

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 38 Friday 14th July 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2022/2023

Academic year

Term 6:

Yr 5 Performances:

Mon 10 2pm & Tues 11
July 6pm

Yr 6 Performances

Mon 17 2pm & Tues 18
July 6pm

Doors open

*1:30pm/5:45pm for a
prompt start at*

1:45pm/6pm

Music concert

Weds 19 at 6pm

Yr6 parents leavers assembly

Fri 21st 9-10am

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

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 click [here](#) for more information about the role.



Dear parents and carers,

Our penultimate week of term has been full of celebrations of sport, music and drama, and engineering to name a few as well as celebrating our Yr6 KS2 SATs results. We have more events planned for next week and look forward to enjoying our last week of the school year together.

Yr5's fantastic production of Treasure Island received the longest round of applause from parents I had ever heard which was very well deserved by every child.

On Wednesday and Thursday we managed to dodge the rain with a **Shine event for Yr2 on the field and our Infant sports day** both of which were a resounding success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and team work. Thank you to all our parents who attended and cheered the children on and to our staff team who made it happen.

The lego engineering team have visited Yr5 this week too and every class has had the opportunity to enjoy a robotics workshop using their engineering skills – they have commented on how ingenious and creative the children have been as well as working so well in their teams.

Our Yr6 SATS results arrived this week as all reading and Maths papers have been marked by external examiners – we know that every child in Yr6 has worked so hard and achieved their very best and we are proud of them all. The children's outcomes reflect their whole school experience since joining us in Reception and we know they are now ready and prepared for the next stage of their school journey,

Subject	Expected standard +	Greater depth standard
Reading	93%	58%
Writing	83%	21%
Maths	93%	41%
Reading, Writing and Maths combined	83%	15%

Safeguarding and confidentiality

At Elmlea we are proud of having such a large community of adoptive families - many families have told us that they chose Elmlea specifically because of the support and provisions we offer, not just for the children, but for the parents as well.

Confidentiality around adoption is paramount and it is vital for those families, children and parents alike, to be able to share their stories as and when they feel comfortable and ready, if at all. Adoptive families might have different approach to sharing their stories, these stories are very personal and very important for adoptive families to own in order to protect their children.

As you will know from some of the newsletters earlier in the year, there can also be some very real safeguarding risks around some children who have been adopted. Therefore, it is even more important that information about children who are adopted is not discussed. If knowledge of an adoptive family comes to you from any source other than that family directly sharing it with you, please could you report this to the school, to Lacey Flook and Rob Salisbury who are the Designated Teachers for the Trust. This is so we can then ensure that the family is aware that this knowledge is being discussed openly and support them appropriately, if necessary.

You can contact Lacey on Lacey.Flook@elmleaschoolstrust.com and request a call to discuss any concerns.

**Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher**

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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

Please email rosie.leach@elmleaschooltrust.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!

PTA Notes

£12,700!

We're thrilled to announce that this year's PTA funOur Great Coronation Raffle raised a super £3,700, and End of Year Discos £1,800. Quiz night and Christmas market raised over £700 each and Ice Creams £550. Your excellent efforts at reusing second-hand uniform has raised £880 whilst helping the environment. We have also been able to send second-hand toys to Aidbox, and grey uniform to Shirehampton School.

Overall we are able to pledge £15,000 to the Trust. Already this year the PTA has funded some bright and engaging markings for the Reception playground. Do join us at our AGM in September to hear more about future fundraising and spending plans. draising efforts have raised a brilliant...



You are still able to contribute over the Summer! Remember that by going through [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) when you shop online retailers will donate to Elmlea!

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

Inclusion Information and Support

Some ideas for things to do this summer...that are **FREE!**



For 50 free things to do in Bristol with kids visit

[This Bristol Brood](#)

For more great free attractions, activities and events for you to enjoy without costing you a penny head to

[Visit Bristol.](#)



NEW Service: Pathways to Short Breaks

The project is DfE funded and is specifically designed to support children and young people aged from 8-18 with social communication and interaction needs, who are experiencing anxiety and are socially isolated. For more information click [here](#).



**Shine After School programme from September
Goes live Weds 19th July!**

Please note that the Shine After School programme running from September goes live for booking on **Wednesday 19th July 12.30pm.**

All current bookers with Shine will be given notice by the Shine newsletter that the clubs are going live.

Details for the Club Programmes for September to December'23 can be found here: [Infants](#) and [Juniors](#) Or log into the [Shine](#) website.



**Little Dragons kung fu at Elmlea Infants - Teaching kids positive life skills.
We have space in September!**



After another great year, we have 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



A message from Monkhouse (school uniform supplier)



We're now reaching a busy time and our store appointments are filling up fast. Therefore, we strongly recommend parents of new starters make sure to book their store appointment at the soonest opportunity.

As well as our popular store appointments, parents who shop between now and the end of July can make use of:

- **Early bird offers and deals including 40% off shirts & blouses**
- **Free extended returns**
- **Entry to our £50 voucher prize draw**
- **Better stock levels and availability**



Please see this [flyer](#) with information on the 40% off shirts & blouses promotion





Year Group News

Joint top DoodleSpell classes this week are **1C** and **2R** - well done on brilliant spellings and keep up the good work everyone!



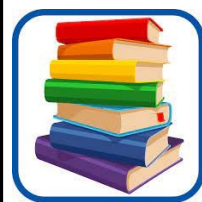
End of year Infant school class parties on Thurs 20 July! Your child can come in home clothes & bring a named plate of food (this will be in addition to their lunch so only needs to be small) Please remember we are a nut free school and bring a reusable plate to reduce waste. *Please remember to bring your child's snacks in when you drop them off at the start of the day as we can't allow forgotten items to be brought in once the school day has started.*

Reception

Don't forget! Your child's Tapestry account is now inactive and their online journal containing all their learning throughout the year is ready for you to download and keep in PDF format. Thank you for all your contributions throughout the year to their online learning journal and we hope that you have found it a positive way of working with us to support your child's learning journey throughout Reception.

Please follow this [link](#) for instructions on how to download the journal. You will need to log into your Tapestry account via a web browser and the download link will only be available for 90 days. We will not be keeping a copy of the journals so it is important that you download the diary as soon as possible so that it is not lost.

If you have any problems, please email Miss Neal on: abie.neal@elmleaschoolstrust.com



In Year 1 your child will have a SeeSaw account where learning and homework will be shared with you. You will be sent details about this soon and your child's new class teacher will load videos of the Year 1 setting and them reading stories and saying hello over the Summer, just like when your child started Reception.

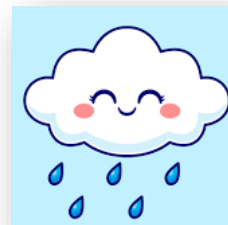
We are collecting Reading Books in on Monday, ready for the end of the year! We hope you enjoy looking at your child's learning diary with them and keeping it as a record of their reception year!

The Reception Team

Year 1

Year One, we are so proud of you. You were all sporting superstars this week! You didn't let a little bit of rain put you off having lots of fun and showing some great sporting skills.

This week we planned and wrote letters to our new Year Two teachers. It was lovely to see you sharing your interests and hobbies and getting excited about moving to your new classes. On Monday, please bring in a named bag so that we can start sending home books and artwork. Please also remember to bring in any school reading scheme books, and library books, as we will be organising them, ready for next year.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week and feel very lucky to have avoided the worst of the rain. Our fun on the field with Shine was a fantastic time and we all loved the bouncy castle. Sports day was great fun and we are thankful for the support that all parents provided by cheering us on. In class, we completed our DT project by creating our siege engines. The children had to show resilience and problem solving. Some made battering rams and some made mangonels. They each involved different techniques and the children were very creative with their solutions.

A reminder we have class party next week so children can bring a small plate of snacks to have in the afternoon. These must be brought in at the start of the day.

Could children please bring in a carrier bag by Wednesday ready to start sending home books and work. Also, we will be collecting in all reading books on Monday ready to check supplies so please could you bring all books back.

Please click [here](#) for the Year 3 Parents' Information Evening slides.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

What an amazing penultimate week we have had in year 3. We spent most of the week honing our DT skills to make themed photo frames for our favourite places in Elmlea. We used a variety of skills including: measuring, cutting, sawing and decorating. They all look amazing, and the children should be very proud. We have also continued looking at plants with our Science trip to the Botanical gardens, writing 'flower poetry' in English and data collection around the school grounds in Maths. We expect that all library books will have been returned to the school by now but if there are any left at home, please return ASAP so we can make sure the school library is ready for a fresh start in September.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy week in school and included a fantastic visit to the University of Bristol Botanical Gardens which improved their knowledge and understanding about plants. In English, pupils have planned and written letters to their new teachers which they have carefully illustrated. The reading comprehension text this week was especially inspiring as it was from Alistair Humphreys' Greatest Adventurers about the incredible expeditions of 20 explorers. In maths, pupils have revised their understanding about different types of angles and about translation. In Jigsaw, children reflected on the last year and about moving on in September. All classes enjoyed rounders on the field in their games lesson. Well done, Year 4!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

What a swashbuckling adventure it has been in Year 5 this week! The children were absolutely AMAZING in their production of Treasure Island and showed off just how hard they have been working over the last few months! We were all so proud of them – they did a great job! Alongside the production, they have also been busy editing and publishing their persuasive tourist leaflets about Bristol, which are all fabulous! They have also enjoyed Robotics Day, where their teamwork was put to the test, as they worked together to write and use coding and Lego to solve different challenges. In art, we also began constructing our Bristol inspired sculptures using wire and mod-roc. This was one of our highlights of the week, albeit a very messy one. In true Elmlea style, we didn't allow the rain to totally dampen our sporting spirit as we took to the playground to take part in some of our sports day activities: hurdles, javelin, skipping, standing jump amongst others.



We would just like to say a HUGE thank you to all of Year 5 and their parents and carers for their donations for the RSPCA charity. The children raised over £200!!

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week, year 6 have worked super hard on the finishing touches to their production of Horrible Elmlea Histories – we look forward to performing for you next week!



We have also enjoyed creating our sculptures to represent Bristol and will finish them off next week.

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

Year 6 Team