

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 3 Friday 22nd September 2023



## 2023/24 Academic year

### Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct '23

**Reception Curriculum Information Evening**

Thurs 28 Sept 6-7pm

**School Photos** (Individual & Sibling) Tues 3 & Weds 4 Oct

**Nasal Flu Vaccination**

Fri 6 Oct

**Parents Evenings** Tues 17 & Thurs 19 Oct

### Term 2

Mon 30 Oct- Fri 15 Dec '23

**INSET DAY** Mon 30 Oct

First day of Term Tues 31 Oct

### Term 3

Tues 2 Jan- Fri 9th Feb '24

**INSET DAY** Tues 2 Jan

First day of Term Weds 3 Jan '24

### Term 4

Mon 19 Feb to Thurs 28 March '24

**INSET DAY** Mon 18 March

### Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May  
May Bank Holiday Mon 6 May

### Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

**INSET DAY** Fri 28 June

Last Day of Term

Tues 23 July

See [website](#) for more info.

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an excellent third week of the school year and I am so pleased that all of the Junior school have started their trips to Mojo Active for their outdoor adventure experiences. The children travel as a class to Mojo up at Almondsbury and experience activities that require a lot of team work, resilience and perseverance. The experience really bonds the class together and is such a great way for them to get to know each other. Thank you to all the staff teams for working together to ensure 360 children attend and also to you as parents for supporting this.

**Reception 2023** Our new Reception children have begun their full time school journey this week and coped well with the demands of the school week. They are all very tired as a result and a relaxing weekend to recharge their batteries will ensure they bounce back in again next week. We also look forward to welcoming all our Reception families to our Early Years Foundation Stage Information evening next Thursday 28th September at 6.00pm.

**Parking** We have had information of another near miss as a parent chose to park on the pavement at drop off and drove onto the pavement to park when a child was on it. Please don't park on the pavements the road is wide enough.

**Canford Park** Many of our families visit Canford Park and this is a reminder to ensure that your children are supervised whilst at the park. Also if your children are older and attend the park by themselves, please ensure you are confident that they would know what to do if approached by anyone who made them feel uncomfortable or if they witnessed anything that upset them.

**Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher**



### **Would you like to be one of the team? Elmlea Schools' Trust Admin Job Opportunity**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a part time (4 days per week, 26 hours per week) Term Time only Administrator here at Elmlea Schools' Trust, working across both schools.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, hardworking and adaptable administrator to join our supportive admin team. More information and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

**CLOSING DATE: 24th September 2023, 12am.**





### Music News

This week all of the music clubs have started. It is lovely to see so many children involved in music-making!

At **orchestra** yesterday the children were handed a pack of music to practise in advance of our orchestra workshop on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure they bring this music to all orchestra rehearsals. A letter will be sent out with further details on this event next week.

In **Junior Choir** we have started to learn the songs for our Winter Sing on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the newly opened Beacon Hall. The performance is in the evening so keep the date free!

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

### School Photos Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October

A reminder that Individual & Sibling School Photos will be taking place in school on Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October.



### PTA Notes



You are warmly invited to join us for drinks and nibbles at our Launch meeting and AGM on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 19.30, Junior Hall** (Junior entrance). It would be helpful if Class Reps attended.

Thank you to those who have become Class Reps! We still need Reps for Maple and 6S. It's not an onerous role and provides a vital channel from PTA to classes.

For the PTA to fundraise and provide fun events for parent/carers and pupils this year we are reliant on recruiting a new co-Chair and Secretary. Do get in touch on the email below for a chat if you're interested in either of these roles.

Best wishes,

**Jen (outgoing Chair), Debbie (in-coming Co-chair), Tina (Co-treasurer), Lucy (outgoing Secretary), Joy (Posters; Class rep coordinator)** [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)

P.S. Remember to use [Easyfundraising](#) when shopping online! We raise funds and it won't cost you a penny!

### Nasal Flu spray at Elmlea Fri 6 Oct - consent required

The flu vaccine will be administered using a nasal spray, it is free and painless.

Please read this [letter](#) which explains how to let us know whether or not you would like your child to be vaccinated.

**IMPORTANT:** Please complete the consent form using the link given below (also included in the letter) indicating whether or not you wish your child to have the vaccine. <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

Please complete the form as soon as possible, as the **consent system will close at 9am on Weds 4th Oct**

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.

**Please complete the consent form even if you do NOT want your child to receive the vaccination.**



### £1 Bristol Bears tickets!

Just a 'Quid a kid' for Under 12s for the Bristol Bears v Harlequins match next Saturday 28 October at Ashton Gate.

Click [here](#) for more information or visit the [website](#).





### 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 8th September 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 accomplished, brings more responsibility, skill and dedication.

I'm extremely pleased to announce these Grade promotions:

**1st Kup - Black Stripe** Bahar

**7th Kup - Green Stripe** Jack

**3rd Kup - Red Stripe** SiSi

**8th Kup - Yellow Belt** Eva & Sofia

**6th Kup - Green Belt** Sam

**8th Kup - Yellow Belt** Eva & Sofia

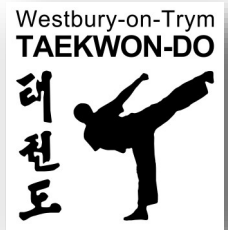
Well done everyone.

**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 in 2010!

**6.00pm - 6.55pm** Junior 2 Class (7-12yrs) ~ Green Belts and above. **Classes continue throughout the school holidays!** or more info & 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) 07787956050



### BeeZee Bodies - healthy lifestyle programmes

Take a look at these healthy lifestyle programmes for families starting next week - 25 September.

Families can also join these programmes at any time over the next couple of weeks too. More information can be found [here](#).



## Inclusion Information and Support

### Bristol Parent Carers Free SEND Events over the next few weeks

Bristol Parent Carers are excited to invite you to three fantastic, no-cost events happening over the next few weeks. These sessions are all about providing you with the knowledge and support you need to champion your child's and family's well-being.

[Discover digital solutions for supporting mental well-being](#), seek support for children with needs connected to [Tic and Tourette's](#) and come to our in-person to find out more about [managing extreme behaviour](#). Take that positive step today and reserve your free space [here](#).



### Parenting courses currently running in Bristol

The autumn dates for Bristol City Council's parenting support courses are now live. Have a look at the huge range of courses to support parents with a variety of concerns - Timid to Tiger is popular and gets booked quickly! More information can be found [here](#).





# Year Group News



## Reception

WOW - Reception have finished their first full week! Please can we remind you that the snack you provide for your child should only be fruit or veg - thank you.

As the weather is changeable at the moment, please send your child to school with a waterproof coat - we are outside in all weathers!

You will receive home in your child's bookbag every Friday, a sheet with the phonics sounds on that they have been taught. Please practise recognising and writing these at home with your child.

Reminder: Curriculum Information Evening **Thursday 28th September from 6-7pm**. This is a really important evening where we share with you how we will support your child at school and how you can help at home. Our Reception teachers will talk you through the different areas of the curriculum, how we teach it at Elmlea and the subject specific language that we use, with time for questions afterwards.



The Reception Team

## Year 1

Year 1 have been in high spirits this week despite some rainy weather. We have been delving deeper in various areas through whole class taught sessions, independent activities and being curious through our continuous provision activities. In English this week, we were presented with a crime scene where we had to work out what happened through being detectives. We came to the conclusion that the big, bad wolf had paid a visit and blew down some houses - how rude!

We generated adjectives to describe the wolf which we then turned into sentences using capital letters and full stops. In maths, we have explored making number bonds with tens frames and different resources and will now begin to revise our knowledge of patterns. In PE, we have been continuing with our Team Building unit and loved working as a team with the parachute this week. Have a super weekend Year 1!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a really good week across all subjects. In our explorer topic we learned about Wasfia Nazreen and her achievements.

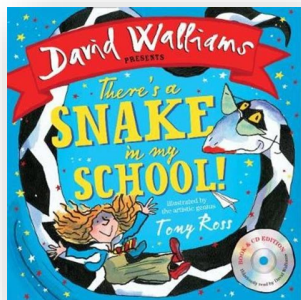
In English we have been using our knowledge of nouns, verbs and adjectives to do some super writing. We discussed our roles and responsibilities in school and at home during our jigsaw lesson and what rewards we like to receive.

Next week we will building our sentence work towards our own story.



Thank you, Year 2 team.

**Year 3** - Year 3 have had a great week, despite the rain! In English, children have read 'There's a Snake in My School!' by David Walliams and they have been focusing on the different word classes and creating interesting noun phrases with the help of a thesaurus. In maths, pupils have continued their learning about number and place value, recapping their understanding of inequality signs and remembering that 'the crocodile eats the bigger number'. They have also successfully ordered numbers up to 1000 and have discussed strategies to help when dealing with this type of maths challenge.



Children are able to explain that the human skeleton has three main purposes which are to provide support, protection for internal organs and enable movement. Well done Year 3!

**The Year 3 Teaching Team**



**Year 4 YOUNG VOICES!** This week year 4 have started to learn the songs in preparation for their exciting trip to Birmingham in January. Lyrics and Music will be sent home soon. We have also started our Topic work and have started with a storyboard on Egyptian Cinderella in English. Good work Year 4!

**Y4 Teaching Team**

**Year 5** Once again it has been a great week in Year 5! We all had a brilliant time at Mojo (despite the rain) and demonstrated great teamwork and resilience! Whilst we were there we put our tree climbing and archery skills to the test and enjoyed jumping in puddles and rolling around in the mud as part of the assault course. Alongside this, we have also been working really hard in English, on using figurative language to describe Ancient Greek mythical creatures and settings.



In maths, we have also continued to work on developing our place value knowledge with numbers up to one million, with a focus on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and even 100,000! This definitely gave our brains a bit of a workout.

**Year 5 Team**

**Year 6** Year 6 have had a very wet, yet wonderful week! 6L thoroughly enjoyed their first trip to Mojo Active, where they played a very soggy game of Archery Tag, rolled around in the mud in Zorb Football and slid their way around the assault course. All the children were very resilient and never once moaned about the weather.



Meanwhile, back in class, 6LS and 6D created their ink background in preparation their sgraffito Greek carvings and learnt about the components of blood using none other than marshmallows and cheerios! It was pretty gory!

**Year 6 Team**



**Secondary School applications** please find an important letter [here](#) from the School Admissions Team at Bristol City Council.

### **Year 6 curriculum swimming lessons Terms 1 and 2 at Henbury Leisure Centre**

Whole class assessment lessons will start next Wednesday morning. These will take place on the following dates:

**6L Weds 27 Sept, 6LS Weds 4 Oct, 6D Weds 11 Oct**

Selected children will continue lessons on Weds 18 Oct, and then weekly on Wednesdays in Term 2 until (and including) 20 Dec. In Term 2 each class will also attend a "water safety" lesson on the following dates:

**6L Weds 29 Nov, 6LS Weds 6 Dec, 6D Weds 13 Dec** **\*\* Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit, a towel and goggles in a separate bag, and their water bottle.\*\***