

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 36 Friday 30th June 2023



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

## 2022/2023 Academic year

### Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

### **Sports Days**

Mon 3 July Years 3&4

Tues 4 July Years 5&6

Thurs 13 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,

Hooray, our summer school trips have continued this week with Yr2 travelling to Caldicot Castle, Yrs 5 and 6 have visited the centre of Bristol to visit the sites where events they have studied this year have taken place and our Junior choir travelled to the Bristol Beacon for a Summer Sing. Every visit offsite with so many children is always a large undertaking but so worthwhile, as we know how much the trips mean to the children, for many it is a highlight of the year. We are very grateful to all those in school who enable school visits to happen and to our many parent volunteers who attend, without you all school trips are not possible.

**Moving Up session 2** - Next week is our final moving up session when all children visit again their new classroom, spend time with their peers and meet their new teacher. Our Reception 2023 children will also be arriving for a stay and play and as a reminder, we will be selling second hand uniform under the canopy for our new children.

**INSET date change** – Please note our June INSET date next year has been changed from 21st June 2024 to the 28th June 2024, due to a clash with the Yr6 residential camp.

**Parking safely and with consideration for our neighbours** – Unfortunately someone parked across a drive on the yellow lines on The Dell and argued with the neighbour and refused to move. I have apologised to the neighbour on Elmlea's behalf. We all understand drop off is a stressful time for families but in school we would rather your child was a few minutes late if it means you can park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.

**Bravo Charlie!** – Charlie M in Yr6 travelled to Cambridge University this week to represent Elmlea in the national French Bee finals. Charlie achieved a personal best score and we are so proud of Charlie who showed great courage in front of a packed audience.

### **Reminder of dates for next week**

Yrs 3 and 4 sports day 3rd July

Yrs 5 and 6 sports day 4th July

Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July- School Strike Day – School is closed to all children, except those considered vulnerable or whose parents are emergency service workers or work in critical care.

**Lorraine Wright,**  
**Executive Headteacher**



### Music News

Phew, what a term...A massive well done to the members of Junior Choir who performed at the Beacon on Tuesday afternoon. It was so uplifting to hear them sing in harmony together with the children of two other Bristol schools. We hope to sing them again in one of our assemblies in two week's time. Please note, there are no choir clubs in the final week of term. However, there WILL be an orchestra rehearsal in the morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Keep practising the pieces next week.

We are really looking forward to our final concert of the year on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm in the junior hall. We will be hearing performances from both orchestras and the guitar groups as well as some soloists. A letter has been sent out with further details.

**NOTICE:** The Junior and Infant choir will NOT be running in the last week of term. However Junior Orchestra WILL be rehearsing on Wednesday 19th (the day of the concert) Parents have not paid for this session so it will be in lieu of the one on 5th July (strike day).



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

### Your Library needs you! Call for library helpers in the Junior School

We have had a great year so far with the library fully operational and lots of new books arriving soon too! We have a two or three Parent Volunteers who help us with the ongoing management of the library on a rota system and are doing a fantastic job so thank you! With the library being so busy we could do with another 2 or 3 helpers. We hope that the new volunteers could start in Term 1 and be able to help us throughout the new academic year 2023/24. If you are interested please email [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) as soon as possible to let us know if you are able to help out and to give us an idea of your availability. We will then be in touch to sort out your DBS.



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

Clubs running this term: Tuesdays - **Junior Choir** and Thursdays - **Infant Choir**

**Please note: Infant and Junior Choir will NOT be running on the last week of term.**

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.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 9:30-12:00

**Upper KS2 (Yrs 5&6)** - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9:30-12:00

**Infant School** - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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)

### PTA Notes

We can't wait to see Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco dancers tonight! Ticket sales are now closed; no tickets will be available on the door. Please remember the discos are in the **Junior Hall** – enter by the Junior Office and exit via the top path which loops back to where you will have entered.

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Reception	16.30-17.15
Year 1	17.30-18.15
Year 2	18.30-19.15



Please remember 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. And please remember your child's **water bottle**, it's hot work dancing your socks off!



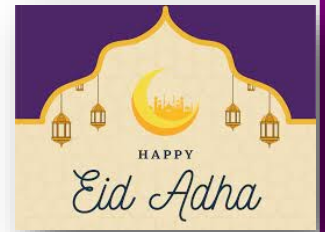
The end of term is hurtling towards us! Only one more ice cream sale! We need help to run these sales...please get in touch [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com) to help with our last sale on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Set-up is from 15.00, happy customers served by 15.30. Thanks!

Thanks - Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)

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

### Eid ul-Adha

This week, Islamic communities marked Eid ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice. This is also the time of year when many Muslims take part in the Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia. The children in both Infant and Junior schools learnt about the festival and its traditions in assembly. You can find out more about Eid ul-Adha [here](#). We hope that everyone in our Elmlea community who was celebrating had a lovely time.



### Cheerleading club - Elmlea Eagles just won!



Our cheerleading after school club on Tuesdays have been building up to this competition since September 2022. After a lot of hard work and dedication throughout the academic year the group of 13 girls from a mix of all year groups put out a fantastic performance at South West Varsity and placed joint 1st! Congratulations to everyone that was involved.

If you are thinking about signing up for cheer club next academic year pop along [here](#) and join the waiting list. The club runs Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm in the school dance studio. If you have previous experience, Predator Athletics Cheer, have try-outs coming up for all of their teams. Their bespoke cheerleading gym is based in the Greenway Centre, a 5 min drive from the school. Head over to their instagram [@predatorscheer](#) to find out more about tryouts and the teams they offer.

## Inclusion Information and Support



### Bristol Parent Carer Forum

Have you heard of the [Bristol Parent Carer Forum](#)?

They are a non-profit organisation based in Bristol, consisting of volunteer parent carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). As a pan-disability charity, they provide information and support to all families, regardless of their child's type of need or diagnosis status. One of the most valuable things they have on their website is the 'events' page where they list everything that is happening in Bristol from across loads of organisations for inclusive events! A brilliant one-stop-shop as we approach the summer holidays!





### Taekwon-Do Grading Achievements

I should like to congratulate the Westbury-on-Trym TKD students who took part in the Bristol Taekwon-Do Grading, on Friday 9th June at Little Stoke Community Hall. Every single Grade promotion is a significant achievement for many reasons; they need to reach the required standard in technique, knowledge and attitude to be successful; with each promotion the syllabus becomes more challenging, which in turn means the student needs more commitment in their training; and every new rank accom-



plished, brings more responsibility, skill and dedication.

I'm extremely pleased to announce these Grade promotions:

- 3rd Kup - Red Stripe** Anaiya
- 6th Kup - Green Belt** Thomas
- 7th Kup - Green Stripe** Joe
- 8th Kup - Yellow Belt** Margaux
- 9th Kup - Yellow Stripe** Sofia
- Grade 2 - Orange Stripe** Evie

Well done everyone.

**Get Fit, Have Fun, Gain Confidence & Life Skills** while maintaining the discipline & etiquette required for a Martial Art **First two classes are free!**

**Monday & Thursday: 5.10pm - 5.50pm** Junior 1 Class (7-12yrs) ~ White Belts to Green Stripes  
Students can continue their training by moving up to the Junior 2 Class when they achieve Green Belt, and then onto the Adult Class at 13yrs. Westbury-on-Trym TKD has students still training who started as in September 2010!

**6.00pm - 6.55pm** Junior 2 Class (7-12yrs) ~ Green Belts and above

**7.00pm - 7.55pm** Adults (13+) ~ all Grades and Black Belt Class

**Classes continue throughout the school holidays!** (with a slight change to the timetable) or more information or to book the 1<sup>st</sup> free class, contact Miss Fran White [w-o-t.tkd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:w-o-t.tkd@hotmail.co.uk) or **07787956050**



### Henleaze Tennis Club Summer Holidays and Term 1 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 can be found here about our [September after school tennis club \(term 1\)](#) & [summer holiday junior tennis camp](#)



Come and join us at our *Summer Productions 2023*

at the **REDGRAVE THEATRE**



**SHOW 1**  
Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 15:30 - 17:00

**Pirate Joe**  
(Westbury-on-Trym Lower Primary)

**LITTLE MONSTERS**  
(Westbury-on-Trym Upper Primary)

**Drama Dayze**  
(Cotham Youth Theatre)

**SHOW 2**  
Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 18:30 - 20:00

**Pirate Joe**  
(Downend Lower Primary)

**LITTLE MONSTERS**  
(Downend Upper Primary)

**Murder at Mornington Manor**  
(Downend Youth Theatre)

**SHOW 3**  
Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 12:00 - 13:30

**Murder at Mornington Manor**  
(Downend Youth Theatre)

**Drama Dayze**  
(Cotham Youth Theatre)

**FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE!**

**Hamlet**  
(Cotham Adult Studio)

**TICKETS** are on sale for the Redgrave online at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Search for:

- Helen O'Grady Bristol production 2023 Show 1
- Helen O'Grady Bristol production 2023 Show 2
- Helen O'Grady Bristol production 2023 Show 3

[bristol@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:bristol@helenogrady.co.uk)  
[helenogradydramabristol](https://www.instagram.com/helenogradydramabristol)  
 07821 855853



Could we once again remind parents to use the correct email address which is:

[info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com)

and not any of the old ones eg/ [info@elmleajunior](mailto:info@elmleajunior) as they are no longer in use and your email will not reach us.

Thanks



# Year Group News

## Reception

Reception have had another great week! We have released our butterflies, learnt about bumblebees and enjoyed lots of positive talk about the upcoming move to Year 1!

Next week will be our last week of using Tapestry before the summer and further communication will come out soon about how to download your child's journal - watch this space!

It has come to our attention that the new school paint we have started using does not wash out of clothes. Please can we take this opportunity to apologise, we were unaware that the paint was not water based anymore and therefore would stain. We have passed on this message to all our staff so that they are aware and will be ensuring painting aprons are used whenever necessary.



Have a great weekend! The Reception Team

## Year 1

This week in Year One we've been writing an information leaflet about a toy. We had fun watching some old television adverts for toys through the decades, such as Etch-a-Sketch from the 1950s and Sky Dancers from the 1990s. The children's fashions made for an interesting discussion and we were proud of how hard the children worked to write down all the facts that they learnt about each toy.



In our maths lessons, we practised reading scales, to compare the weights of objects in the classroom. It would be great if you could find opportunities to explore weighing items at home in grams using kitchen scales.

Year 1 Team

## Year 2

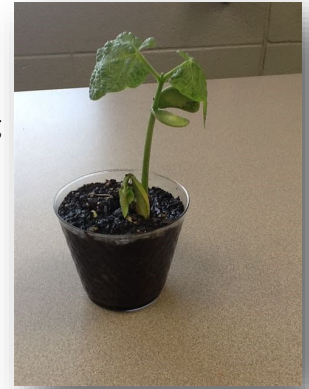
What a great week we have had in Year 2 with our amazing trip to Caldicot Castle! The Year 2 teachers want to say a massive well done to all of the children for behaving and representing the school so brilliantly. We are all very grateful to our fantastic parent helpers too, thank you! On Wednesday we had a visit from the school nurses who helped us remember how to keep our teeth healthy and we enjoyed a game of curling in the Junior studio. During English we learnt about the role of a knight and the role of a page, can your children tell you any facts about them?



Year 2 Team

### Year 3

This week has been another very busy week. At this late stage in the year, it is important that the children enjoying some downtime when they aren't in school. It has been so lovely to hear about various camping trips and fun activities that you have been enjoying on the weekends! In English this week, we have continued to think about persuasion but this time from a different perspective, a villain! We wrote very impressive persuasive speeches assuming the role of a villain and enjoyed sharing these with our Year 6 buddies. We have been recapping roman numerals in maths and have continued to carefully observe our bean plants in science and have been logging changes in our bean diaries. In PE, we have been practising our events ready for our sports day on Monday, we hope to see lots of you there cheering us on!

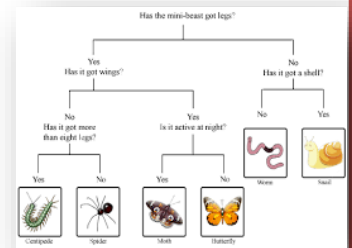


Year 3 Team

### Year 4



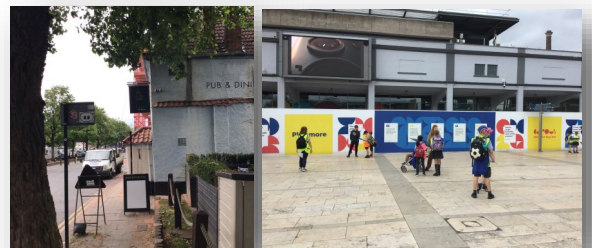
Year 4 have enjoyed their week at school, especially preparing for next week's Sports' Day. In English, all pupils have now successfully published their non-chronological reports about Westbury-on-Trym. In maths, pupils have worked incredibly hard to improve their knowledge and understanding about time. Children have demonstrated their ability to use classification keys to identify different



invertibrates and also different trees in science. Pupils reflected carefully on their visit to the Gurdwara earlier this month and learnt more about the 5Ks of Sikh faith and enjoyed sharing the artefacts we have in school. Well done, Year 4!

Y4 Teaching Team

**Year 5** What a brilliant week! We have been busy working hard on our production. On Wednesday, we went to Bristol Harbourside and completed our geography field work. We asked the public questions to complete our questionnaires and looked at different land use. We also enjoyed our history tour run by Elmlea Tours! Did you know the Hole in the wall was used to warn their friends about press-gangs? Another highlight of our trip was visiting our exhibition at the Arnolfini. We felt particularly proud to see our artwork displayed. In PE, we practised our events ready for sports day next week! Keep up the hard work year 5!



**Year 5 Performance of TREASURE ISLAND! Monday 10th July '23 at 1:45pm and Tuesday 11th July at 6pm**

Come and join Year 5 on an exciting adventure with their production **TREASURE ISLAND!** Book your places using the Microsoft Form that was been emailed to you on Monday. Two people from each family will be able to book to attend, you do not have to come on the same day but you will only have 2 spaces per child in total – not per show. All money raised from this production will go towards the RSPCA as chosen by Y5. Please bring your phones/ cards as donations will be made by QR codes. Please also note there is a strict no photo policy, however, professional photographs will be taken of the show. We can't wait to share our hard work with you! See you there mates!

Year 5 Team

### Year 6

This week, year 6 have been working hard on their rehearsals for their end of year production of Horrible Elmlea Histories. They enjoyed sharing their maths themed board games with their Y3 buddies on Wednesday as well as visiting the Harbourside for our geography fieldwork trip and historical walking tour.



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

Year 6 Team