*

Well done everyone.

Miss Fran White Bristol TKD, 07787956050

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Health Nurses Free webinars for parents and carers

Practical and informative online sessions from your expert team of local School Health Nurses. Our webinars lasts between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages

Please find [here](#) the School Health Nurse Webinar Flyer



Top Doodling class this week is...1C!!

Reception

Reception have had a fun week watching their caterpillars grow and exploring their new role-play areas.

Now that the weather is getting even hotter it is extremely important that your child comes to school with suncream applied to them because we use our outside area a lot. Please also ensure your child has a named sunhat with them everyday. If your child is wearing sandals then they need to also be wearing socks please.

On SHINE sports days please send your child to school in their school top, trainers and blue/dark plain shorts, joggers or leggings.



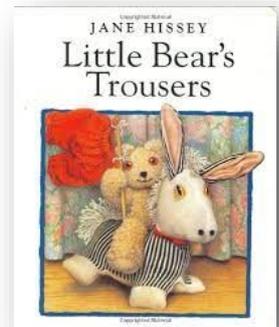
Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

Another fantastic week in Year One! We've had fun rewriting the story of the Little Bear Who Lost his Trousers. In the original story, Little Bear's friends use his trousers in lots of unusual and funny ways, such as skiing hat, a sail for a boat and even a piping bag for some cake icing! We imagined what else Little Bear could lose, who else he could meet and what they might use it for. Try asking your child about their own version of the story! We have also been conducting an experiment with bean seeds, planting them in different ways to see what would happen. Fingers crossed some of them germinate!

Now that we are about to have a spell of very hot sunny weather, please remember to bring your child into school with a water bottle, a hat and wearing some suncream.

Unfortunately they cannot bring suncream into school, so please ensure that it is applied before they arrive.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

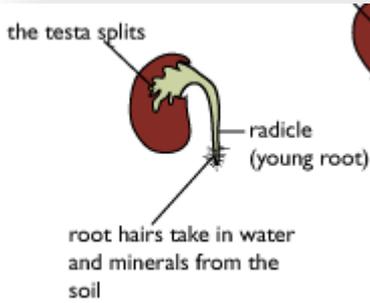
This week has been a great week in Year 2! We firstly wanted to thank all of the children for their enthusiasm to their new topic, we have further carried out research and made our very own information leaflets about castles this week! We hope the children enjoy sharing them with you once they are finished. We have explored capacity in maths this week and got to make our own potions where we had to measure out different fluids correctly.

We have also thought about how we can compare different measures. In science, we revisited life cycles. We looked at the life cycle of a sunflower and felt it was only fitting to plant our own seeds that we will observe over the next few weeks as it begins to grow before bringing them home to plant!



Year 2 Team

Year 3



This week Year 3 have been preparing broad bean seeds for an experiment on germination in Science. We look forward to seeing them grow!

In PE we have been practising our hurdles for Sports Day. We have been creating our own creatures in English which we will be writing instructions for and in Maths we have been consolidating our multiplication and division skills.

Year 3 Team

Year 4

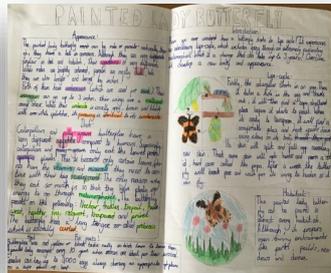
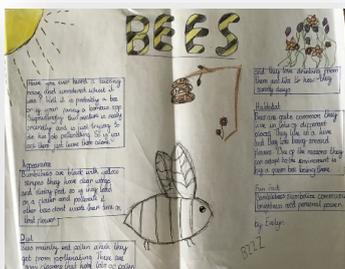
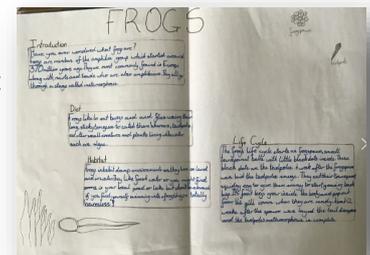
Year 4 had a lovely hot week with the highlight being the start of our sewing project. We have begun decorating our own binca bookmarks. Once complete we will be moving onto our own animal decorations. In writing we have been creating our own Viking sagas and look forward to sharing with year three in the coming weeks.

Year 4 Team

Chamber Choir auditions for Year 4 Chamber choir is an auditioned choir and a paid after school activity on a Thursday until 4.15. Auditions for Y4 for places in September will be held on Wednesday 29th June during school. The audition song is 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars. More information can be found [here](#).

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been busy creating a leaflet filled with a non-chronological report about an amphibian/ insect for our buddies in Year 2. We met them on Friday to read and give them their leaflet! We enjoyed sharing facts and making our buddies smile! In Computing, we have been researching our chosen 'Greatest Monarch' and are looking forward to creating our presentation in the upcoming weeks. We have also been in production mode with dances, lines and songs being practised!

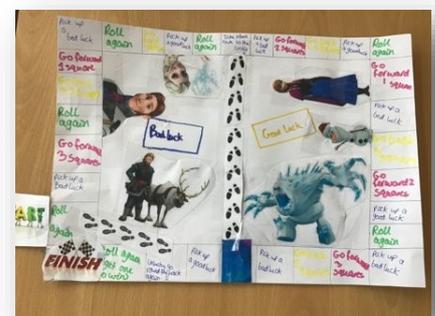


We finished the week with a visitor who discussed Humanism with us and answered our questions. What a great week Year 5!

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week we have started a new science unit all about microbes. Did you know there are more microbes on your body right now than there are people in the whole world! We are excited about starting play rehearsals for our show 'Ancient Geeks'. We have also felt very responsible at the top of the school. Firstly, we introduced the Year 2 children to the computer room – showing them some basic skills. Secondly, we have worked hard on making maths board games for our Reception buddies and we can't wait to share them next week as part of Money Week.



Camp Reminder - please bring you £4 pocket money in and give to your class teacher (in pound coins please).

Year 6 Team