

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 37 Friday 7th July 2023



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

## 2022/2023 Academic year

### Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

### **Sports Day**

**Junior Upper School (Yr**

**5&6) Tues 11 July**

**Infant School**

**Thurs 13 July**

### **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,

This week we have held our first of many Elmlea sports day for Yrs 3 and 4 which was really successful. Thank you to the many parents who attended. We hope that moving the running track nearer to the bank for you to see the races more clearly has made the experience more rewarding and we know the children have really enjoyed the change around. We all have our fingers crossed for good weather for our sports days next week.

Yrs 5 and 6 - Tuesday 11th July

Infant School sports day - Thursday 13th July



### **School reports**

This week you will have all received your child's school report. The reports contain a lot of information including outcomes from teacher assessments as well as in depth description of your child's personal development and attitudes. Thank you to all of our teachers who have really considered each child and written such thoughtful and insightful reports. There is a link on the covering email for you to complete too – please respond so we have your views on your child's year at Elmlea.

### **Parking**

We have had a notice from the Baptist Church Pre-School that parents have been using the car park and consequently their staff are unable to park in there in the mornings. Please do not use this car park it is for the pre-school staff.

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



### **Job opportunity - Play worker**

A wonderful opportunity has arisen to be part of Elmlea's lunchtime provision team, as a play worker. If you would like to find out please follow this [link](#) for more information about the role.



### Music News

We have one more rehearsal of the junior choir before they perform three of their songs for the rest of the school in singing assembly. Well done to those who have offered to learn an extra part or take on a solo for this event. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July we have our final concert of the year when the orchestras, guitar and ukulele groups are performing their pieces to parents. Keep practising!

I have had several emails asking about clubs for next year, there will be an opportunity to sign up for these at the very beginning of term 1.



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

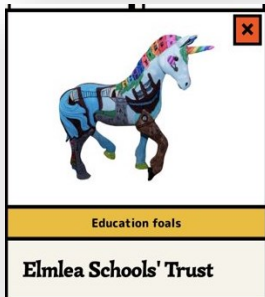
### Reading volunteers needed! A message from the Junior School English Team



Reading volunteers needed! We are looking to organise parent volunteer reading slots for term 1 in the Junior School.

Please email [rosie.leach@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:rosie.leach@elmleaschoolstrust.com) with the days and times (straight after drop off is the best time if possible), you are able to come into school and read with children in the Junior school. We would like people to commit to a minimum of a term. Thank you very much!

### Unicornfest 2023



This year, Elmlea Schools' Trust have taken part in the Unicornfest, which is a Unicorn trail around Bristol. All the money raised goes to the leading charity, Leukemia Care. The Unicornfest is part of the 650th anniversary celebrations for Bristol, which seeks to unite the business and creative sectors, as well as local communities and schools across Bristol and the surrounding area, bringing art, colour and fun to the streets of the city this year. All of the large unicorns and the small education foals officially went on display on the 3rd July 2023



and will be available for all to see throughout the course of the summer. As a trust, we painted our own unicorn foal with one side being completed by the Infant school winner and the other by the Junior school winner. There is an app available to download with a map to help you locate all of the unicorns as well as a PDF version that can be viewed on their website. Take as many selfies with the unicorns as you can and keep an eye out for our foal! Click [here](#) for more information.

### PTA Notes

Whoop! We had a second round of fantastic discos on Friday – with the added bonus of parents being cajoled onto the dance floor! Reception brought sequins and great moves, turning into secret agents to relieve parents of money and car keys (!); Year 1 polished the floor nicely with their bottom dancing; and Y2 flossed and jived while getting covered in foam! Big thanks to everyone – from supporting the PTA through buying a ticket and a drink, to volunteering on the door or bar, to Henry and Steve for staying late to lock up, and to our brilliant disco PTA team. It's wonderful to be able to raise funds for the school while giving the kids a great time.



**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 - 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](#)

## Inclusion Information and Support

### Days out for children and young people with SEND



Wondering what to do this summer? Have a look at the [Bristol Local Offer](#) for details of accessible trips, activities and days out for families with children who have disabilities and/or SEND. Activities include cinema screenings, restaurants, local attractions, day centres and help when out and about.



# Year Group News

## Reception

This is our final week using Tapestry. You will get your final observations through at the end of the day today and receive further details on Friday about how to download your child's journal.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> we would like to have a class party in the afternoon during school time to celebrate the end of the year with the children. Please send your child to school that day wearing home clothes with a small party snack in a reusable container that they can then bring home again. *Please remember to bring your child's snacks in when you drop them off at the start of the day as we can't allow forgotten plates to be brought in once the school day has started.*

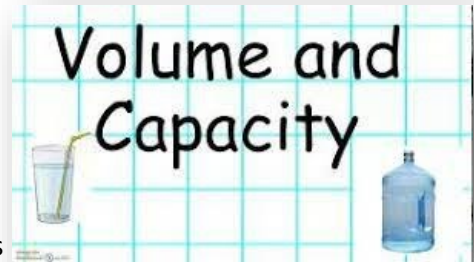


The Reception Team

## Year 1

Year 1 have been busy learning about capacity this week, maybe you could find a measuring jug at home and have some fun with water! We have also been practising hard for Fun on the Field, next Thursday 13th.

KEY DATE: On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of July we will be having our end of year class parties! Your child can come in home clothes and bring a named plate of food in with them. This will be in addition to their lunch so only needs to be small! Please remember we are a nut free school and bring a reusable plate that can be bought back home to reduce waste. *Please remember to bring your child's snacks in when you drop them off at the start of the day as we can't allow forgotten plates to be brought in once the school day has started.*



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Year 2 have continued their topic learning this week by researching castle facts and recapping the features of a castle. We used handwriting pens to record fantastic sentences using conjunctions and adjectives in our English books. We worked through division strategies and questions in maths and answered some word problems using our knowledge and skills. Year 2 enjoyed a shuffle up afternoon with their new teachers on Tuesday and had a great lunch over at the Junior school. Please bring in cardboard boxes for next Wednesday when children will start making their siege engines- thank you!



**Year 2 Fun on the Field - Wednesday 12th July** we have organised a surprise for the Year 2 children on Wednesday next week. Please can you ensure your child is wearing their PE kit on this day as well as have a sun hat and plenty of water. Children will also need to ensure they are wearing sunscreen before coming to school.  
**End of year class parties - Thursday 20th July** Your child can wear home clothes; please send them in with a named (reusable) plate of food. Remember we are a nut free school. *Please remember to bring your child's snacks in when you drop them off at the start of the day as we can't allow forgotten plates to be brought in once the school day has started.*

Year 2 Team

### Year 3

Year 3 had an amazingly successful 'Sports Day' on Monday, and we were lucky that weather just about held out for everyone. The children loved taking part in their first sports day supporting their house teams and it was great seeing comradery and encouragement from everyone. All the teachers commented on how well the children behaved and that their was a great atmosphere across the whole morning.



This week the children have also planned and wrote letters to their new teachers, telling them all about themselves and what they enjoy doing both in and out of school. The children also loved their second shuffle-up session where they got to spend time within their new classes.

Year 3 Team

### Year 4

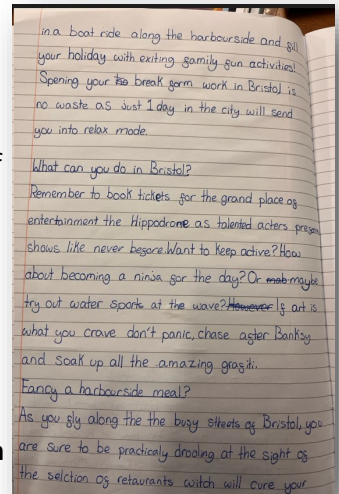
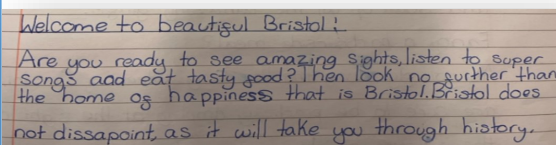
Y4 have had a fun but short week in school. Our successful Sports Day was a great start to the week and pupils represented their houses brilliantly in the races and activity circuits and all earned important house points towards the trophies. DT was a highlight also and children started their final animal sewing projects. We were impressed with the way in which everyone carefully made their templates and then pinned and started sewing the different elements of the front section together. In PSHE, we discussed different changes that happen to us when we are younger that we do not have control over and the emotions associated with these changes, for example, moving house and growing up. Well done Year 4!



Y4 Teaching Team

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been busy preparing for their dress rehearsal of 'Treasure Island'. We loved performing to the school and our Year 2 buddies are all very excited to be sharing our production with our families next week! There are two shows: Monday 10th at 1:45pm and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Don't forget to book your tickets if you haven't yet! We have also been working hard on our 'Visit Bristol' persuasive leaflets in our English lessons and we have learnt about the lifecycle of a human in our science lesson.



Year 5 Team

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have enjoyed setting up science investigations based on our topic of microbes. One of these was a mouldy bread task where we are investigating what might speed up or slow down the growth of mould on different slices of bread (saliva was a popular vote!). We're looking forward to some thoroughly revolting results over the next couple of weeks! In other news, we have begun our follow up activities to our geography fieldwork trip to the Harbourside. Over the next week, we will be using our computing skills and presentation skills to summarise our findings.



**Year 6 Leaver's Service** - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 9 -10am **parents are invited!**

Year 6 Team