

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 26 Friday 21st April 2023



2022/2023 Academic year

Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23

Early May Bank Holiday

Mon 1 May '23

Whole School Class Photos:

Fri 5 May

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Mon 8 May '23

PTA Quiz night

Fri 19 May

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

INSET DAY Fri 23 June

PTA Discos:

Juniors' discos 16th June

Infants' discos 30th June

Sports Days:

Mon 3 July Years 5&6

Tues 4 July Years 3&4

Weds 5 July Infant School

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,

Welcome back to the start of Term 5. I hope you were all able to enjoy the Easter holidays and have a rest from your usual school family routines. Your children have definitely returned, refreshed and ready for all the new term has to offer.

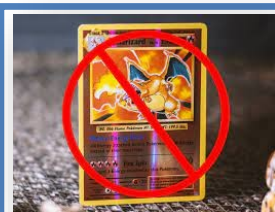
Brunel makes a visit to Yr1 - Isambard Kingdom Brunel visited yr1 this week, who had prepared beforehand lots of questions to ask him about his life and his work in Bristol. They asked some very thoughtful questions and learnt a lot about his life and work in a fun and engaging way. Thank you to the Yr1 team who organised his visit.

Liquid Nitrogen Show - Our yr5 children experienced a fantastic science workshop led by Badminton school students this afternoon, exploring reversible and irreversible changes in science. We are very grateful for their visit and our children built on their science knowledge through the workshop, which was very exciting and inspiring for them. Thank you to Badminton School for their visit and to the Yr5 team for making it happen.

Empowered to be forever learners - As part of our vision to ensure we are all empowered to be forever learners, I have been liaising with the Open University. The OU are really keen to promote to all parents, their free learning courses. The link can be found [here](#). Please take a look. There is an extensive choice of free learning courses available, at a range of different levels of difficulty and also time commitment from 2 hour courses to 20 plus hour courses!

Strike days—we are aware of the impact that the strike days are having on everyone and we are sorry for the disruption and additional stress this is creating. However, the school closures are unavoidable as staff exercise their right to strike.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Reminder - no trading cards please!

A reminder that trading cards such as Pokémon or Match Attax are not allowed in school or in breakfast club as they can cause upset between the children.





PTA Notes

Welcome back! We hope you had a super break. We're thrilled to announce Elmlea PTA's Great Coronation [Raffle](#)! In celebration of the Coronation, we have amassed an array of wonderful family experiences and prizes! To be in with a chance of winning a hot air balloon ride or tickets to the O2 Academy, a day out at Bath race course or a luxurious Harrods' hamper buy your tickets at www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa. You'll find a full list of prizes online - all generously donated, with the balloon ride kindly sponsored by Tempest Forensic Accounting. Click [here](#) for more information and full flyer.

Online ticket sales close 12th May winning tickets drawn 15th May.

Paper tickets for sale to friends and family to follow. Good luck!

Dates for your diary:

One for the grown ups, by popular demand - Quiz night Fri 19 May Get your friends together and join us for the Elmlea Schools' Trust Quiz on Friday 19 May at 7.30pm. £30 per table (up to 6 people per team). Alcohol and snacks available to purchase on the night. Tickets for a table available via the PTA [website](#). Limited spaces are available so get your ticket early to avoid disappointment!

And for the children - School Discos: Juniors' discos Fri 16 June and Infants' discos Fri 30 June. Information on tickets and how to volunteer to follow.

Thanks – Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie, Verity elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs in Term 5

The Clubs running in Term 5 are:

Tuesdays - **Junior Choir**

Thursdays - **Infant Choir**

Fridays - **Year 5&6 Cricket**



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.

Elmlea Schools' Trust Trustee Recruitment



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

We have three vacancies for Trustees to join the team. These are voluntary roles that require attendance at an early evening meeting each Term as well as additional committee / project meetings.

We are fortunate to have a wide range of professional skills within our local community and we wish to draw upon this by recruiting people with experience of:

- * HR
- * ICT
- * Education
- * Finance



Whilst we currently have needs in these areas, we absolutely welcome applications from across the entire community regardless of experience and it is particularly important to us that our team of Trustees represents the diversity of our local community. So, if you have enthusiasm, commitment, are naturally inquisitive, seek high standards and are prepared to get involved then this is for you.

More information can be found [here](#) or email clerktrustees@elmleaschoolstrust.com to register your interest by Friday 28th April.

Music News

We have a parent who is giving away a Yamaha baby grand piano for free to a good home. We wondered if one of the children who are receiving piano or keyboard lessons would benefit from it? Please let me know if you are interested.



The Infant Choir are practising and looking forward to their Summer Sing workshop at Bristol Grammar School on Thursday 4th May. I'm sure it'll be great fun.

Meanwhile the Junior Choir are rehearsing the songs for their own Summer Sing event at the end of June. I'm still awaiting confirmation of this date, but it will be either 27th or 29th June during the afternoon.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Henleaze Tennis Club May Half Term and Term 6 Tennis Clubs

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club's Junior Tennis Club and holiday camps cater for children from 4-13 years of age and are designed to be fun for all levels of juniors. They are run by our highly experienced and fully qualified coaching team providing the children with a fun, social and active environment.

More information about the May Half Term holiday camps can be found [here](#) and Term 6 after school tennis club information can be found [here](#).



Inclusion Information and Support

Coffee with the SENDCO!

This is a chance to have an informal chat with the Trust's Inclusion Lead, Lacey Flook, and Infant SENDCO, Jess Andrews, about anything SEND related! You do not need to have a child with any specific needs, you may just have questions or concerns or want to find out a bit more about what we do to support children across the trust and other services we work with. These drop-in sessions will be held in the Junior library on the following dates, 2pm - 3pm, finishing in time for school pick-up! If you have children in multiple year groups then you are welcome to attend more than once or choose a date that suits you best.



Friday 28th April - Year 5 with Lacey
Friday 5th May - Year 4 with Lacey
Friday 12th May - Year 3 with Lacey
Friday 19th May - Year 2 with Lacey and Jess
Friday 26th May - Year 1 with Lacey and Jess
Friday 9th June - Year R with Lacey and Jess

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Family Workshop - The Wild Escape

Join artist Jasmine Thompson on Saturday 22 April from 1-3pm for drop-in creative activities as part of the Art Fund's - Art on the Forecourt 'The Wild Escape'.

Explore your relationship with the environment and create your own nature.

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





Year Group News



Top DoodleSpell class this week is 2R - well done and keep up the great work everyone!

Reception

Thank you to everyone for their amazing efforts with the EYFS Spring/Easter mini garden challenge - they have been wonderful to see and hear all about and we will be loading a video of them for you to look at following our display of them in the playground today.



The Reception Team

Year 1

Year One had the opportunity to meet a very famous historical person this week. Perhaps your child could help you work out who it was! He is well known for having designed and built some of Bristol's most famous landmarks and for keeping a sandwich under his stove pipe hat. He gave a talk to them in the hall and then visited them in their classrooms, and the children had a great time asking questions about his life and achievements. The children were fascinated by his Victorian clothes, his silver pocket watch and the stories of his life, and were then able to write down some amazing facts when he'd gone. In maths this week we have been exploring patterns using colours and shapes. Perhaps you could make some interesting repeating patterns at home using things from around the house. How about making a three colour repeating pattern using old socks!

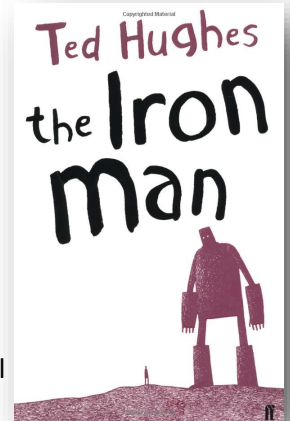


Year 1 Team

Year 2

Welcome back Year 2, it's been lovely seeing you all again and hearing about your holidays. At the start of the week, we found lots of metal behind our building! We went to investigate then received a voice message from Iron Man who told us to learn his story. We are going to read the book during English and use it as inspiration for our work. We have been focusing on writing the four different sentence types this week, can your child tell you what they are?

We also explored the school grounds and discussed what human and physical geography we saw, then we collected data across Year 2 to see what our favourite part of the school was. Towards the end of the week in maths, children recapped coins and were challenged to see how many ways they could make the same amount. Have a restful weekend and see you next week.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

The children have come back with lots of enthusiasm and energy after the Easter holidays.

On Monday, we launched our final topic of 'Wonderful Westbury' which builds on the unit of work the children did in Year 2 with a greater emphasis on geography and data collection. In Maths, we've been recapping and revising both column addition and subtraction and in English we started our new text called 'Mouse Bird Snake Wolf' by David Almond. The children seem very intrigued and engaged with the surreal imagery and Year 3 will be focusing on how to create tension and suspense in their writing. For further information about upcoming events in Year 3, including trips and visits, please see the letter on Seesaw or use the link provided [here](#).



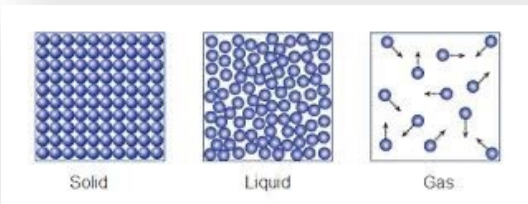
Year 3 Team

Year 4

On Monday, Y4 had an exciting 'Wow Day' to launch our Summer Term 'Wonderful Westbury' topic. Activities included exploring the features of Westbury-on-Trym and exploring its history. In English, pupils started a new unit of work about discussion texts and learnt about the concepts of discussion and debate. In maths, children have further developed their knowledge and understanding about Roman Numerals and negative numbers. Our new science topic is 'States of Matter' and

I = 1	C = 100
V = 5	D = 500
X = 10	M = 1000
L = 50	

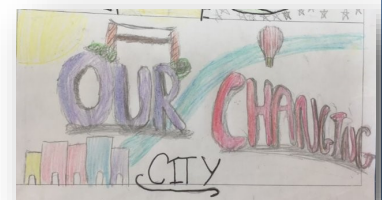
pupils demonstrated their prior knowledge and posed questions to be answered in the weeks to come. We hope that you have had the opportunity to view the fantastic 'Shakespeare Rocks' photographs taken by Mrs East. She has really captured the joy and 'feel good' of the production.



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great start to Term 5! We kicked off with the launch of our topic called "Our Changing City". During our launch, we created a piece of collaborative art inspired by Jenny Urquhart, compared Bristol UK to Bristol in Canada and took part in a fun quiz! We were also lucky to have a visit from Badminton School who did an exciting Science presentation about reversible and irreversible changes. It also gave us a chance to show off our knowledge! In English, we have started writing



descriptive narratives filled with suspense, figurative language and a range of sentence types. We also received a letter from our Linking class buddy. We are really looking forward to meeting our Linking class in person as well as having our art work displayed in an exhibition in the Arncliffe! We will share more information about visit this so keep an eye out!



Year 5 Team

Year 6 We have had a brilliant start to the summer term in year 6!

On Monday we had an exciting launch into our new topic 'Bristol' where we took part in a quiz and were asked which teachers we thought were originally from Bristol - there were definitely a few surprises! After this we created some breath-taking balloon art using mixed media, which will hopefully be on display soon.



Not only this, but we also went on a really engaging trip to the Life Skills Centre, where we learnt how to deal with real-life scenarios like house fires, helping people who are injured and even completing a weekly shop and noticing that we had been short-changed! Our tour guides complemented us on our exemplary behaviour too - well done year 6!

Year 6