

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 32 Friday 26th May 2023



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 (Corrected dates!)

Mon 3 July Years 3&4

Tues 4 July Years 5&6

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,

What a fabulous way to end the term with our Elmlea Arts Week 2023. The whole week has been a real celebration of the arts and the international theme has provided a wide range of opportunities for the children to express their creativity and also to try something new.

Wednesday was especially joy filled as a choir of young people, aged 8-14years old from South Africa joined us for the day. They sang and danced with the children as well as joined in playtime and lunchtime and surprised us all by singing and dancing at home time to the delight of parents and children too. (more information on page 2)

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this afternoon as the children shared their amazing art work they have created. The quality of their work from Reception to Yr6 has impressed us all and we are so proud of all they have achieved. It has been a week full of rich experiences and opportunities and the children have responded with such enthusiasm and energy to match. A huge thank you to our Art Week Masterminds; Miss Cosgrove and Miss Wilson and to our staff teams for their determination and commitment to making it happen.

PTA Quiz night—thank you to our fabulous PTA for hosting a great quiz night last week, which was a resounding success and also raised £800 for the PTA funds—thank you so much to the team and everyone who supported the event.

Wishing every family a lovely half-term break and a chance to spend some time together and enjoy a welcome change of pace, with sunshine forecast too!!

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Project Zulu Choir Tour 2023



We were delighted to welcome children and teachers from Mntimande and Jobs Town Primary school South Africa to Elmlea on Wednesday! You may have seen them perform on the field! This was particularly special for me as I taught at Mntimande four years ago. It gave me a chance to repay the generosity and warm welcome I had! The children performed beautifully in both assemblies and during gumboot workshops for Y4 and Y5.



This is a project run with UWE Bristol where pupils from KwaZulu Natal visit Bristol and Wales to raise money for their schools through their performances/ workshops. 100% of profits go to the schools in SA and the children work extremely hard. If you would love to visit one of their events / donate to this amazing cause see the links below. They will also be selling their album at the end of the 2023 tour on their website. I have seen the positive impact this tour makes from seeing new clubs set up with sport resources and classrooms being built during my visit. Thank you so much Project Zulu for your inspiring and engaging visit. We wish you all the best!

Donations - please click [here](#) and select Project Zulu from the options. More about events can be found [here](#).

Ms Paisey-Bruce

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

PTA Notes

And for our last big PTA event of the year... Discos! Tickets are live - grab yours [here](#)! (Please email us if for any reason you cannot afford the ticket price; all children are welcome.) Please note this is not a drop-off – come and enjoy the bar with a friend! 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). We'll be recruiting volunteers after half term

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



You might have noticed that Summer ice cream season is here! The PTA will be selling ice creams from the Lodge (by the Year 3 classrooms) every Friday. Cash and card accepted. Do please volunteer if you can spare time to set-up / sell.

And finally...what a great PTA quiz last Friday! Thank you to Lou, Cheryl, John and Jamie, as well as the fab Junior Site Manager Henry, for a hilarious, intriguing and entertaining quiz last Friday. And a big shout out to The Hideaway who kindly donated super prizes. The evening made a brilliant £800 for the PTA and a good time was had by all.

Happy half term! Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie, Verity elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com



Little Dragons kung fu at Elmlea Infants - Teaching kids positive life skills.

After another great term, we have a handful of spaces available for Little Dragons kung fu at Elmlea Infants next term.

Every Tuesday, 3.15 – 4.15pm in the Infant school hall.

It is open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The class is taught by Sharon Gill (7 x World Kickboxing Champion and 5th degree kung fu black sash) and Dan Blythe (4th degree kung fu black sash).

All new starters get a free trial session. After that it is £7 per session, payable at the start of each term.



To book your trial sessions or for more information please click [here](#) or email enquiries@iamgbfit.com.

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



Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs in term 6 are

Tuesdays - **Junior Choir** and Thursdays - **Infant Choir**



Children are expected to attend every week, so 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

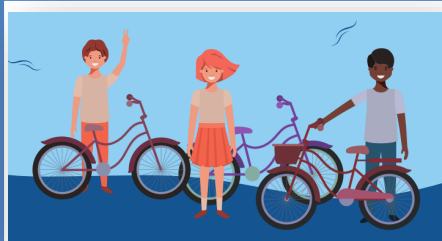
Coffee with the SENDCO!

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.

Next session: Friday 9th June - Reception with Lacey and Jess



COMMUNITY NEWS



Bikeability May half term holiday club - GET CYCLING THIS MAY!

A great way for kids to stay active and learn age appropriate cycle skills. Our Bikeability courses will help your child to ride confidently, develop road safety & planning skills.

We are delivering some Bikeability Level 2 & 3 courses this May half term at The Ardagh Community Trust in Horfield on 1st and 2nd June to develop children's cycle skills and independence. Click [here](#) for more information.



Year Group News

Top DoodleSpell class this week is 1C - well done and keep up the amazing work!



Reception

What an amazing Term 5 Reception have had! We wish you an enjoyable break.

In Term 6 your child must come to school with a named hat as we currently do not have enough spare hats for those children needing them.

The Reception Team



Year 1

Year One have loved arts week! We've had a fantastic time designing flags, making clay animals and exploring pattern making. Our Ndebele paintings were amazing! We really enjoyed our African dance workshop and learnt some fun dance moves - it was so high energy!

This week we also have been practising time and how to read a clock face. Please find opportunities to talk about time and practise reading o'clock and half-past on a clock face



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been showing off their amazing creativity this week for Arts Week! Inspired by Ghana, we have painted and weaved some paper kente cloths, designed flags and enjoyed a whole-school parade on the field.

We also did some junk modelling in our design and technology lesson and



made some fantastic, free-standing Iron Men! We loved having parents in to see our amazing art work, thank you! Enjoy a restful and sunny half term everyone! See you in Term 6.



Year 2 Team

Year 3 What a brilliant way to finish Term 5! Art Week has been really successful with the children creating digital art pieces in the computer suite, a class mural for the parade plus winding yarn to create their South American inspired 'God's Eyes'. The theme this year was 'Around the World' and Year 3 got given South America and the country of Chile as their inspiration. We explored more facts about Chile with a focus on its capital city Santiago, which is known for its bright and vibrant street art scene. The children also used this as a stimulus for their writing this week, where they created free verse poems about Chile and its capital city. In Maths this week, we've been exploring volume and capacity where the children have been looking at converting litres to millilitres. The highlight of the week has to be the surprise visit of the South African choir from Project Zulu. They absolutely blew both the teachers and children away in our assembly and it was so lovely seeing all the children's enthusiasm beaming out of them all day. The children all deserve a wonderful break - see you in Term 6!

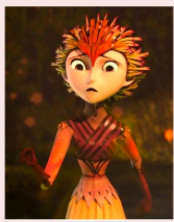
Year 3 Team



Year 3 & 4 Author visit

On Friday 16th June, Carrie Sellon will be visiting Elmlea to introduce her newest side-splitting tale, *Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions*. If you would like a signed copy of the book, please ensure you place your [order](#) by midnight on

Year 4 Y4 have had a fantastic Arts Week which culminated in a celebration of countries today in a parade on the school field. This week, we have studied American artists and the children have really enjoyed expressing themselves in a range of media which have included origami, posca pens with photography and abstract art. We also enjoyed two workshops about drawing comic characters. After being inspired by a video clip in English,



pupils have drafted their characterisation of 'Rock', 'Paper' or 'Scissors'. Children have consolidated their knowledge and understanding of symmetry in their maths lessons, appreciating the need for a mirror. In PE, we were delighted to welcome our Project Zulu visitors and after watching them dance and sing, pupils enjoyed playing rounders with them.

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 Wow! What a superb week we have had in Year 5! We have been such busy bees learning about different cultures, in particular India, as part of Arts Week. We started off the week by creating a collaborative piece of artwork in the style of Bharti Kher, an Indian artist, who creates all her artwork and sculptures around the Bindi. We drew out and cut out lots of different coloured circles and glued them on top of each other to make a beautiful piece of abstract art. We have



also enjoyed dancing our way through the week, as we have enjoyed two dance workshops: Bollywood and South African style – we had so much fun! Alongside this, we were also very fortunate to be visited by the Zulu Choir, students from South Africa, who came to join us for the day and performed some of their songs during assembly! They were amazing! We even had time to do some of our own Indian inspired weaving.



Year 5 Team

Year 6 Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed Arts Week. The theme was 'Around the World' and our country was Japan so we began the week by making some origami cranes. We then chose some Japanese symbols to carefully paint onto our own book marks. As the week went on, we experimented with a range of different mediums like inks and water colours to create some traditional Japanese landscapes and Koi Carp. During the Graffiti workshop outside on the field, we were able to design our own name boards to take home.



Also, 6L wanted to show you their truly wonderful bread creations from last week!

Year 6 Team