

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 6 Friday 13th October 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct'23

Parent Teacher Meetings

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,

During a new prospective Reception tour around our wonderful schools, every classroom, from Reception to Year 6, Elmlea children were focussed and showing great learning behaviours. The children also talk about their own learning with such enthusiasm. We are all so proud of them.



Donations for Foodbank

Thank you so much to you all for your amazing generosity and thoughtfulness in supporting the work of the Foodbank. You have donated so many items and they will be very much appreciated by the families and people for whom the Foodbank is a lifeline.



Parent-Teacher Meetings

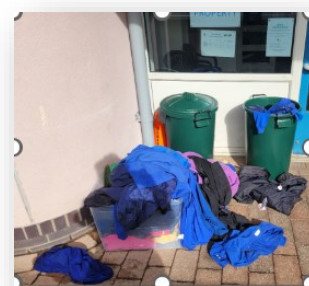
We look forward to welcoming you to Parent-Teacher meetings next week. These are your meetings and teachers plan very carefully to ensure they make the most of every minute with you. At this meeting your child's teacher will let you know how your child has settled during term 1. Please be on time for your meetings and knock on the teacher's door at your appointment time.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking near school. We have been notified this week about people parking on double yellow lines and on pavements. This makes the outside environment unsafe. Please leave home earlier to allow yourself time to park correctly or park a little further away and walk the last part to school.

Junior School Lost Property

Please note that we are currently over-flowing with lost property. Our 2 lost property bins are bursting at the seams, and we have now also filled another 3 crates. Please collect any lost property before the end of term when all items will be taken from lost property and stored in the uniform shed for sale. Please take any unnamed items and ensure that all your child's belongings are named. Many thanks for your help.



**Mr Daubney and Mrs Sloper,
Deputy Headteachers**



Music News



Orchestra Workshop: the Junior school orchestra had a fabulous time at Badminton School on Tuesday, playing three pieces with children from other North East Bristol Schools. The music was quite challenging at times, but they rose to that challenge. We are so proud of their concentration and sensible behaviour. There was a photographer there, so I hope to be able to share some photos with you shortly.

Young Voices (Year 4) A letter will go out this week about this. There will be a link for you to follow in order for you to sign up to the Young Voices Music Room where the children will be able to access the tracks and videos to practice with. You will also be able to order tickets and T shirts from us for this event at this point.

Infant & Junior Choirs have been rehearsing for their respective Winter Sings. They should now have the lyrics and a link to the recordings to practice with.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

SUPPORT THE PTA: CHRISTMAS 2023 at ELMLEA!

It's never too early to be thinking about Christmas! Why not cross a couple of items off your list whilst supporting Elmlea?

Visit www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa to find our exciting selection of festive items available to pre-order now...

Christmas trees: Available in a variety of sizes; the 'Norway Spruce' and the ever-popular 'Nordman Fir' with its reduced needle drop!

Scrumptious Sticky Toffee and Christmas Puddings: Beautifully foil-wrapped and sealed with a festive Elmlea label – a perfect finale to your Christmas dinner, a thoughtful gift or great hamper-filler!

Locally Homemade Gingerbread House Kits: Kids will love building this sweet treat in the festive run-up! Kits include; roof, sides, front and back biscuit pieces, white icing, gingerbread people, mixed sprinkles and sweeties (all vegetarian).

A full list of ingredients and allergens for these items is available at www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa



Pre-orders will end 3rd November so be quick and order now to avoid disappointment!

All items will be ready for collection between 5-7pm on Thursday 7th December...more information to follow!

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!



Strictly no nuts OR seeds

The school has a strict no nut or seeds policy as there are members of the school community with severe nut allergies as well as severe, airborne allergies to sesame and flaxseed. Please do **not** send your child into school with **any** nut or seed based items in their packed lunch or snack box.

This includes items such as **pesto pasta**, **chocolate spread**, **cereal bars**, anything with **almond or other nut flavouring**, including cakes eg/ some Madelaine cakes) and any other products which may contain traces of nuts. **It also includes seeded bread** and **sesame seed buns** and also **hummus** which generally contains tahini (made from sesame seeds). **It applies to after school clubs too.**

Our aim is to make the school a safe place for all of our students. We very much appreciate your cooperation and understanding as do the families of the children to whom this applies.



If you are in any doubt, please check the ingredients!

Term 2 teacher-led after school clubs



Confirmation letters have now been sent to parents of children who have been allocated a place in teacher-led after school clubs sports clubs in Term 2. Please give consent on Arbor to confirm their place by next week - **9am on Wednesday 18th October.**

Please note the clubs are now closed or full - we are not able to accommodate any late requests to join for next term.

Cancellation Multisports after school club is cancelled next week on Tues 17 Oct due to Parent Teacher Meetings taking place.

Fine Art & Craft Club at Elmlea Junior School in Term 2

Fine Art Club on Tuesdays starting Tues 31 Oct in The Lodge - cost £56 each
Craft Club on Wednesdays starting Weds 1st Nov in Class 3B - cost £56 each
Both clubs run for 7 weeks from 3:15-4:15pm.

To guarantee your place, please contact Rasa by email

rasa.ashworth@live.co.uk or by phone on 07842 366065 Or click [here](#)



Henleaze Tennis Club October half term kids camps - whole day available



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.

We are running both morning camps from 8.30am-12pm and full day camps 8.30am-3pm at Henleaze. Both options are available to book [here](#).

Shine Holiday Clubs

Shine Holiday Clubs are sure to be loads of fun this October! With Creative Workshops, Basketball, Netball, Performing Arts Play-In-A-Day, Gymnastics, Football, Cookery, Little Steppers Dance and Mini & Multi Mash Ups with swimming there is something for all Reception to Year 6 children.

Being held locally in Henleaze, in Clifton and in Horfield at the Shine Sports Ground, all Shine Holiday Clubs are open to children from any school.

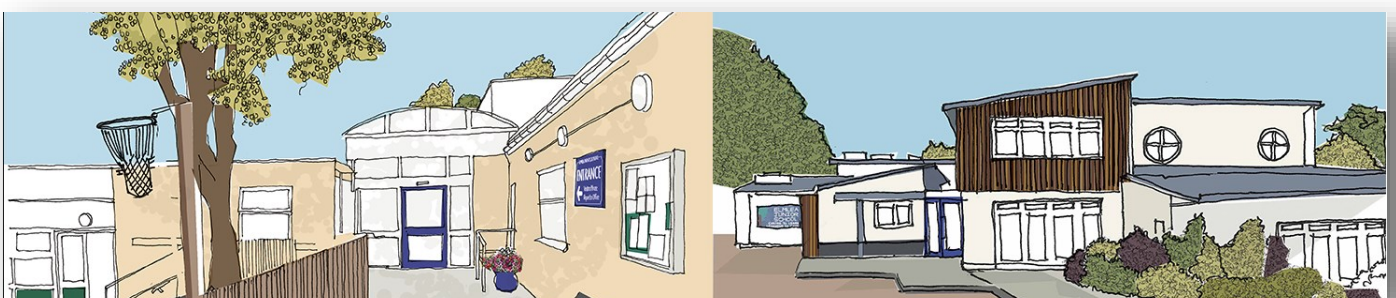
You can book online [here](#). More info. [here](#)



Feature Film looking for Bristol based young people

Would your child be interested in being in a new feature film being filmed locally? They are looking to cast the children's parts locally - no previous experience needed! If you are interested in meeting in person in Bristol please email goodorangesfwc@gmail.com and include BRISTOL 21ST OCTOBER as the subject header.

Click [here](#) for more information.





Year Group News

Reception

Reception only have 1 more week left in their first term at school!

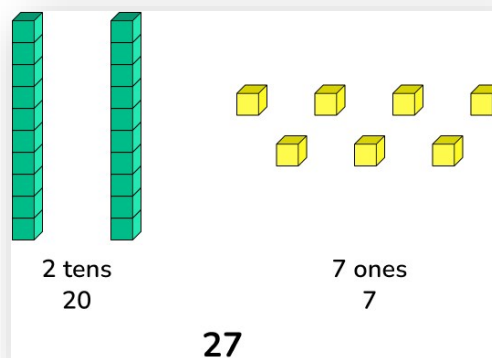
We look forward to discussing your child's start at school with you at parents evening. Your child's learning diary will be available for you to look at whilst you wait for your appointment.



The Reception Team

Year 1

The penultimate week of term has been another busy one in Year 1. We have been thinking about our school grounds in Geography where we went outside and created a sounds map for what we could hear and in Jigsaw we have reflected on our unit of Being Me in My World and thought about the different examples of how we have shown how we follow our school values in and around the classroom. In maths, we have been counting in 1s, 10s and even 100s! We have been looking at different representations of numbers and used our knowledge of counting in 10s and 1s to help us work out what number is being shown. Lastly, in English we have created a brand-new page for our Shen and the Magic Paintbrush book. We are very much looking forward to our creative writing week next week!



Year 1 Team

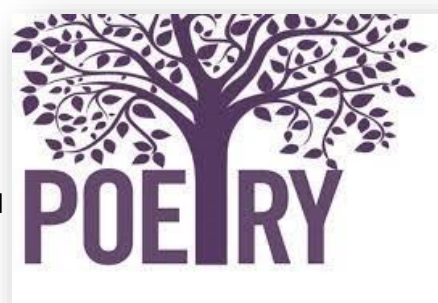
KS1 Curriculum evening Tuesday 7th November from 6-7pm

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 enjoyed Poetry Week and have written some brilliant poems about their treasures. They also learnt about a poet a day and we listened to some funny poems! We have worked hard in maths to fill in missing numbers on number lines and use part-part whole models to find missing numbers. In science we conducted an ice experiment, can your child tell you what question we were trying to answer? During topic we learnt facts about the polar regions and reminded ourselves about the famous explorers we have studied this term. We designed and painted some great arctic pictures inspired by cool colours. Have a good weekend!

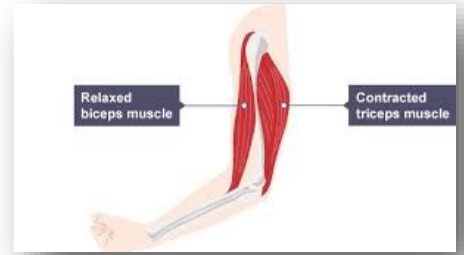


Thank you, Year 2 team.

Year 3

Year 3 have had an action-packed week which has included our play auditions and making a start to learn the songs for our end of term production, 'A Hint of Snow White'. In English, children have focused on upgrading their work and are preparing for their writing progress

descriptive pieces. In maths, pupils have been working hard on formal addition. Year three enjoyed learning about the concept of 'the soul' in different religions during religion and world views this week. We have continued our learning about animals, including humans and have learnt how our arm muscles work this week. Well done, Year 3!



The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been busy on our writing progress activity. We have been working hard and looking at Egyptian Cinderella and describing the setting in detail.

In History, we have been studying pyramids. We can now explain the purpose of the pyramids, how they changed over time and identify the season when they were built.



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 Wow! What a great week we have had in Year 5 this week! We have enjoyed becoming poets this week and have written some lovely free verse poems and haikus all about Autumn. We enjoyed publishing these and are excited to see them go on display for everybody to read. In art, we have had fun making our Ancient Greek inspired clay pots and are looking forward to decorating them next week and firing them in the kiln. Computing has seen us exploring how different search results are ranked and how they determine the order in which we see the results. In science, we investigated different electrical conductors and insulators and enjoyed testing different metals to determine what were the best conductors of electricity. Well done for a brilliant week, Year 5!



Think of a journey that you have been on in your life.

How did your visit impact you when you came home?

Bring in any photos or souvenirs by Tuesday next week, to be used in your RWV lesson.

Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting week taking on a number of different challenges. In PE we have been continuing our orienteering sessions, using maps to navigate parts of the school playground. In history we have been focusing on Ancient Greek religion, with children working on the family tree of the Greek gods. In art we are finishing our topic by creating Greek pots, using the coil technique.

In science we have been conducting investigations into the effects of exercise on heart rate.



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Year 6 Team

Don't forget: Year 7 Secondary Transfer School Applications deadline 31st October

The closing date to make a Year 7 school application for September '24 is fast approaching. Apply [here](#).