

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 31 Friday 19th May 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2022/2023 Academic year

Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23

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

Yr 5 Performances:

Mon 10 July 2pm

Tues 11 July 6pm

Yr 6 Performances:

Mon 17 July 2pm

Tues 18 July 6pm

*Doors will open 1:45pm/5:45pm
for a prompt start at 2pm/6pm*

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,

This week we have welcomed the final report from OFSTED for the Infant School, which has been emailed to you. Thank you for your kind emails and messages of congratulations to all staff they have been much appreciated. However, we recognise that it is our whole school community who have achieved this outcome. Our strong partnerships with you as parents are a key part of our success. Your support for all we are doing in school and trying to achieve for your children by working together, builds the positive experience for the children at Elmlea that OFSTED recognized. If you missed the report please click [here](#).

Skills needed - Do you have HR, ICT, H&S or marketing skills? If so we need you, please see our Trustee/governor advert on page 4!

EYFS Information evening - Parents of children joining Reception in September visited for a very informative evening led by our EYFS team. It is the start for many of their Elmlea journey and we look forward to meeting them all with their children at our Teddy bear's picnic.

Yr2 visit our local synagogue - Yr2 visited the local synagogue in Bristol yesterday as part of our religion and world views curriculum. The visit brought their studies this term of Judaism to life. Thank you to the staff team and our volunteers for supporting the trip.

Bristol Old Vic theatre workshops - All Yr5 classes have been fortunate to experience theatre workshops led by students from the Old Vic, who had written the workshop based on the inspiration yr5 had given them earlier in the year. It was a real privilege for all to take part and they learnt so much about key people and experiences that have shaped the history of Bristol.

Yr3 and Yr4 survey local residents - As part of their topic studying Westbury-on-Trym the children surveyed local residents. They all were very thoughtful and respectful in their interviews and found out a lot about Westbury too. Thank you to the staff team for making it happen but also to the **36** volunteers who supported the children walking there and back.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

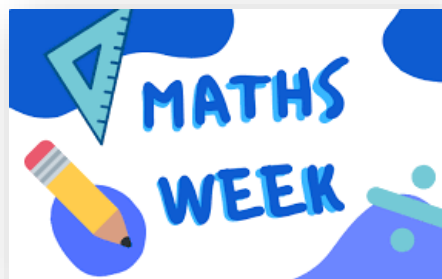
A message from Breakfast Club: please could parents NOT to come into the quad before breakfast club has finished. Thank you.



Elmlea Maths Week

On w/c 19 June we have our Elmlea Maths Week where we celebrate all things maths across the trust. We will be having a whole day dedicated to maths on the Monday. As part of the week we are looking for any parents who have experience or use mathematics in their jobs to come and do a short talk or workshop with our children. This could be to single classes or whole year groups.

Please contact Miss Crook (Inf) millie.crook@elmleaschoolstrust.com or Mr Weller (Jrs) tom.weller@elmleaschoolstrust.com



Arts Week Celebration 2023: 'Around the World'



This year, our theme for Arts Week is 'Around the World' and each year group will be inspired by the artwork of a specific country over the course of the week. Therefore, we welcome the children to come into school wearing the flag colours of the country they have looked at on Friday 26th May.

Reception: Australia Year 1: Zimbabwe Year 2: Ghana
Year 3: Chile Year 4: USA Year 5: India
Year 6: Japan

Additionally, to celebrate your children's work during Arts Week, we would love to welcome parents and carers into school at 3pm on Friday 26th May.

Junior School: Parents and carers of those in Year 6 head to the Junior school office where you will be directed to the year 6 classrooms. Year 3/4/5 parents and carers can use outside classroom doors.

Infant School: Parents and carers of those in Reception, Year 1&2, please arrive at the Infant School via the Infants gate at 3pm.

Parents with children across the Trust are invited to come to the Infant School via the Infants gate at 2:45pm prior to visiting the Junior School.

Please be sure to let your child's teacher know when you are leaving with them so we can record that they have left safely. Additionally, feel free to walk through the school to access sibling classrooms. Children taking part in clubs can leave as usual.

Thank you so much and we hope you enjoy celebrating the children's fantastic artwork!

School Photos Order - deadline for discounted rate Sun 22 May

The school photos have been online and selling now for a couple of weeks. The deadline for the discount is approaching. Order by Sunday 21st May 2023 to receive the discounted rate.

If you have lost your access code, contact Tulip photography and they can provide you with your class code. Call 01934 752683 or visit their [website](#).





Lunchbowl Charity

This week Anna-Kate from the Lunchbowl Network came to talk to both schools during assembly, about this amazing charity and the work that they do. The Lunchbowl Network was set up in 2006 in response to the plight of the orphaned and vulnerable children living in the Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya.

As a school, we have supported this charity for many years, first through the Infants and as of last year, as a whole trust with the Juniors. Last year we raised over £1,000, which has made a massive difference to the children living there.

This year we will again be running a shop selling a range of handmade items from the Slum, to raise funds to support the charity. The shop will run from Monday 22nd May to Thursday 25th May. The stall will be open at the end of the school day 3:15-3:35pm. The Infant stall will be by the canopy in the KS1 playground and the Junior one will be on the table tennis table in the Junior playground. Please note, we do NOT have a card machine and items cost are £1, £2, or £3 so please bring your gold coins! You can learn more about the charity [here](#).

PTA Notes

Congratulations to all our lucky raffle winners! All winners have now been contacted. We'd love to see a photo of you enjoying your prize! Massive thanks to Debbie Frost who masterminded the raffle and worked tirelessly to gather amazing prizes, putting in a significant amount of work considering the logistics of it all. We're thrilled to announce that the Great Elmlea Coronation Raffle raised £3,800! Thank you to all the very kind donators and sponsor, and to everyone who bought a ticket and supported the Trust in this way.

We're looking forward to seeing all the keen Quizzers tonight! You're welcome to arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry is through the Junior entrance (NO entry through the Infants' gate). Cash and card accepted for drinks and nibbles.

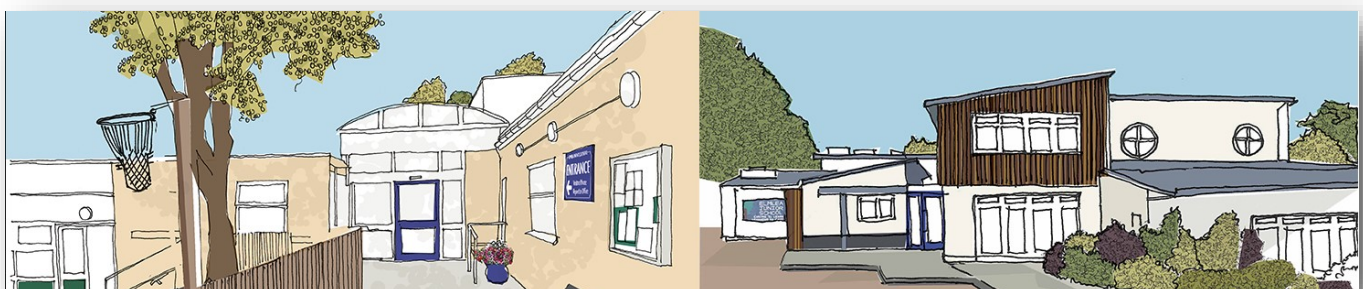
Summer discos! Party Peeps' DJ Jay can't wait to raise the roof with summer tunes, while you catch up with a friend over a cool beer! Please note this is not a drop-off; if you can't attend with your child they may attend with another adult who will be responsible for them (max three children per adult for Infant children, six children per adult for Juniors). Tickets are £4 and available to purchase [online](#). (Please email us if for any reason you cannot afford the ticket price; all children are welcome.)

Friday 16 th June	
Year 3	16.30-17.15
Year 4	17.30-18.15
Years 5&6	18.30-19.15
Friday 30 th June	
Reception	16.30-17.15
Year 1	17.30-18.15
Year 2	18.30-19.15



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

PS Remember you can support us every time you shop online via [easyfundraising](#)!



Elmlea Schools' Trust Trustee Recruitment

We have 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
- * H&S
- * Marketing



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.

Want to find out more? Click [here](#) or email clerktotrustees@elmleaschoolstrust.com

Fine Art & Craft Club at Elmlea Junior School in Term 6



Fine Art Club on Tuesdays starting Tuesday 6th June in The Lodge - cost £56 each
Craft Club on Wednesdays starting Wednesday 7th June in Class 3B - cost £56 each

Both clubs run for 7 weeks from 3:15-4:15pm



To guarantee your place, please contact Rasa by email rasa.ashworth@live.co.uk Or click [here](#) for more information.

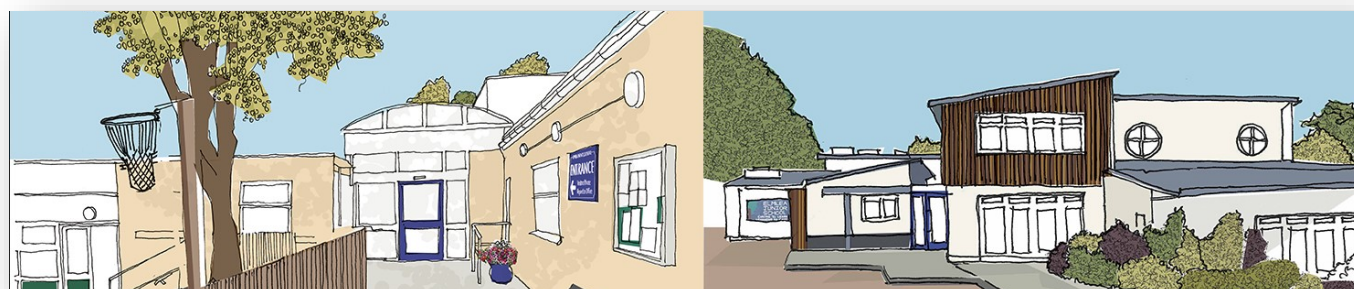
Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs



The Clubs currently running 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.



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 26th May - Year 1 * **Friday 9th June** - Reception (both with Lacey and Jess)

COMMUNITY NEWS

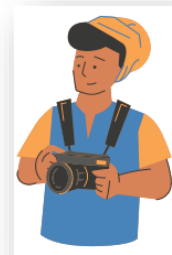


Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve Photo Competition for under 12's!

The Community Outreach and School Liason Volunteers for the Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve are running a free nature Photography Competition open to all, with prize categories for Under 12. Prizes include vouchers and gifts donated by local businesses. (Thanks to Henleaze Garden Shop, Primrose Cafe, Avon Valley Country Park!)

It would be great to see young people engage with the amazing biodiversity and wildlife in our Nature Reserve. We know from experience how this benefits our mood and wellbeing. It's also backed up by [science](#)! For more information click [here](#).

They are also holding a free Education Event on June 10, details [here](#) or visit the [website](#).



Junior Drawing School - Playful Map Printing with Victoria Willmott

When: Weds 31 May 10am-12pm Where: Queen's Road, Clifton BS8 1PX Cost: £10

Join artist Victoria Willmott in this creative mapping workshop using found objects, rubbers and foam stamps to playfully print maps. Inspired by our exhibition, [Found Cities, Lost Objects: Women in the City](#).

For more information and to book click [here](#).



Free Nordic Walking Taster for Y6 and Y7 Pupils

Do you have Y6 children? Do they enjoy walking and exploring in Nature? Come along to our Free Nordic Walking Taster on Sat 20th of May 11.00 am – midday at Downs Cafe. Booking link and details are below.



"Half the battle is getting young people to try something new- but this group is literally a breath of fresh air- and sets them up for a positive week - Cannot recommend highly enough." SR : Parent

Our FREE Y6 / Y7 Pupil "Teen" Taster for the Bristol Walk Fest is on Sat 20th of May 11.00 am at Downs Cafe. This one hour Taster is aimed at those transitioning from Junior to Secondary School. Come along and meet other like minded Y6 and Y7 pupils who love walking and exploring in Nature. You can book in [here](#), spaces are limited but free.

Katie Atkins who will be running this session is an Instructor for INWA and British Nordic Walking and has 26 years teaching as a primary teacher with 12 years as a PE specialist (working with mainstream, gifted and talented and SEND pupils). Katie also holds a Level 4 Diploma in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education Environments.



Year Group News

Reception

Reception are really enjoying playing in our outdoor area in the sunshine - please make sure your child comes to school everyday with a named sunhat.

This week we have been reading longer words in phonics, writing instructions and making sandwiches in Design and Technology! We have been counting in 2s in maths and also weighing.



The Reception Team

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy writing the Goram and Ghyston story this week. We were so proud of how far they have come! In maths we have continued learning about 3D shape - can you spot any 3D shapes in the house?

We also spent some time learning about Kibera after our Lunchbowl assembly. The children learnt about where it is and compared it to Bristol. As the weather is getting hot please make sure your child has a sun hat and put sun cream on them in the morning, we cannot accept sun cream in school.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Well done Year 2 for another busy week! You have shown lots of resilience and focus. Everyone represented the school brilliantly on our trip to the synagogue. The children showed off their fantastic knowledge they had learnt during Religion and World View lessons and demonstrated lots of respect. In English, they have worked hard to retell the Iron Man story using actions and story maps in



preparation to innovate the story with their own characters. The children have continued to develop their throwing and batting skills in PE and it has been lovely to work on the field now the weather has improved! Please keep bringing in cardboard as we need it for next week's DT lesson and will be using it in the first week of Term 6 too. Thank you!

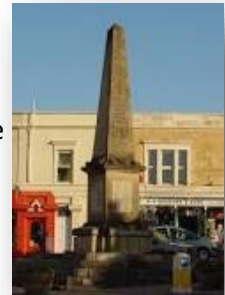
Year 2 Team

Year 3 Year 3 have had a very exciting week. We all went on trips to Westbury on Trym to carry out some Geography fieldwork! We got to interview locals, carry out a traffic survey and went on a tour of the area stopping at key locations such as the War Memorial. The children were so brilliant at asking insightful questions in their interviews and their behaviour was outstanding! We look forward to creating reports from our trip next term! Well done Year 3! In English we have been working on our final suspense stories of the term and in Maths we have been doing our assessments. We are also very much looking forward to Arts Week next week!



Year 3 Team

Year 4 Y4 have had a fun-filled week and the highlight was the Westbury-on-Trym geography field trip. The weather was kind to us and we thank all of the parent volunteers for accompanying the visit. In English, pupils have successfully started their new unit of work about characterisation. In maths, pupils have consolidated their knowledge and understanding about capacity, mass and conversions of amounts of measures. In Art, children have drawn their detailed, final compositions of their original 3D buildings. Pupils also enjoyed developing their understanding about the process of cooling in their science lesson.



Reminders: Arts Week - Dress up day (red, white and blue for The USA) on 26th May Friday.

Mass and Capacity



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 This week, Year 5 felt particularly lucky to have Bristol Old Vic theatre school perform a show they had written especially for us. During the show, we had to vote which significant Bristolian should be put on the plinth in Bristol city centre. We also had an extremely interesting workshop about George Muller and left feeling inspired about the positive impact he made. In English this week, we read biographies and analysed their features. In maths we learned to find fractions of amounts and then applied this to solve problems. We also continued to enjoy learning about flowering plants in our science lesson.



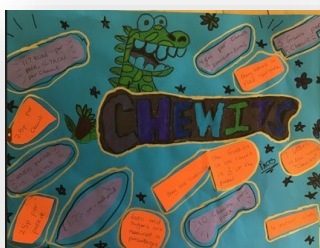
Linking School Exhibition- Moss habitats

Both our and our linking school's exhibition is open in the Arnolfini from the 13th May to the 16th July. We will confirm if we can visit it as a year group during our Bristol trip next term however if as a family you would like to visit you are more than welcome! It has been nice to see some families visit already.

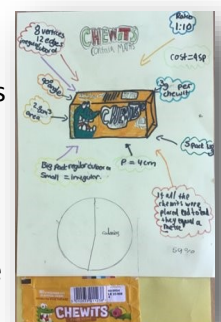


Year 5 Team

Year 6 We've had a fascinating week in year 6. At the start of the week, PC Paul came to talk to us about how to stay safe online. We've also really been enjoying our maths investigations. We had to find out how much maths is in a Chewit! It turns out, quite a lot, as you can see.



We also applied our maths skills to a real context by designing a batch of lemonade on the ipads that would make the best profit.



Year 6 Team