

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 19 Friday 3rd February 2023



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Schools' Trust

2022/2023 Academic year

Term 3:

Tues 3 Jan - Fri 10 Feb '23

Term 4:

Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March '23

INSET DAY Mon 20 March '23

Parents evenings

Tues 21 & Thurs 23 Feb '23

Year 2 SATS presentation

Wed 3 March 2:30pm

Year 4 Production

Mon 27 March - Matinee

Tues 28 March - Evening show

Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23

Early May Bank Holiday

Mon 1 May '23

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Mon 8 May '23

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

INSET DAY Fri 23 June '23

2023/24 Academic year

Term 1:

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct '23

INSET DAYS Fri 1 & Mon 4 Sept

First day of Term Tues 5 Sept

See [website](#) for full 2023/2024
Academic year dates

Dear parents and carers,

Unfortunately Mrs Wright is currently unwell and will not be in school until after half-term. I'm sure you join me in sending Mrs Wright our best wishes for her recovery.

If you would like to speak to a senior leader please contact the school office or speak to a senior leader on the school gates.

Lee Daubney and Jo Sloper
Deputy Head Teachers

Parent Information Evening, 27th February, Junior Hall Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety and Build Resilience

'We all want our children to be happy and resilient to day-to-day pressures and disappointments, but the world that our children are negotiating can be stressful and we know that many are struggling to cope with feelings of anxiety.' Chris Calland is a behaviour consultant with 25 years' experience of working with children, schools and families and author of the book 'Tackling Anxiety In School'. If you are interested in finding out more from Chris Calland then please come along to our Parent Information Evening in the Junior Hall on Monday 27th February at 6.00pm.

The session will last for about an hour and include opportunity to ask questions and raise your own concerns.

We have maximum capacity of 100 so please register your interest early [here](#) to secure your place. If you are able to make a voluntary contribution of £2.50 using Arbor that would be appreciated to cover costs.

Helping your child manage their anxiety
& build resilience



Year 4 children win Redmaids Maths Challenge!

Congratulations to Olivia, Islaa, Robbie and Harry who took part in the Redmaids Maths Challenge this week.



We were so proud of their amazing maths skills and they represented the school brilliantly! We are delighted that Robbie and Harry came first and Olivia and Islaa were fourteenth out of 37 pairs from 18 schools across the area, including BGS, QEH, Millfield and Redmaids.



Safer Internet Day 2023

On Tuesday 7th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. This is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policy-makers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. More information can be found [here](#).



Children's Mental Health week



As you may know, 6-12 February is Children's Mental Health Week. Supported by Place2Be "the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to connect and share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, with others through creativity.

This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good."

In addition, to activities happening throughout the week at school, pupils are asked to help raise awareness during the week by posting a photo/video on Tapestry and Seesaw of them expressing themselves by the end of the week.

Teachers will view all contributions and celebrate every child in school. Remember it is all about sharing the things that make us who we are and feel happy. You may choose to dress in your favourite colour or choose a colour which expresses how you're feeling as well. Either way it is a chance for the children to express themselves and we look forward to seeing what they produce!

Elmlea Schools' Trust book fair

The book fair will be taking place in the **Junior Hall and Infant Library from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March**. It will be open from **3.30-4.00**. This fair will include a wide range of books and the best part is that each purchase contributes to free books for our school library! You can use your book token at this fair to get £1 off. **The fair will be cashless so please make sure you have your bank details handy as all purchases will be by QR codes.**

We look forward to seeing you!



Year 4 'Chorister for the day' Saturday 11 March



On Saturday 11 March, we invite all musically-inclined children in Year 4 to come to Bristol Cathedral and be a chorister for the day from 11.00am to 4.30pm.

Open to all children in Year 4, the day involves singing workshops, Q&As, tours, lunch, and an opportunity to sing Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir.

If this sounds like something your Year 4 child would be interested in taking part in then please click for more [information](#), a booking [form](#) or to visit the [website](#).

KS2 Mathletics

We have made the decision not to renew our Mathletics subscription at this present time. This means pupils will no longer be able to access through the school login they had. Should you wish to supplement your child's maths learning at home, please continue to use TTRS. Please consider making use of some free online resources too such as Maths Frame or Top Marks Maths who have a range of maths games including 'Hit the Button' and the 'Daily Ten' which are very useful for improving mental maths skills.



Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs in Term 4

Junior Choir (and Orchestra) have been **cancelled next week** due to staff illness.

The Clubs running in Term 4 are **Year 3&4 Netball on Mondays**, **Junior Choir on Tuesdays** and **Infant Choir on Thursdays**. Netball places will be confirmed early next week. Choir Club is at full capacity and there is a long waiting list.

These after school clubs are led by Elmlea teachers and we do not charge for them. They are subject to cancellations due to staff availability and also weather and pitch conditions, which can be particularly affected at this time of year. Please bear this in mind when booking your child on to one of these clubs. Shine or Elizabeth's After School Club are also available as paid clubs that are guaranteed to run, rain or shine!

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.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Job Opportunity - Elmlea Schools' Trust Finance and HR Administrator

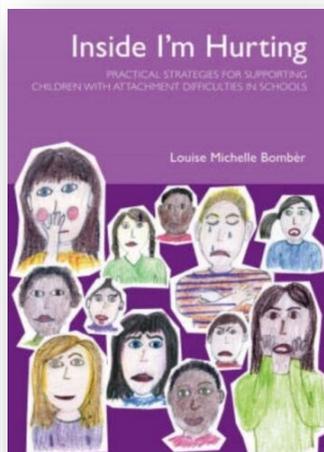
An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Part Time Finance and HR Administrator. The role is 24 hours per week ,over 4 days 09:00 to 15:30 (days to be agreed.) Closing date 20th February.

More information can be found [here](#).

Inclusion Information and Support

How do we support children in care, previously in care and/or children who are adopted?

Elmlea Schools' Trust recognise that children in care (CiC), those previously in care (P-CiC) and those who are adopted may require additional emotional support, sensitivity and thought as well as often needing additional academic support and interventions.



As a trust, we take steps to make our environment inclusive of the additional needs and support, such as having a flexible approach to our behavioural systems as we know the main systems in schools may not work for these children. We provide this group of children with a 'key adult', additional academic tuition and access to social skills groups and play therapy as needed to support their journey through primary school. We work closely with the families and offer support and seek suggestions on how we can improve the educational experiences of these children as well as the experiences of the family members in the community.

In her book 'Inside I'm Hurting', Louise Bomber makes a helpful comparison: We would be very aware of the limitations and discomfort of a child with a broken leg – it can be harder to maintain that understanding when we cannot 'see' the trauma and the hurt.

What can often be tricky to manage, is the perceptions others may have of these children and their families. We are pleased that so many of our families show compassion when discussing issues with staff and this help us all to build a community based on respect and kindness.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Drop-in Flu clinics

If your child is in Reception to Year 9 it is not too late for them to receive their Flu vaccine. Community clinics are still running offering both nasal flu and the injectable (gelatine free) vaccines. Full details can be found [here](#) and upcoming drop-in clinic are as follows:



Tues 7 Feb 2-5pm – Charlotte Keel Health Centre, Seymour Road, Easton, BS5 0UA
Tues 7 Feb 2-5pm - Pill Health Clinic, 3 Station Road, Bristol, BS20 0AB
Mon 1 Feb 10am-4pm – For All Healthy Living Centre, Lonsdale Avenue, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 3SJ



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Year Group News

Reception

This week Reception have had more amazing visitors, thank you to Freddie, Wilby, Teddy and Lily's parents for coming in to speak to the children!

We have learnt the final sounds in Phase 3 and will be assessing reading next week to check for knowledge and understanding in this new reading Phase. Please continue to read at home with your child as often as possible because this has a big impact on your child's progress and attainment.



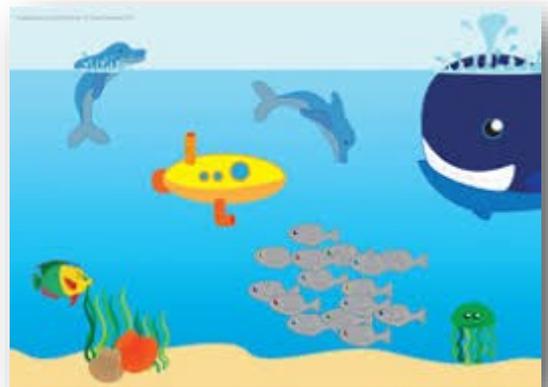
The Reception Team

Year 1

Well done, Year One! We worked really hard to finish off our under the sea stories. Why not ask your child about whatever exciting things happened in their story and it all

worked out. The oceans must be full of mermaids and sharks with super sharp teeth!

In maths we have continued to work on introducing times tables and counting through them, using our fingers to help us. Try practising to count through the 2s sequence and counting pairs of objects. Hopefully you'll have enough pairs of shoes at home to keep you busy.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 started the week by making flatbreads and mixing some tzatziki! The children engaged really well and we had

some children trying these foods for the first time which was lovely to see. The Year 2 team want to say a massive thank you to our amazing parent helpers who gave up their time to support this activity, we are extremely grateful. In maths, we have been doing lots more division and used the inverse to

solve problems and write fact families. We have been working hard in English to use conjunctions successfully ready to write an action section of our own myths. Well done to the children who have also worked really hard during their maths and English assessments recently, we are proud of you for trying your absolute best!

conjunctions

Year SATS Information session for Parents and Carers Wednesday 1st March We are inviting year 2 parents to come along to the Infant Hall at 2:30 PM for a presentation that will inform you all about our method of assessments and upcoming SATS papers. The presentation will last approximately 30 minutes and will be available on the school website afterwards. Please complete the this [Microsoft Form](#) if you would like to attend. This information session has been a huge success in previous years and hope to see many of you attend early next term.

Year 2 Team

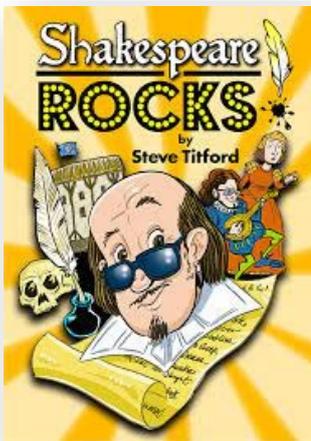
Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have started our new English unit based on the book 'The King of the Sky' by Nicola Davies. The children had to create a mixed media piece of art inspired by the wonderful illustrations created by illustrator 'Laura Carlin'. The children used a mixture of sketching pencils, oil pastels and watercolours. The next day, the children had to write a descriptive paragraph about their picture as if it was a page from the book. The children were excellent at using lots of adventurous words and imaginative detail. We were all really impressed with the results, and we will be making a display with these pieces soon. In Maths, the children have been revising all of the different methods and strategies they've learned, to help them with their addition and subtraction. In Art, the children have been finishing their pattern and texture unit with their final piece. The children had to design a number of patterned designs inspired by different patterns from other cultures around the world. They then had to etch their designs onto polystyrene tiles, before using these tiles to print their designs onto hessian fabric using paint and rollers.



Year 3 Team

Year 4



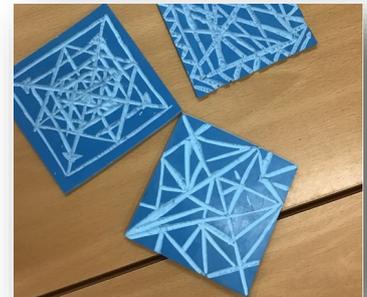
The highlight of the week has been getting started on our production of *Shakespeare Rocks!* by Steve Titford by holding the auditions on Tuesday and starting to learn the songs in music lessons yesterday. We were impressed by the children in their auditions, especially those who had taken the time to learn their words by heart. In maths, we have started a two week unit on time and in English, we have been planning, drafting and editing final writing progress newspaper articles. Pupils also enjoyed debugging electrical circuits in science and completing the next stage in their art work. Well done, Year 4!

Please also take a look at the second page of this week's Newsletter for information on how your year 4 child could be a '[Chorister for the day](#)' on Saturday 11 March.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have been working so hard and have drafted, edited and published their sci-fi narratives! Their stories will keep you on the edge of your seat. We will be sharing our work with our buddies at the end of term. In Science, we attended a Blast off session which explained the forces of rocket science. In Maths, we have been working hard on area and perimeter looking at compound shapes. In Art, we have planned and are starting our lino printing project.



Keep up the hard work Year 5!

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week year 6 have started a new English writing unit, using Phillip Pullman's *Aladdin* as our stimulus. The children have explored characterisation and used speech to provide sophisticated clues about them. In art, the children have carved some excellent designs onto lino tiles and are now ready to use them to create a Pop Art style repeating image next week. In geography, they have identified global food producers and used a case study of Brazil to look at the impact of ranching and palm oil plantations on the rainforest.



Year 6 Team