

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 29 Friday 5th May 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2022/2023 Academic year

Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23
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,

I hope you were able to enjoy the last May bank holiday weekend and especially the sunshine which made a very welcome, warm appearance on Saturday. Another long weekend lies ahead and for those of you celebrating the Coronation and the many street parties being held I hope this is a really enjoyable time for you and your family. Many of us have relatives who can remember the Queen's coronation and they are still talking about it 70 years later, perhaps our children will too!

Coronation celebration in school - unfortunately the field was too wet for us to celebrate altogether and I know many children were looking forward to our first playtime together – we will try again when the weather is sunny.

Thank you to Yr4 children and their parents -We have received a lovely thank you letter from Save the Children thanking them for raising a whopping £420 for the charity through their performance of Shakespeare Rocks! The charity was chosen by the children and we are very proud of them.

Infant Choir in concert—We are so proud of our Infant choir who travelled to BGS this week to perform as part of the Bristol Beacon Summer Sing concert with other local schools. The choir performed with so much enthusiasm and we're delighted so many children had the opportunity. A big thank you to Ms Sadler and Mrs Webster for making it happen and for our parent volunteers who helped out too. Thank you also to Bristol Grammar School for hosting the event. Some photos can be found in the Music News section on page 3.

We're on the hunt for a Music teacher for our Boys Choir - For many years we have run a boys choir for older boys to encourage them to sing and consequently we have 30 – 40 older boys singing which is very rare in school. Our last boys' choir teacher stepped down at Easter and we really want to find a replacement. We have tried all our usual routes for recruitment but understand running a choir during the school day for an hour is inconvenient for lots of musicians. So if you work in this field, have contacts or are active on relevant social media sites where we might find someone, please share our email info@elmleaschoolstrust.com. Obviously anyone appointed would need to have an enhanced DBS check and relevant experience.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher





PTA Notes

Coronation Raffle Tickets to Windsor Castle! Hot Air Balloon flight! 2x Harrods Hampers! Tickets to the O2 Academy! Plus vouchers for Groupo lounge, The Hideaway, Outdoor Cinema, Noah's Ark, Aerospace Bristol, Mendip Activity Centre, Airhop, Shine, Bath race course.... and more!

Thank you for all the generous donations. Please support the school by buying tickets for our Coronation Raffle.. and sell your paper tickets (sent home with your child last week) at your street parties this weekend! Click [here](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa) for more information and full flyer. www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa Online ticket sales close 12th May winning tickets drawn 15th May. **Good luck!**



Quiz Night Friday 19 May at 7.30pm. £30 per table (up to 6 people per team). Alcohol and snacks available to purchase on the night. Limited tables left. We promise it will be fun...

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 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.

PSHE Programme at Elmlea Schools' Trust



This school year, we have been continuing to use the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Programme across our school called 'Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE'. We will be running a parent consultation this year on the Monday 22nd May between 14:30 and 15:10 in the Infant Hall for parents who would like to come and find out further information about how our Relationships and Changing Me Units are taught.

Please read this [letter](#) for more information and register your interest to attend using this [Microsoft Form](#).



Wesak

The Buddhist festival of Wesak (or Vesak) will be celebrated this year on Friday 5th May. It is a time when Buddhists remember the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha (which is why it is often called 'Buddha Day') and takes place when the first full moon of May occurs. We hope that everyone in our Elmlea community who is celebrating has a fun weekend!

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



Music News

A massive well done to infant choir who performed with enthusiasm at the KS1 Summer Sing yesterday. Thanks so much to Bristol Beacon for organising and Bristol Grammar School for hosting this event in their fabulous theatre space.



Miss Sadler,
Co-ordinator of Music



Walk to School Week 2023 15-19 May

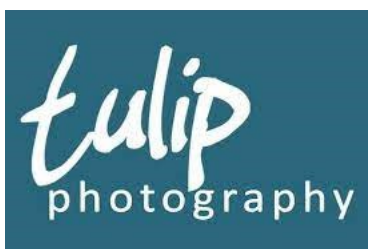


Our five-day walking challenge is a celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to run as part of National Walking Month this May.

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!

Class Photos



Order slips should have come home with your children after school today.

Class photos will be ready to order from 5pm today (Friday 5th May)



Inclusion Information and Support

Bristol Parent Carers Organisation

On Friday last week, the CEOs of ICB and Sirona Health and Care informed us that the autism assessment criteria will revert back to the process that was in place, before the changes that were announced on 1st March 2023.

We are sure that the parent carer and school communities will be pleased with this news, and we would like to thank you again for taking the time to share your views through the parent carer forums' survey. We would also like to thank the CEOs for listening to the concerns raised by school staff and families.



While many may feel relieved to hear this news, we must acknowledge that the previous system was not effective either. Unless we address the waiting list, it will continue to grow, and children and young people will wait too long to get the help and support they need.

The parent carer forums of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire will meet with ICB in May, and we are asking for a system-wide review so that families, children and young people can get the right help at the right time

We want to find a way in which we can all work together to find a better solution and we truly believe this is possible. We won't be able to do this without the support of fellow parent carers and school staff, we will be calling on families and schools to help create a service that works for everyone and we would really appreciate you ensuring that parent carers have access to our communications.

[Referral for a Specialist Autism Assessment Service](#)

Service provided by: Bristol Parent Carers can be contacted on: info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk



We believe this to be the same situation for the community paediatrics referral criteria. If you have any questions about this, please contact Lacey Flook, Trust Inclusion Lead, or Jess Andrews, Infant SENDCO on info@elmleaschoolstrust.com and we will in contact to discuss any questions.

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 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

Please remember to apply suncream before school now that the weather is warming up and send your child in with a named sunhat please.

The Reception Team



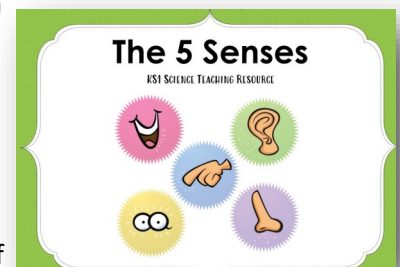
Year 1

Wow, what a busy 3 day week! In English, we have been writing super sentences about Brunel. We practised editing our work before creating Brunel posters using Brusho and pastels to create some fantastic paintings of the SS Great Britain. We have also learnt all about the King's Coronation., the children were very interested in the origins of the Union flag.

We have been busy learning about fractions in maths and have been finding half and quarter of different 2D shapes and quantities. , using sharing and our multiplication and division facts to help us.

We have started learning about our 5 senses in science. We had a brilliant time using our feet to explore our sense of touch! There is a science activity on seesaw for you to compete with your child this term. It is based around our sense of taste.

Year 1 Team



Year 2

This week all the Year 2 classes created a piece of artwork for the King's coronation that will go on display in the hall. We painted, drew and made collages which will sit behind a silhouette of the King. We also enjoyed our picnic and singing with our friends! We have been recapping some maths from the beginning of the year and have been partitioning numbers, working out missing numbers in sequences and finding fractions of amounts. In English, we wrote fantastic endings to chapter 3 of Iron Man. The children were very imaginative and used brilliant descriptions. Year 2 planted seeds in science and we will be observing them until the end of term 5. Enjoy another long weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!



Year 2 Team

Year 3 This week Year 3 are continuing with building their suspense skills in English inspired by the book: Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf by David Almond and Dave McKean. In Maths we have been focusing on time looking at minutes past, minutes to, digital, analogue and twenty-four-hour clocks. Telling time is a great skill to work on at home or when out and about so hopefully you will have 'time' to do some practise. We have now completed our reading and grammar assessments and will be doing our maths assessments the last week of term. In addition, we are looking forward to the King's coronation this weekend and have been preparing some commemorative artworks. Finally, we are looking forward to our Westbury-On-Trym trip on May 16th (3M), 17th (3B), and 18th (3V). Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help so far. If you think you would like to join us, please contact the school office.



Year 3 Team

Year 4 Year 4 have had a short but memorable week. They have enjoyed reflecting on the year so far and have worked hard to complete their summer assessments. In art, children have focused on the talents of architectural artists and have learnt more about the importance of being patient and taking the time to create detail in a sketch of a building. In science, pupils investigated the effect of heat on a selection of substances. In preparation for the King's Coronation, we have discussed the United Kingdom and have learnt a number of facts about its constituent countries. In our classes, we have worked collaboratively to create celebratory artworks: 4CW created a tissue paper collage of the Union Flag, 4H have created a floral mural and 4M have created another collage of



magazine images about the King and the Royal Family.



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



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 What a brilliant week they have had! We spent a day making our own healthy sandwiches, which we had spent the previous weeks designing. Throughout the day, the children made their very own bread roll: they had to measure out their dough; work together in their teams; knead the dough and cut and prepare their fillings. The day then ended with them eating their sandwiches in the sunshine and evaluating their designs. Alongside this, the children have also begun to draft and edit their suspense narratives and will be publishing these next week – all the teachers are very excited to read the stories they have written. In science, the children have also been busy learning all about the reproduction of plants and how to identify the function and appearance of the different parts of a flower. They had great fun dissecting tulips as part of this lesson.



Year 5 Team

Year 6 Despite the much shorter week, year 6 demonstrated a fantastic attitude to their learning as they approach SATs week.

In writing, they have begun writing their fantastic persuasive magazine articles advertising Bristol as the hot spot of the South West. They then took a step back in time all the way to 43 AD in their topic lessons, to where the Romans invaded and where Bristol began. As their research traversed the time line, they arrived in the 18th century, where Bristol had become a thriving port, which unfortunately gained most of its success from the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

We wish you the best of luck for next week year 6. We know you can do it!

Year 6 Team

