

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 22 Friday 3rd March 2023



2022/2023 Academic year

Term 4:

Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March '23

INSET DAY Mon 20 March

Yr 3 Open Mornings

Tues 14 & Thurs 23 March

Year 4 Productions

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

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,

Reading week

Thank you Miss Paisey-Bruce and Miss Neal, for organising such a jam-packed reading book week with author visits and many fun activities, including a scavenger hunt, for the children. There was a buzz of excitement in school today as the children came dressed up as their favourite book character. They certainly looked amazing in assembly! Thank you to parents and carers for the amazing costumes too!

It was great to see so many people at the book fair this week. Miss Paisey-Bruce noticed that we have sold even more books than at last year's book fair and this means more free books for the school too.

Parent Information Evening: Tackling anxiety and building resilience

Chris Calland, founder of Not Just Behaviour and behaviour consultant, gave a captivating talk on helping our children navigate their way through day-to-day pressures and disappointments this week. We have had some very positive verbal feedback from parents who attended the evening including; 'I hung on Chris' every word' and 'I felt so empowered and confident in dealing with the morning pressures of just getting out of the house after attending the evening'. Please use find a selection of Chris' slides [here](#) which may be of help to you.

If you also found the evening useful then you can still make a contribution towards covering the costs by visiting your Arbour/trips account.

We would be grateful if you could complete and a feedback form [here](#) if you attended the evening or if you wish to make a request for attending any further evenings delivered by Chris.

Possible future events could include: **Body Image** and self esteem; **Family Harmony**, practical ways to look after each other and work as a team and **The Move to Big School**, learn practical coping mechanisms to help your child manage the transition.

Strike Action

Thank you for your continued support during this period of strike action. We appreciate that this may be difficult time for the families in our school community.

Jo Sloper and Lee Daubney
Deputy Head Teachers



Book Week



WOW, what an amazing Book week! Thank you so much Elmlea for your enthusiasm, your ideas, your love of reading and your amazing costumes (thank you grown-ups for your support with this). It was also so lovely to see so many of you enjoying the events and new books from the fair/ visiting authors. We would also like to thank all of our visiting authors and Sam Taylor from Max Minerava's for visiting Elmlea. The website [link](#) is still open if you would like to purchase a book from a visiting author. The deadline for the Junior Book week competitions is on Tuesday 7th March if you would like to enter.

We hope you have all enjoyed your journey around the world! Till next year...

Your PTA needs you!

Thank you all for your support of our PTA fundraising this year so far. We have lots of other events planned for Spring / Summer which will focus on giving the kids and their families fun and memorable experiences at Elmlea.

But it doesn't happen without your help! You may not realise that there are actually only 4 mums on the PTA now and we might be down to just 2 next year! If you have any interest in getting involved (even just for small projects) then we we'd be grateful for your support at our next PTA meeting in person, at school or via Zoom

When: Monday 6 March at 7PM

Where: In person in 2AW classroom or via zoom.

Zoom Details: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85480211356pwd=dGxlTHBzM0MyNTVPT2ZRaVVOV2RhQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8021 1356

Passcode: PTA



Thanks – Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy and Tripta

Parent Information evening: Helping your child manage their anxiety and resilience



Thanks to those of you who came along on Monday evening to the Parent Information evening, we hope you found it useful. However, we are conscious that there were many more of you who would have liked to join us, and we are sorry we were not able to accommodate more of you.

We are pleased to advise that we have been able to obtain the resources from the information evening about helping your child manage their anxiety and resilience which can be found [here](#).

Feedback We would also welcome any feedback on last week's Parent Information evening. Please click [here](#) to provide any feedback on the session.



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

The Clubs running in Term 4 are:

Mondays - **Year 3&4 Netball**

Tuesdays - **Junior Choir**

Thursdays - **Infant Choir**



CLUB CANCELLED NEXT WEEK Netball Club has been CANCELLED on Monday 6th March due to teacher training.

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.

Inclusion Information and Support

The importance of resilience!

Resilience is an important skill; it is the ability to 'bounce back' from challenging experiences. Building resilience in children is vital to support their development and can be linked to their ability to cope with experiences as an adult. This [website](#) has 10 top tips for supporting and building resilience in children: Participating in sports is a great way for children to build their resilience whilst also supporting their social skills, physical and mental health. What can you do if you are worried about your child's resilience or a particular event is proving difficult for them to cope with?



Link Forward is the socially prescribing service for 7-12 year olds and is run out of Southmead Hospital. If you are registered with one of the eligible GP surgeries then they can refer your child who may get a 4-week block of support, delivered in school. See [here](#) for more information and the list of eligible surgeries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Westbury Baptist Pre-school Job Opportunity

We are looking for an Administrator to join our friendly team.

Requirements: Confident communicator with a keen eye for detail - Excellent organisational skills and proficient in Microsoft packages - Enthusiastic, approachable person able to work independently and within a team. 18 - 21 hours a week over 4/5 days, Term Time Only. Salary dependent on experience (£10.42 - £11.50/hour) **Application closing date 12th March.**



Westbury Baptist Pre-school

For more information click [here](#), call 0117 9622338, visit our [website](#) or email preschool@westburybaptist.org.uk





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Year Group News

Reception

What a wonderful book week we have had! The children have really enjoyed exploring new stories and dressing up today so thank you for all the amazing efforts with their costumes!

Whilst we are on the topic of reading, please make sure that you are keeping in the habit of reading regularly with your child at home. We have noticed at the beginning of this term our percentages of 'at home' reading have dropped. Reading is a key factor in your child's progress and development throughout their education.

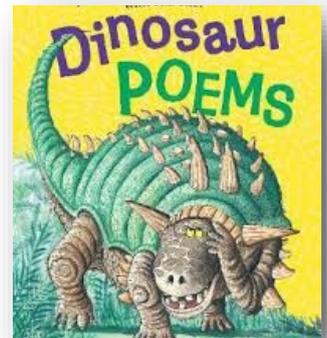


The Reception Team

Year 1

Year 1 have had so much fun during World Book week! Each class learnt a dinosaur poem to perform to our year group, they were fantastic! We enjoyed our Stop, Drop and Read moments through out the week and have enjoyed seeing new books from the library. The children all look fantastic for World Book Day, thank you to all the effort made at home. We had a fascinating talk from a real author called Sarah Coyle and even made up a story altogether!

Try and share some favourite stories this weekend!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

First of all, a big thank you from the children and Year 2 team to all of our parent helpers who came on our local walk with us! The children really enjoyed themselves and represented the school brilliantly. As it has been World Book Week, we have been busy designing book covers, writing book reviews, learning class poems and reading during our English lessons. We have been finding fractions of numbers in maths, can your child show you how they can use a bar model to help? Well done for all your hard work everyone, we look forward to seeing you next week. We will be looking at 2D shapes, see if you can arrive some facts on Monday!



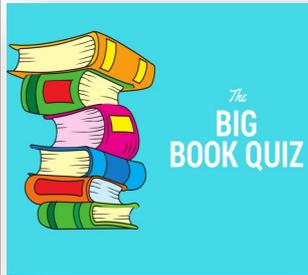
Year 2 SATS Information session

Thanks to those of you who joined us on Wednesday for the SATS information session. If you were unable to attend, here are the [notes](#) from the presentation

Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed an amazing Book Week! Every morning we started by looking at a new suggested 'Book of the Day!' We took part in a house book quiz which tested our literary knowledge, scoured the library in a book scavenger hunt for specific titles and had a chance to visit the book fair to see what books were on offer to buy. We have been visited by authors Sylvie Bishop and Sean Taylor in assemblies who have shared their books and



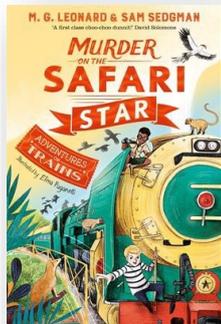
the writing process. Our workshop by West End in Schools allowed us the chance to explore the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' through the magic of dance! Of course no Book Week would be complete without dressing up for World Book Day! It is always such a treat to watch the characters of our favourite stories being brought to life! Thank you to Miss Paisey-Bruce for organising such an amazing week.

In Maths we have been looking at equivalent fractions and fractions of amount and in Science we have been exploring the poles of magnets and which ones attract and repel.

Year 3 Team

Year 4

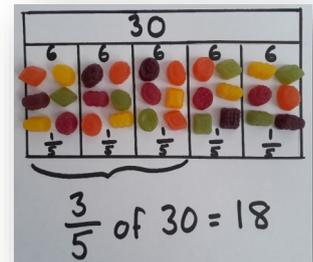
Year 4 have had an exciting 'Stories from Around the World' themed book week, enjoying listening to visiting authors in assembly, taking part in the house quiz and



library scavenger hunt, writing a diary entry inspired by 'Murder on the Safari Express' by M.G. Leonard and S Sedgman and dressing up for World Book Day! In maths, pupils have continued their learning about fractions of amounts and have used bar models successfully to help them with their calculations. STEM activities have included finishing investigating home-made switches within series circuits.

On Tuesday, we had an excellent rehearsal for the play and all of the elements are gradually coming together. Well done, Year 4!

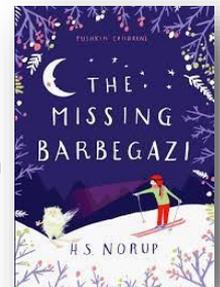
Reminder - Production rehearsals are every Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning so remember to have your script and any props in school on these days.



Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful Book week! We shared our knowledge and love of books in the book quiz. We were also very inspired by the authors Natasha Farrant, Sean Taylor and Sylvia Bishop, who talked to us about their books and what it is like to be a writer. It has been great to learn about different ways to write stories and how places/ activities you enjoy can provide a brilliant basis to a captivating story! As part of our theme, 'Stories from around the world' we have travelled through the French and Swiss Alps in search of a Barbegazi. In this unit, we have shared descriptions with ambitious vocabulary, created artwork based on the story and wrote our own story endings based on meeting the rare creature. In maths this week, we have been



learning to identify regular and irregular polygons and we have been measuring and comparing angles. In our geography lesson we learnt about where energy comes from and used our mapping skills to plot where the main power stations are in the UK. As part of our DT project, we met with our Year 2 buddies to find out what they would want from a moving toy. We then used their answers to create a design. Finally, we had lots of fun dressing up as our favourite book characters on Friday and taking part in the, 'STOP EVERY THING AND READ!'

Year 5 Team

Year 6



We were treated to a visit from author of 'The Midnight Thief' (and others) Sylvia Bishop and her friend Dylan. Together we created a story with a detailed setting and character where every element had to belong and matter. Dylan then improvised some music to accompany it. It was fantastic and has inspired us to plan and write stories in a different way.

We also learnt how to calculate volume in maths, continued deepening our understanding of inherited characteristics and variation in science and researched where and how power is generated in the UK using different energy sources.

Year 6 Team