

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 12 Friday 1st December 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 2

Tues 31 Oct to Fri 15 Dec '23

Winter performances

For full details click [here](#)

National Winter Jumper Day

Thurs 7 Dec

Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr4

Christmas Lunch

Tues 12 Dec

Yr5 & 6 Christmas Lunch

Weds 13 Dec

*Wear a festive jumper for your
Christmas lunch*

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

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,

Dress rehearsals by the children have taken place this week in front of very appreciative audiences as they were their buddies! Listening to the children's comments after the performances you are in for a treat if your child is performing next week. We are also very grateful to our professional photographer Catherine East who has taken lots of beautiful photos of all the children.

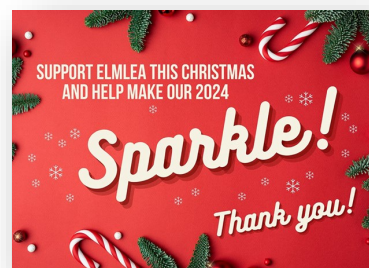
For those who are new to the protocol around our school performances, we will be reminding you that for safeguarding reasons there will be no taking of photos or videos of the children's performances. However, you will be able to access photos taken by our professional and download these - we send you the link to these.

PTA – thank you to our fabulous PTA and volunteers who are so enthusiastic and so hard working trying to raise much needed funds for school – if you are able to, please support their Christmas initiatives and the event on Thursday – more details on page 3.

Can you help?

Last Friday between 8.42 and 9.00am a car parked outside No 10 The Dell was hit by another car, causing damage to the car. The parent whose car was hit was very upset that the driver did not leave any contact details. It may be the other driver was unaware they had caused any damage and now knowing they have, we can pass on your contact details through the school office. It does also reinforce the need for everyone to be especially careful when driving near school.

**Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher**



Elmlea Language Ambassadors

Recently 18 Year 6 children applied for the post of Language Ambassador for Elmlea School. The quality of the applications was incredibly high. They were creative, persuasive and included a variety of different languages.



Six children have been chosen to be Language Ambassadors for 2023-24 and promote enthusiasm for learning languages. Congratulations to Léon 6D, Mia 6L, Lizzy 6D, Ali 6LS, Rimon 6D, Oscar 6D.



Music News

A massive well done to members of Junior Choir who performed in Beacon Hall last Friday evening. They were wonderful and their efforts, commitment, positivity and most of all joy was in abundance. They were a credit to their school and got a standing ovation from a packed hall!



Bristol Beacon Open Day On Saturday 2nd December Bristol Beacon is throwing open its doors for free between 11am - 2am and over 100 Bristol artists will be performing. Amongst them will be some children from Elmlea past and present. Here are a selection of some of the events our young people may be involved in:

Lantern Hall, 12pm - 12:30pm, Jazz Blueprints & Jazz Ambassadors
Beacon Hall, 1:30pm - 2:15pm, Chamber Orchestra & Concert Band
Beacon Hall, 2:45pm - 3:30pm, Junior Strings, Junior Wind & Bridge Orchestra
Weston Stage, 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Bristol Youth Studios

Young Voices: Several children from year 4 still need to sign up to the Music Room to access the recordings. Please click [here](#) to create an account.

Chamber Choir: Unfortunately, our Chamber Choir leader is unable to continue running this club. However, we are delighted to announce all members of chamber choir are invited to join Junior Choir club on Mondays if they wish to do so. Please let the office know if you would like to be added to the club from January.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Important: Change of Infant gate opening time

From Monday 4th December the **Infant school pedestrian gate will open at 3:10pm** (no longer 3pm), which is in line with the opening time of the Junior entrance.



This is to ensure that the site is secure until the end of the school day which is 3:15pm.

SHINE Pumas: Football for girls in Year 1 - 3

Shine are currently running indoor Girls Football sessions in Henleaze.

When: Wednesdays from 5-6pm

Where: Shine Sports Hall in Henleaze.

For more information, click [here](#).



Inclusion Information and Support

Have you heard of Sibs?

Sibs exists to support people who grow up with or have grown up with a disabled brother or sister. It is the only UK charity representing the needs of over half a million young siblings and over one and a half million adult siblings.

They have lots of resources and advice for children and parents! Check out their [website](#).



For brothers and sisters
of disabled children and adults

🎄 Christmas at Elmlea 🎄

Thurs 7th Dec ~ 5-7pm ~ Junior Car Park

Collect your pre-ordered **Christmas Trees, Puddings & Gingerbread Houses.**

Whilst there, take the opportunity to purchase **festive chocolates, reindeer food and hot chocolate cones.**



Treat yourself to a warm drink and snack, whilst keeping your eyes open for the big man!
Rumours have it that Santa and his elf helper will be making an appearance - get a photo in your Christmas jumper with them if you can.



Remember a bag for your goodies, plus a reusable cup.
There are only a few Christmas trees left to pre-order

★ Nativities ★

Hot drinks will be available to purchase in the queue for nativities
Help reduce our waste - please bring your own mug!



ALI & JOE'S, a local company, have offered Elmlea £5 for every tree bought or rented from them.

Use the code **ELMLEA5** at checkout.
They even deliver straight to your door!

www.aliandjoes.com

🎄 Christmas Hamper Time 🎄

Thank you to the class reps for organising donations for our Christmas hampers.
Don't forget to buy tickets for a chance to win!!
Tickets can be purchased until 10 December

The draw will be on the 11th December.

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Christmas Jumper Swap 1st-7th Dec

Swap your outgrown Christmas / winter jumpers, for pre-loved ones; simply drop your jumper off in the uniform shed, and take one away!! If you don't have one to give that's ok too.

If you are able to make a donation to the PTA, please use the QR code on the door.

Christmas Jumper Day 7th Dec

Should you wish to make a donation, please use the link below:
[Donate to Charity Online | Save the Children UK](#)



Christmas Cards

We had a wonderful evening sipping mulled wine and printing cards.

Thank you everyone who came and raised money for the PTA, supported a local business and had a wonderful evening!

Don't forget to use

[Easyfundraising](#)

Over 7,000 brands donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you shop online!

So far we've raised £1,545.15!

All tickets / purchases can be made: www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa

PTA Christmas cards, cups and coasters - If you ordered cards, cups or coasters (designed by your children!) we have started to distribute them, please check school bags from today. Please note: we have not yet distributed the orders for all classes, some will be arriving next week.

Finally,

a huge **thank you** to all who have supported us - we know that Christmas can be an expensive time of year, along with so many other financial and other pressures.

Please don't feel you need to buy or donate. We truly value your support & being part of the school community,

Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA
elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com



Year Group News

Reception

Reception are very excited to be performing their Nativity to you next week!

We have been learning about shapes this week, spotting shapes in the environment and discussing their properties e.g. how many sides or corners they have.

Please continue to keep reading with your children at home, as we head towards the Winter break we will be re-assessing the children to check their sound and blending knowledge. Happy reading! 😊



The Reception Team

Year 1

Well done on another brilliant week Year 1! We have continued to work hard on our winter performance which we can't wait to share with you all next week. We wanted to say a huge thanks in all of your support in getting costumes put together and in on time. It is safe to say, the children all look wonderful! During our writing time this week, we have continued to think about non-fiction writing and wrote a beautiful facts page all about the creature. In science, we have been looking at how absorbent different materials are through a practical investigation. Have a great weekend everyone!



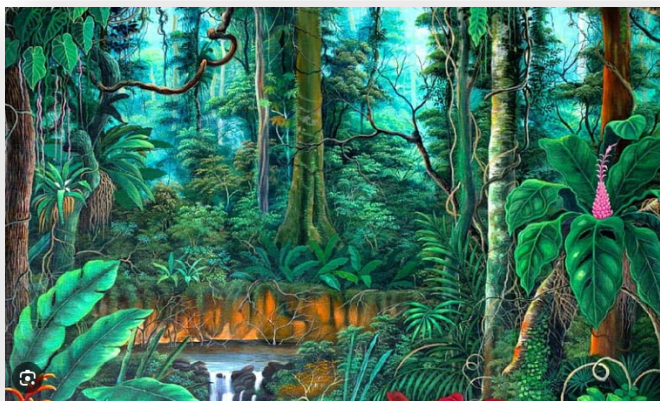
Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been putting the finishing touches to our performance and are ready for you to come along next week.

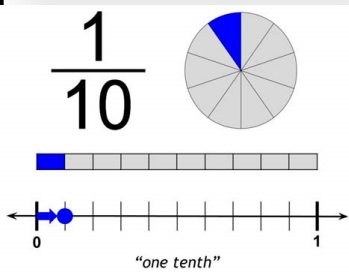
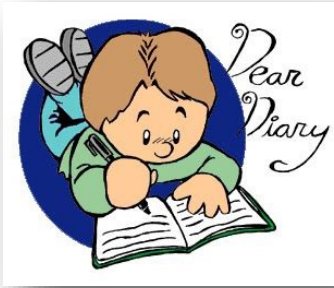
Many thanks to the parents that sent a response to the children's persuasive letters. The class have loved hearing them. If anybody else would like to send a response letter, please feel free.

In English we have been writing an ending to an adventure around being lost in the Rainforest and trying to get out. In maths we have continued with subtracting through ten and looking at the relationships between tens and ones.



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3 Children in Year 3 have had a busy week with the final build up to their dress rehearsal to the Junior School and their Year 2 buddies. We are incredibly proud of all of the children and the performance was a credit to everyone's efforts during the last couple of months. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with helping learn lines and lyrics and also providing the wonderful costumes and props. In English, we have finished our diary-writing unit, inspired by 'The Invisible Boy' by Trudy Ludwig, by planning, drafting, editing and publishing diary entries which empathise with the emotions associated with bullying and how it can be dealt with and overcome effectively. We have been impressed with the contributions children have made to our discussions throughout this unit of work which have demonstrated the children's kindness and respect for others in our school community. In maths, children have explored and consolidated their knowledge and understanding about tenths. We have continued our learning about rocks in science and enjoyed testing a sample of different rocks for their properties of hardness and permeability. Did you know that the Moh's Scale, with a score from 1 to 10, is used to categorise rocks and minerals? Well done, Year 3!



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The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

What a fabulous week! This week, Year 4 finally made their cookies and got to taste them! We had a lovely time, measuring and mixing our ingredients to create the perfect cookies!

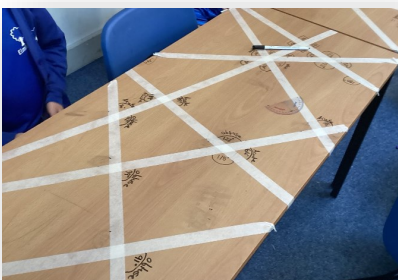
In Maths, we have been working on division using arrays.

In History, we have been learning about Howard Carter. We have been learnt about what he did when he discovered the burial chamber of Tutankhamun.



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5



This week in Y5 we have started putting our measuring, sawing and gluing skills to the test as we started constructing our wooden thrones for an ancient Greek god or goddess. We have nearly completed our basic frames and next week will use our mood boards and designs to personalise them. In maths, we have battled with the new skill of using a protractor precisely to measure angles. We covered our tables in masking tape and measured all the different angles we could find - our accuracy has improved greatly! Finally, we also enjoyed getting into the festive spirit by watching the dress rehearsals for our Y2 buddies and Y3's Christmas plays.

Year 5 Team

Year 6 In science, we asked the big question, 'What is colour?' We experimented with prisms, filters and Newton spinners to split and combine all the colours of the visible light spectrum. Our newspaper reports look very professional as we have published them using computers and in maths we can confidently switch between fractions, decimals and percentages. We finished out history topic by exploring the legacy of the Ancient Greeks and deciding which we think has had the most impact. In PSHE we celebrated how wonderfully different our bodies and brains are. And the week finished with such a treat: watching the Reception Nativity. It really put us in the festive spirit.



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