

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 28 Friday 28th 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,

As we have moved into week 2 of term 5 our summer school trips continue. All of Yr5 visited the Arnolfini Arts Centre down by the harbourside on Monday. They were there to meet their link class buddies and create art sculptures together which will be displayed in the coming months.

The project is run by Bristol Schools Linking and enables children from the city to build friendships with those from very different backgrounds and communities; encouraging a sense of togetherness whilst challenging prejudice and stereotypes. Thank you to the Yr5 team and volunteers for taking the children and especially to Miss Paisey-Bruce who has pioneered this venture for our school .

Year 1 have also been out on a adventure to visit SS Gt Britain. They enriched their Brunel studies whilst on board and learnt so much about this amazing person and the ship, whilst on board. We are especially proud of our Yr1 children as the ship guides and members of the public commented on the children's exemplary behaviour. Thank you to the Yr1 team and our volunteer helpers for taking the children.

The Coronation – As part of our school activities to celebrate the King's coronation we will be creating art work which will be displayed in the school halls as a legacy piece from each class.

On Friday 5th May, we will also be holding a celebration event on the school field (weather permitting), during the school day with both schools jointly. We would like you to send in a festive snack in the morning with your child, which they can enjoy whilst sitting with their class on the field. We will then sing the Coronation song they have been learning in school and dance together before enjoying our first ever Elmlea Schools' playtime. We hope it will be memorable and let's hope the weather improves!

Strike Day – Both Elmlea Schools' will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May due to strike action. We are sorry for the impact this is having on all our families.

Parking – Please be considerate when parking near school. I have been notified twice this week about people parking across our Elmlea neighbours' driveways. Please leave home earlier to allow yourself time to park correctly or park a little further away and walk the last part to school.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



PTA Notes



Tickets for the Elmlea PTA's Great Coronation [Raffle](#) will have come home with your children this week!! 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 (CANCELLED next week Thurs 4 May after Summer Sing)**

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.

Walk to School Week 2023 15-19 May



Our five-day walking challenge is a celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to run as part of National Walking Month this May.

This fun and engaging week-long activity for Elmlea is designed to make pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Plan ahead and think about how you will travel to school on this week.

Will you walk, cycle or scoot? Perhaps you will be creative and hop or walk backwards to school! Last year, over 750 schools across the UK took part and we would love to be a part of that this year!

Music News

We are really looking forward to our **Infant Choir trip** to Bristol Grammar School next Thursday. Keep practising the songs! Please note, infant choir club will not run on this date.



The **School Orchestra** have a **trip to Trinity Academy** for their second orchestral workshop of the year on Tuesday 20th June. All of the music packs are ready will be handed out in orchestra club next Wednesday. I have chosen parts for the children, but if they are too difficult or too easy please let me know as I can change them. A letter will go out soon with further details

We now have a date for the **Junior Choir summer sing trip** to The Beacon which is on Tuesday 27th June in the afternoon, a letter will go out soon with further details.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



Eid Mubarak!

On Friday 21st April, Muslims around the world celebrated Eid al-Fitr at the end of the month of Ramadan. We hope that everyone in our Elmlea community who celebrated had a lovely time with friends and family.

You can find out more about Eid [here](#).

CAKE SALE!

There will be a cake sale running in the KS1 playground on Friday 5th May from 3:15pm. This cake sale is to raise money for the Macmillan charity. Please do come and buy a cake.

If you are able to make a cake contribution that would also be gratefully appreciated.



Class Photos - Friday 5 May

A reminder that Class Photos for the whole school will be taken next week, on Friday 5 May.



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 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



Year Group News

Reception

We are very excited to announce that Reception will be performing their class assemblies to parents/carers in the Infant school hall this term! These will be short performances all about what they have been learning about recently. The children will have been practising for their performance and would like to invite you to watch it!

Dates:

Oak - Friday 5th May

Willow - Friday 12th May

Maple - Friday 19th May

Time:

2:30pm (please arrive 5 minutes beforehand)



Class Assembly

The Reception Team

Year 1

Our trip to the SS Great Britain was a great success and we had lots of fun looking around the ship and learning more about how it was made. We are so proud of how Year One behaved and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make the trip possible.

Back in school, we described and wrote about what we saw and have begun to create some beautiful pastel and Brusho pictures of the ship. This week we have also been learning about repeating and radial patterns, using different colours and 2D shapes, in preparation for Arts Week. Perhaps you could practise drawing and creating circular radiating patterns at home.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

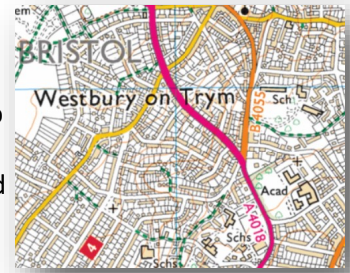
Year 2 have continued to read Iron Man and have written their own exciting ending to Chapter 2. We stopped reading just as Iron Man's hand appeared and the children could decide what happened next! Whilst writing, we focused on using possessive apostrophes. During maths we worked out how much change we would get from £1 or less, this included adding coins together and working out subtraction number sentences. We put our dancing shoes on in our music lesson and choreographed our own dances to the Sugarplum Fairy! Our geography fieldwork continued and we thought about what our favourite area of the school is and how the school's human geographical features affect the environment.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

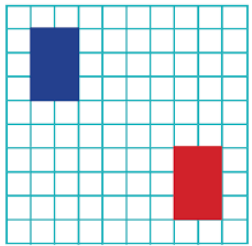
Year 3 have had another great week! All children have been working really hard across all areas of the curriculum. The start of the week saw us begin writing our own suspense paragraphs based on the idea of imagining and bringing a creature to life. We wrote about a snake and built tension through varied sentence lengths and the use of an ellipsis. In maths, we have been revising the methods that can be used to work out multiplication and division calculations and have been thinking about how we can multiply bigger numbers using the grid method. Our wider curriculum has taken us to our very own village of Westbury-on-Trym. We have been looking at ordnance survey maps and looking at what the different symbols means. Finally, in art, we have continued to explore shape and tone using pencils. We hope you all have a very sunny bank holiday weekend!



Year 3 Team

Year 4 Members of Year 4 have had a busy week and in English they have continued their discussion writing, learning how to write introductory, 'for and against' and conclusion paragraphs.

Topic activities have included exploring the features of Westbury-on-Trym and the surrounding areas using an Ordnance Survey map. In maths, pupils consolidated their knowledge and understanding about coordinates, polygons and the translation of shapes on a grid. In science, children identified solids, liquids and gases and discussed their properties carefully.



Could you classify toothpaste, shaving foam and gloop?

In art, pupils have experimented with tone and mark making. We hope that you enjoy the opportunity to view the fantastic 'Shakespeare Rocks' photographs taken by Mrs East. She really has captured the joy and 'feel good' of our production.



Reminder Consent and parent volunteers for the Westbury-on-Trym walking trip.

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 This week started off brilliantly with a trip to the Arnolfini to meet our Linking Schools buddy class. Whilst there, the children worked with a buddy from the other class to produce two pieces of artwork based on the theme of moss. They traced different patterns created by different types of moss and made creatures out of a wooden frame to sit on top. Their work is being collated and will soon be on display in the Arnolfini for the public to see. Also this week, we have been busy planning our suspense narratives and consolidating our understanding of fractions. The children have planned the sandwiches they want to make for their DT project and are very excited to make them next week!



Year 5 Team

Year 6 What a brilliant week of learning we've had in year 6!

In science, we were trying to debug a range of different circuits and work out which ones would light the bulb and which wouldn't. We even had a chance to build them and test them using the equipment afterwards.

In our topic work this week, we were very surprised to discover that some areas of Bristol date back to the Roman era! We have also begun our new DT topic where the end result will be to design and make a sandwich for the King's coronation. This week we analysed the packaging of various sandwiches and worked out their nutritional value. Well done year 6 - another fantastic week!



Year 6 Team