



# Elmlea Schools' Trust

## Newsletter Issue 3

### Friday 23rd September 2022

#### DIARY DATES

##### 2022/23 Academic year

###### Term 1:

Thurs 1 Sept - Fri 21 Oct '22

**INSET DAYS Thurs 1 & Fri 2 Sept '22**

[Mojo Active](#) Yr3-6 Sept '22

**EYFS Curriculum evening** Wed 29th Sept 6pm

**School Photos** Tues 4 & Weds 5 Oct

**Parents Evening** Tues 11 & Thurs 13 Oct

###### Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22

**INSET DAY Mon 31 Oct '22**

**KS1 Curriculum evening** Wed 23rd Nov 6pm

###### 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**

#### Birthday Treats

A gentle reminder that we are not able to accept any sort of edible treats to be handed out to class mates to celebrate



birthdays. If you would like to mark the occasion, we would encourage

you to donate a book to the class library.

#### No nuts reminder



The school has a strict no nut policy as there are members of the school community with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child into school with any nut based items including snacks such as cereal bars & cakes in their packed lunch or snack box. This applies to after school clubs too

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a great week in school and really appreciated the drier weather, which was perfect as all our Junior children ventured out to Mojo Active at Almondsbury. Every class in the Junior School has a new class cohort from the previous year and this trip at the start of term is invaluable. It enables children to get to know each other better by providing many team building activities in a different environment. Mojo can also provide many opportunities we cannot recreate in school. Thank you to Miss Paterson our Junior PE Lead for organising this.

#### Reception 2022

Our Reception children have all done so well this week as they embark on being in school full time. We are so proud of them all and how enthusiastically they have embraced their learning opportunities.

#### Attendance and punctuality

Thank you everyone for ensuring your children are here on time to start the school day at 8.50am. A positive, punctual start to the day is so important and being in school on time really helps your child settle and feel ready for the day ahead. We all know how horrible the feeling of being late to an appointment is and your child feels like that when they are late for school.

We have attached an [important leaflet](#) regarding attendance and the importance of your children being in school every day. We do take school attendance very seriously and we have a team of people in school who monitor your child's school attendance and where needed we also have the support of the educational welfare team from Bristol.

Please note we cannot authorise term time absence for holidays except in exceptional circumstances such as families who are part of the armed forces etc.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

#### Aspens



#### Aspens Job Opportunities

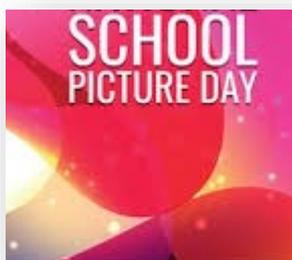
Aspens (our school lunch providers) currently have two vacancies here at Elmlea Schools' Trust. Please follow the links below for full details and to apply. Junior School [Unit Manager](#) £11.25 per hour, 35 hours per week, term time only and Infant School [Catering Assistant](#) £9.50 per hour, 16.25 hours per week (mornings) term time only.

#### Little Wandle – how reading is changing in the Infant School

As outlined in the [letter](#) that was emailed to Year 1 and 2 parents and carers earlier today, we will be running a KS1 workshop on supporting reading at home on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2-3pm in the Infant School Hall. Please sign-up [here](#) if you are able to attend.



### School Photos Tues 4th October and Weds 5th October



Both schools will be having photos taken over two days in October. Each child will have an individual picture taken and all families will have a sibling group photo taken. If you have **pre-school children** and would like to arrange a photo with them and their siblings please complete this [form](#) - it will close on Wednesday 28th Sept and bookings will be allocated as they come through.

**Y6 children** will have all their photos taken on Tuesday to avoid clashing with swimming on Wednesday. Therefore all Y6 children and their siblings will have their group picture taken on Tuesday as well.

**Infant children** will have their **individual photos** taken on Wednesday morning.

More information will follow w/c 26th Sept when we have made final arrangements with the photographers.

### Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs

All after school clubs are now full/closed for term 1 and we cannot accommodate any requests to join for the remainder of this term. The timetable for Term 2 Clubs will be sent out in a few weeks time and you will be able to register interest on Arbor for your child to join a club then.

The following teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs are running next week:

**Mondays** Yr 5 & 6 Netball: Miss Sheffield, Playground AND Yr4 Basketball: Mrs Paterson, Quad

**Tuesdays** Yrs 3-6 Choir: Miss Sadler, Main Hall (Terms 1-6)

**Wednesdays** Yr 5 & Yr 6 Gymnastics: Mrs Paterson, Main Hall

**Thursdays** Yrs 3-6 -6 Boxercise: Mrs Paterson, Studio AND Infant (Yr 1 & 2) Choir: Miss Sadler, Infant School (Terms 1-6)

**Fridays** Y6 Football: Mr Salisbury & Mr Weller, Field

**If a club needs to be cancelled due to teacher absence, we will email you.**

Please make sure that your children knows that they are going to the club as well as where it is taking place.

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



### Haris's Charity Cake Sale for Ovarian Cancer Action

We hope you spotted Haris from year 2 in the Key Stage 1 playground this afternoon selling his cakes and delicious, sweet treats to raise money for the charity Ovarian Cancer Action. If you didn't have cash, you can still donate via Haris' [Just Giving page](#) and find out more about why this charity is so very close to his heart.

Haris (Year 2)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Notification of Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Update

Bristol City Council and BNSSG CCG have received notice that the Local Area SEND Re-visit is to take place over 3 days commencing Tuesday 4th October.

The purpose of the re-visit is to determine whether the local area has made sufficient progress in addressing the five areas of significant weakness detailed in the Written Statement of Action, details of which can be found [here](#).



A key element of the re-visit is a survey for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. The council and its partners are promoting the survey via parent carer groups and the usual on-line channels. We encourage our parents and carers to participate in the survey which will open at 12 noon on Monday 26th September 2022 and close at 12 noon on Friday 30th September 2022. Please find [here](#) links to the survey and other information that you may find helpful.

# Year Group News

## Reception

The children's first full days have gone really well and we are looking forward to another full week next week!

A few points to note:

- Your child will bring home a sheet on the sounds we have been learning this week to practise at home.
- You may not see as many observations come home on Tapestry today due to the Baseline Assessments being completed.
- We are a nut free school. Please **do not** send your child in with a snack that contains nuts for any part of their day, including after school club snacks.
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Every day each class teacher is choosing 2 kindness superstars who receive a certificate and sticker and wear their superstar lanyard throughout the day! Kindness is one of our Elmlea Values and a focus for this term in Reception.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

## Year 1

Another great week in Year One. We learnt all about our new story by following some clues around the school. Perhaps your child could describe one of the characters, without telling you who it is, so you can guess which story we have been reading. The clue is that one of the characters favourite foods is a certain kind of crumble! We have also been learning some of the names of the trees in our school grounds. We've learnt to recognise the leaf shapes of trees such as Holly, Cherry, Privet, Larch, Scots Pine, Sycamore and Hawthorn. Perhaps you could spot some trees in your own gardens too and please check the activities on Seesaw for some more fun and learning to get involved with.

Year 1 Team



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## Year 2

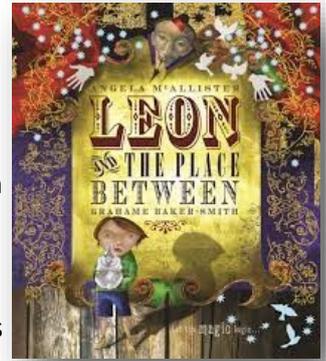
This week, Year 2 have started science lessons. We took our science lesson outside and observed our school environment, hunted for bugs and used iPads to document what we found. Year 2 also started music this week which was great fun! In maths, we have continued to explore place value, moving onto 3-digit numbers and using practical resources to help our learning. During our English lessons we have been using our Explorer topic to recap using conjunctions, remind ourselves about capital letters and full stops and we have also looked at features of a letter. On Tuesday, we celebrated the Queen by drawing some fantastic pictures of her which will be displayed in school!



Year 2 Team

### Year 3

We've really noticed how well the children have all settled into their new classes so quickly and all the teachers have commented on how their attitude and focus to their learning has been great this week. The Year 3's have started a new text in English called 'Leon and the Space Between' written by Angela McAllister. They wrote very creative and imaginative free form poems by examining the intriguing illustrations from the text. The children used lots of brilliant descriptive vocabulary, which really brought the pictures from the book to life. In Maths, the children have been continuing their place value unit, where they have been ordering numbers from one to a thousand and understanding the value of each digit within a number. All children drew small portraits of Queen Elizabeth II, which will be put together across the whole trust to become one huge trust wide piece of art to celebrate her life. The children have been loving using the computer suite and have been practising honing their skills at logging on, finding and opening files and practising their mouse skills. Next week is Mojo Active - should be fun!



**Year 3 Team**

### Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting week as all classes have visited Mojo Active where they had fun playing archery, den building and on the low ropes. They impressed all staff with their teamworking skills and built some impressive dens. In art, all pupils have worked hard on their portraits inspired by Chuck Close and have developed their drawing and tracing skills. In maths, children have been working as purple learners, improving their understanding of place value and number lines. In English, we have started our new narrative unit of work based on The Diver's Daughter by Patrice Lawrence. Well done Year 4!



**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5

A highlight of our week has been the Mojo trip, which gave the children the chance to try some ambitious tree climbing, hone their archery skills and tackle an obstacle course. The children enjoyed themselves a lot! Back in class, we have continued developing our creative writing skills with our narrative history focus. We have strengthened our mathematical skills in calculation (addition and subtraction this week) and started to develop ideas for our evacuate documents pouch in DT. Well done everyone!



**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant week. Although it was a little shorter, they still squeezed lots of things in! On Tuesday, 6L thoroughly enjoyed their Mojo session, where they played archery tag and zorb football, rounding off their session with a challenging assault course! 6L then continued to stay active, by attending their first swimming session on Wednesday morning.

In the classroom this week, the children have been continuing to improve their writing, looking closely at their sentence structures and vocabulary choices. In maths, they have refreshed their memories on prime, squared and cubed numbers, and have really persevered with some tricky reasoning problems. Year 6 have also spent some time refining their design specifications for their rationing bag that they will be making in a few weeks time, and in computing, they used the emulators to become 'brute force hackers'!



**Year 6 Team**