

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 5 Friday 6th October 2023



2023/24 Academic year

Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct '23
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
KS1 Curriculum evening
Tues 7 Nov 6-7pm

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,

Our assembly theme this week has been harvest and culminated today in an assembly in both schools led by Hazel from the Bristol Foodbank. Hazel spoke to the children about the work of the foodbank: supporting people who are hungry, some people are turning up at the foodbank not having eaten for several days and also supporting those for whom feeding themselves or their family is so difficult. The foodbank also helps those who are lonely by running a listening café as well as supporting those who are struggling to pay their energy bills by helping them contact their energy supplier.

The children were really interested in what she was saying and wanted to be able to help. Hazel outlined how the children can help by donating next week by bringing in dry or tinned food, but also by donating products such as deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste etc. Hazel said a particular need at the moment was for custard, dried or tinned as it contains many nutrients, sponge puddings and if possible coffee.

Every year the foodbank is overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and if you are in a position to donate please do so to support this work.

Junior donations to go outside the staffroom and infant donations in the area inside the Infant Reception office area.

Lost property PLEASE can you label your child's school uniform. In the Junior school we already have 2 large green dustbins overflowing with lost uniform all unnamed and not collected. If it is second hand it does still need your own child's name in. If it is labelled we can return it. Iron on labels or sewn in are the best but Sharpie pens are a good option although does need renewing when washed out.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



World Mental Health Day - October 10th

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this. By wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10 October, you can show young people that you're with them. Show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.



****PTA Cake sale - Friday 13th October - all items 50p ****

First cake sale of the school year will be held on Friday 13th October after school between 3.15 - 3.45 outside the junior staff room (by the gates).

All items 50p each. Cash and card available.

Best wishes, **The Elmlea PTA**
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!



Elmlea Christians Meeting



We are a group of Christian parents at Elmlea who love the school and the work it does with our children. We aim to support the staff, pupils and parents. If you are new to the school or have been here a while, we would love to meet you.

Whatever denomination you are, whether you go to church regularly or occasionally, or even if you're just interested to learn a bit more, we would love you to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits on **Friday 13th October at 9.00am** at the Infant School reception. Feel free to bring younger children if you have them with you.

If you have any questions contact Fiona at movetobristol@gmail.com.

Inclusion Information and Support

Hello October!
Book your free space now
Don't miss out

Bristol Parent Carers October events

Bristol Parent Carers is an organisation run by parents who understand the challenges of raising a child with special educational needs or a disability because they've been there too and they have children just like yours. They are a charity run by parents, for parents. Join them at one of their free [events](#) and find the support your family deserves.

For more information click [here](#).



Community News



Penny Brohn Festive Market Friday 1st December 5-9pm

Come and visit the Penny Brohn Festive market! Food and drink stalls, unique gifts and crafts stalls, festive fun activities, visit Father Christmas, storytelling, live music, and more!

For more information or to book your stall, click [here](#).

Mojo Muddy Madness fun run Saturday 2nd December

Grab those trainers and join us for some family-friendly, festive fun at the Mojo Muddy Madness run. Christmas themed fancy dress is optional, there will be prizes for the best costumes in each wave.

To find out more about our event, please visit our [website](#) or click [here](#).





Year Group News

Top DoodleSpell class this week is 2R - well done and keep up the great work everyone!



Reception

You have received an email today from our Reception teachers with the powerpoint from our EYFS Curriculum Information Evening and an invite to a further information meeting for parents on 'How to support your child's reading' on Thursday 2nd November 2:30-3:00pm. Please let us know whether or not you will be attending [here](#).

Please enjoy reading with your child this weekend with their new 'reading practise book' and 'reading for pleasure book' - happy reading!



The Reception Team

Year 1

This week Year 1 had their first full structured day which was a huge success! We are slowly moving away from play based afternoons set up as continuous provision into afternoons consisting of two lessons. We are so proud of how well the children have coped with this and it seems that they are really enjoying the structure. Next week, we will move to two structured afternoons. In English, we started Shen and the Magic Paintbrush. This story is a traditional folk tale and inspired us to create our own paintings using watercolours. We then focused on using the conjunction 'because' to explain why we had painted what we did. In Art, we have been exploring man made and natural textures and took part in some lovely print work. We have also loved singing our Handa's Surprise song in Music.



Year 1 Team

KS1 Curriculum evening Tuesday 7th November from 6-7pm

We would like to invite all **Year 1 and 2 parents** to the KS1 Curriculum evening. This meeting will inform you about the expectations of the Elmlea Curriculum, with a focus on writing, reading and maths strategies taught in each year group. It will also provide you with some top tips about how to support your child's learning at home.

Please complete this [Microsoft Form](#) to confirm your attendance. I'm afraid we are unable to offer childcare during the meeting and is a parent meeting only.

Year 2

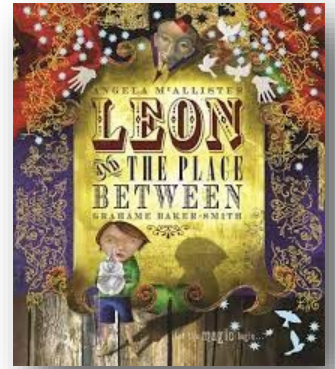
Year 2 have been busy this week and worked really hard in their maths and English quizzes, well done. In maths we have been thinking about place value and where our tens and ones go once we have counted them in groups. During PE, we played some fun team games and in science, we looked at Arctic animals and their adaptations. Our explorer of the week was Tim Peake, we watched some interesting videos and found out about the intense training he had to complete before going to space!

Thank you, Year 2 team.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week and have especially enjoyed starting their new English unit inspired by the book 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith. In maths, children have recapped their arithmetic and reasoning skills and have discussed different strategies to help them when problem solving. Pupils loved learning more about the Ancient Egyptian pyramids and the reasons behind their secret entrances and trap doors in their topic lesson. All teachers were very impressed with the research children had completed in compiling their pyramid fact files for homework. Well done, Year 3!



The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

It's been a busy week for Year 4! We've had lots of fun in Science where we've been learning about volume and noise. We played with a range of instruments to make storm sounds too!

They've also all worked hard on assessments this week and had to look smart for school photos! A very busy week indeed!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

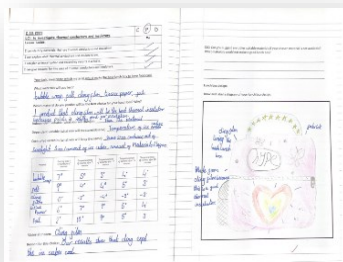
It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 5. We have been writing our own Greek myths and we are looking forward to seeing them come together as a class book of myths. In art, we have been planning the design for our Greek pots and we



are excited to make them soon. Our history lesson took us on a trading adventure as we looked at trading in Ancient Greek times and we enjoyed creating our own voiceovers in the style of weather reporters.

During our Religion and World Views lesson, we experienced a 'Hajj pilgrimage' through the school grounds. In science, we investigated different conductors and insulators and enjoyed testing different materials to determine what would make a good lunchbox

insulator. Well done for a brilliant week, Year 5!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week completing their first set of assessments in maths and English, well done to you all.

6LS were next up with their first swimming session at Henbury Leisure Centre, with 6D following on next week.

In art, children completed their Sgraffito activity, creating their own templates and using this to create some beautiful examples of Ancient Greek pots. When creating their designs children spent time considering both form and function and tried to make them as accurate as possible.

The children were thoroughly respectful during our reenactment of a pilgrimage to Mecca. Well done year 6.



Swimming reminder: 6D next Weds 11th November (whole class assessment lesson) don't forget your kit!

Year 6 Team