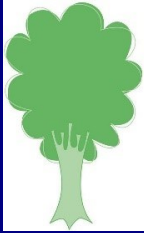


Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 35 Thursday 22nd June 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2022/2023 Academic year

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

INSET DAY Fri 23 June

PTA Discos:

Infants' discos 30th June

Sports Days (Correct dates!)

Mon 3 July Years 3&4

Tues 4 July Years 5&6

Thurs 6 July Infant School

Yr 5 Performances:

Mon 10 2pm & Tues 11 July
6pm

Yr 6 Performances:

Mon 17 2pm & Tues 18 July
6pm

*Doors 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,

We are sending our newsletter out early this week as we have our staff training day tomorrow.

Enrichment Activities - Yr3 and Yr4 had the opportunity this week to visit the Sri Guru Singh Sabah Gurdwara temple to enrich their studies of Sikhism as part of their religion and world views curriculum. The children found the visit really interesting and brought their previous learning in the classroom to life.

Our Reception classes visited Court Farm on Tuesday and had such an enjoyable time and impressed everyone with their fabulous behaviour on such an exciting trip.

Our Junior Orchestra also travelled to Trinity Academy this week to take part in a workshop to create a very large ensemble orchestra, playing together with other children from across Bristol, which was a real privilege.

Thank you so much to our many volunteers who travelled with the children on our trips, without your support the trips cannot take place and your time is much appreciated. Thank you also to all our teachers and the admin team who make the trips happen.

Community - a parent shared with me this week how grateful they were to our parent community for finding her handbag which had dropped out in the road on the way to school and for the parents who found it and returned it via other parents to her. She said it really made her feel how kind and supportive the parent community were and wanted to thank everyone whoever you are for your kindness.

Strike dates - we have been informed by the National Education Union that teachers will be striking on the 5th and 7th July. This means that the schools will be closed to all children, apart from our vulnerable children and those whose parents are working for the emergency services or in a critical care role. We are aware of the impact on our families and understand the additional stress this creates for you and are sorry for this. However, none of our teachers make the decision lightly to strike and they are also not paid for the days they are striking.

Date changes!

Moving up session 2 and stay and play for Reception 2023 has been moved to Tuesday 4th July 1.30pm -2.30pm.

Infant Sports day has moved to 6th July 9.30—11.00am.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Elmlea Schools Trust Sports Day information

We are very much looking forward to our trust Sports Days this term! The children have been getting ready and practising the different events in their PE lessons. We are pleased to be able to invite parents to come along and spectate. It will be so lovely to have some extra support cheering our children on! You will be able to join us on the field and watch the different events as they take place. Both Junior and Infant parents will need to enter via the INFANT school entrance as this will provide easier access to where you can watch. Children will need to wear a top of their house colour (Junior school only), as well as wear a sun hat and bring plenty of water.

Please find the timings below for your child's sports day:

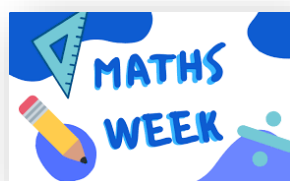
Lower KS2 (Yrs 3&4) - Monday 3rd July 9:30-12:00

Upper KS2 (Yrs 5&6) - Tuesday 4th July 9:30-12:00

Infant School - Thursday 6th July 9:30-11:00 (**rescheduled due to strike on 5th**)



Important: Pictures/videos will not be permitted. We have organised for professional photographs to be taken of the Sports Days and we shall provide you with a download link to enable you to download, print and save as many photographs as you like.
Hannah Patterson and Hannah McKenzie (Trust PE Leads)



Elmlea Maths Week 2023

We have enjoyed our Maths Week across the trust with its focus on money and also jobs that use maths. The children came off timetable on Monday for our Maths Day which saw them completing puzzles, investigations, maths trails, orienteering and collaborative maths activities. One of these was a house competition! Year 6 buddied up with Year 3 to play some maths games. On Thursday, Year 5 and 4 met their infant buddies in Year 2 and 1 to play some number track games. There were also 16 brave Year 3 and 4 pupils who took to the stage for a maths bee. They did brilliantly with some challenging questions.

Thank you to our visitors who came in to speak about maths in their profession. This is something we would like to increase for next year so please let us know if you would be interested. To support with the learning around money, we would suggest spending time exploring coins and finding opportunities to use them with the children in real life context.

PTA Notes

We had such a good time on Friday! The Year 3s brought sequins and squeals, the Year 4s glamour and break-dancing, and the Year 5&6 finale was a sell-out success. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make it possible; we've had some lovely feedback.

Next Friday it's the Infants' turn to light up the dancefloor! As it was so lovely having the courtyard for fresh air during this heat, the Infant discos will now be in the Junior Hall. Please arrive at the Junior gate, enter past the Junior Office, and exit will be through the back, looping back round to near where you came in.

Infants Discos - Friday 30th June

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
16.30-17.15	17.30-18.15	18.30-19.15



Tickets are on sale here until end of Thursday 29th June. NO tickets will be for sale after this point, nor will you be able to buy on the door. Also, we are unable to admit siblings due to health and safety. If you are unable to join your child then you may arrange for them to be supervised by a responsible adult (max 1 adult to 3 children). We will be noting down which adult is responsible for each child on entry. You are very welcome to enjoy a cool drink in the shade; we just need to know each child has an adult there to call on should they need one. Last few slots remaining to help – we still need a First Aider for each disco – we can't do this without your **help!** **And please remember your child's water bottle, it's hot work dancing your socks off!**

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

PS Support us every time you shop online! [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

Music News

A massive well done to everyone who took part in the orchestra workshop at Trinity Academy this week. It was quite an intense few hours but the children coped really well and the performance was amazing. Apparently the event was featured on local radio yesterday so see if you can catch the feature on BBC Sounds.

We are having to move the date of our Summer Orchestra Concert due to the upcoming teacher strikes. We are hoping to move it to the last week of term, but I will be in touch soon to confirm this.



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



Elmlea Schools' Trust voluntary contribution scheme

During each academic year Elmlea Schools' Trust has a scheme to enable parents to make a voluntary contribution. This allows the school to maintain a high and varied standard of activities for our children that will enrich the quality of our children's education throughout the academic year. Examples of some of the additional educational opportunities and resources that we are able to use your voluntary contributions for can

be found [here](#).

We are asking parents and carers to make a suggested voluntary donation of £50 per child through Arbor, although you are welcome to give more or less depending on your financial circumstances. To enable us to financially plan for activities this year, it would be very helpful if you were able to do this by the end of this term. Please go to your Arbor account where you can make payment.

Thank you; your support of the school through your donations is greatly appreciated.
Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher



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

Clubs running this term: 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.



Refugee Week 2023

Refugee Week takes place during the third week of June each year. This year's theme is 'Compassion'. In Junior assemblies, the children have reflected on the thought-provoking poem 'Refugees' by Brian Bilston and learnt about the Windrush generation 75 years on from the arrival of the

Empire Windrush in the UK on 22nd June 1948.

World Humanist Day

21st June is World Humanist Day, falling on the summer/winter solstice each year. We will be learning more about this day in our assemblies next week. You can find out more about Humanism [here](#).



Inclusion Information and Support

Gymanzees

Have a look at the Gymanzees [website](#) - they run pop-ups across Bristol in the holidays for children with disabilities and sensory issues and they also have a lending library to trial resources as well as therapy webinars for parents and carers. Frequently recommended by Educational Psychologists and the Bristol Autism Team!





Year Group News

Reception

Reception had a brilliant time at the farm on Tuesday, the sun shone for us and we fed lambs and watched a cow being milked! Thank you to all the parent helpers that made this experience possible for the children.

We have continued to work on the transition to Year 1 and the children seem very excited about it. Check out Tapestry for what we have been up to!



The Reception Team

Year 1

This week in Year One, we had a great time on our Maths day, moving from classroom to classroom to take part in lots of different, fun activities. Thank you Miss Crook and Mr Weller for organising it all!

We also were kept busy, practising for Fun on the Field and are now experts in balancing eggs on spoons.

In our science lesson this week, we explored the school grounds, looking for different wild plants. Perhaps you could try looking for some when you are out and about? We found lots of clover, lavender, buttercups, daisies as well as several types of wild grass. What other common plants can you find on the way to school?



Year 2

In Year 2 we have enjoyed Maths Week and had a great day rotating around the Infant School classrooms on Monday. Well done for engaging in brilliant discussions about how to be safe and sensible with money in our sessions during the week.

Our Fun on The Field practise continued and the children showed off their amazing agility skills and were great at supporting each other.

In English, we published our Tiny Crusader stories after editing them carefully in purple pen. We enjoyed another visit to the Junior School and are getting used to being over there and where everything is! Enjoy your long weekend and we look forward to seeing in Week 4 ready for our castle trip,



Year 2 Team

Year 3 Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week! We have continued to explore various topics deeper and have thoroughly enjoyed all that Money Week has had to offer! We first started with World Maths Day which challenged us to lots of puzzles, investigations and time with our Year 6 buddies! We combined our English and Topic this week through using our

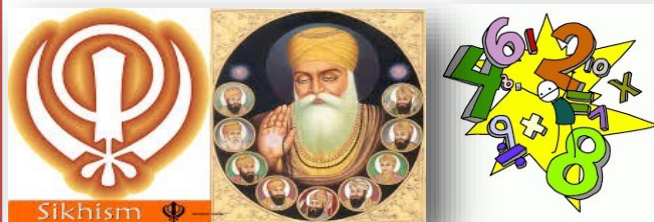


persuasive writing skills to explain what changes we would make to Westbury-on-Trym if we were asked to remodel it. We thought about environmental changes and how we could protect more of the physical geography features such as wildlife parks. We finally set off to a Gurdwara today to support us with our learning in Religion and Worldviews. The children were so well behaved and asked lots of insightful questions. Have a great weekend Year 3!

Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting Money Week, the highlight of which was Maths Day on Monday. Money themed maths lessons have taken place this week which have consolidated knowledge and understanding about pocket money, earning money and the cost of owning a pet. Children were commended for their excellent behaviour when representing the school on our visit to the largest Gurdwara in Bristol. This supported our work on Sikhism in Religion and World Views. In English, pupils have



successfully planned their final non-chronological reports about Westbury-on-Trym. In DT, pupils ably finished their embroidery book marks and are now ready to starting planning their 3D project pieces. In Jigsaw, pupils have continued learning about their amazing bodies. Children have used classification keys to identify successfully vertebrates, invertebrates and trees.

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed Money Week this week and have thrown themselves into all the wonderful activities. The week started off with "Maths Day" where they took part in a carousel of activities involving making 3D shapes, using tangrams to create different pictures and working in their house teams to solve a variety of challenges and earn points for their houses. Alongside this, they have also been busy rehearsing Treasure Island, ready for their performances on the **10th and 11th July**. In Art, we have been continuing with our topic on statues and this week have been busy designing a statue that they feel would represent modern Bristol. We have also been doing some preparation ahead of our fieldwork trip next Wednesday, to the centre of Bristol, where we will carry out some questionnaires with the public and go on a historical walking tour of Bristol.



Just a little reminder that costumes will need to be in school by **Friday 30th June** so that they can be checked and ready for the dress rehearsal on the 6th July.

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week, year 6 have had a fantastic Money Week which began with Maths Day where we participated in maths themed orienteering, board games with our year 3 buddies as well as code cracking and maths mysteries. Later in the week we discussed and explored important money matters such as the difference between debit and credit cards as well as how interest works and learning how to budget. In addition, we have finished our final writing progress pieces based on the mysteries of Harris Burdick.



Year 6 Leavers Party in case you missed it , the Year 6 Leavers Party letter can be found here [here](#).

Year 6 Team