

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 14 Friday 15th December 2023



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Schools' Trust

## 2023/24 Academic year

### Term 3

Tues 2 Jan- Fri 9th Feb '24

**INSET DAY** Tues 2 Jan

First day of term Weds 3 Jan

**Year 2 Class Assemblies**

2R - 26 Jan, 2W 2 Feb, 2SC 8

Feb

Click [here](#) for full details of all  
Infant School Class Assemblies

### Term 4

Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March

**Parents Evenings**

Thurs 22 & Tues 27 Feb

**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's the last newsletter of 2023! We have had such a great Autumn term and your children have made the most of every opportunity Elmlea has had to offer. However, it is the end of term and although your children have kept their enthusiasm going till the end of this week, they are definitely ready for a break and a chance to relax, so they can return refreshed for a new term.

I do hope you are able to spend some special time with your families and enjoy time together over the holiday season. For those who are celebrating Christmas, I hope you have a lovely Christmas and to everyone, I wish you and your families a very happy new year 2024.

**Yr5/6's night at the museum** - Even this week despite the busyness, Yr5 and Yr6 recreated their own version of night at the Museum to showcase all their learning through their Ancient Greece topic. Parents and children in other year groups moved through the classrooms as the children brought their learning to life in so many different ways. Most popular were the "statues" who came to life when the button was pressed and gave information about a particular aspect of Ancient Greece. Thank you to the Yr5/6 teaching team who made it happen.

**Infant Choir visit the Spiegeltent** - Wow, last week of term and the infant choir full of enthusiasm travelled to the Millenium Square to sing with other choirs from across the city in the Spiegeltent. It was a magical experience for them and we are so proud of how they behaved throughout the visit and also for representing Elmlea with their fabulous singing.

Big thank you to Ms Sadler and Ms Webster for leading the event and for volunteers too on the day to help us make it happen. (see overleaf for more info)



Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher



It has been lovely to hear how excited the children (and adults!) are for Cora the therapy dog to be starting with us in January! She is much in demand (as predicted) and unfortunately, parents cannot request 1:1 sessions for their child but all children in all classes will get a chance to meet her don't worry!



### Music News

Well, what a week! A great big well done to junior choir, chamber choir, boys choir and orchestra for performing in this week's Christmas assembly. I think we raised the roof!

Also this week, the infant choir went on a 'Spiegtaclar' trip to the Spiegeltent in Millenium square. What fabulous fun that was. Hopefully they will tell you what a great time we had.

The guitarists played a lovely set in our singing assembly on Wednesday, well done to them all.

And finally, the string orchestra played in their very own special assembly on Friday...a fabulous end to our Christmas music celebrations.



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



### Year 4 French Performances - Boucles d'or et les Trois Ours!

This week Year 4 acted out the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears for the Year 3 classes all in French. They showcased all the French they had been learning in the previous terms, including a little of their own versions of the story. Plus, due to super acting, the Year 3's understood and loved the performances.

Bravo Year 4!

### French Translation Bee 2023-24

Congratulations to all the Year 6 who took part in Stage 1 of the national competition for pupils to practise and improve their vocabulary in French. There had to learn 40 key French words and then were tested to see how many words they could correctly translate in a minute. Every child tried their best and the standard was high. Certificates will be awarded.

This week thirteen children will be taking part in a inter class competition. Bravo Year 6!



### Children's Flu vaccination catch-up clinics

Catch-up clinics are still available for Rec-Yr 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment [here](#).

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net)

## Inclusion Information and Support

### Parent Pop ups coming to the Greenway Centre

These events are completely free and open to anyone. Please register for your place beforehand using the QR code on this [poster](#) or [here](#).

**POP UPS  
FOR PARENTS**

**Routines at home - screentime and bedtime.** For parents & carers of primary children who would like ideas and support to implement routines. *Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30-11am*

**What you need from SENDIAS.** For parents & carers of children with SEND. Advisors from SEND & You will run a focus group followed by an opportunity to speak with an advisor about supporting your child with SEND, e.g. how to apply for an EHCP, what you can expect from school in terms of SEND support, how to prepare for an EHCP review. *Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 10am-12pm*

**Emotionally-based school avoidance.** For parents & carers of primary children who find it hard to go to school as a result of negative emotions, such as anxiety. *Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 9:30-11am*

**The teenage brain - how to help young people regulate.** For parents & carers of teens and pre-teens. *Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30-11am*

Tea & coffee will be available and one of our Link Workers will be there to answer questions.

### 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a Tech-Free Christmas

There's no disputing how integral the digital world has become to modern life 🌐 📱 It can prove difficult for many young people to stay off smart phones, tablets and other devices for a single day – even one as special as Christmas. In fact, according to a survey by e-commerce platform Groupon, almost 80% of parents and carers would prefer a festive period that's free from technology 📵

Going online, of course, is useful for checking in with friends and relations who we can't be with, or for arranging celebrations – but if we allow gadgets to dominate our Yuletide break, that precious time could pass in a flash. Click [here](#) for suggestions on keeping a handle on device use over the holidays, so your family can be truly together this Christmas.



### Teacher-led after school clubs in term 3



Term 3 teacher-led after school clubs (including Mrs Sadler's Weds morning orchestra club) will start again from Monday 8th January 2024 (the 2nd week of Term 3).

Club places have been finalised, if your child has been allocated a place, please ensure you have confirmed their place and consented on Arbor. ASAP.

**For paid external clubs including Bristol Beacon, please check with them directly.**

### Fine Art & Craft Club at Elmlea Junior School in Term 4

**Fine Art Club** on Tuesdays starting Tues 9th Jan in The Lodge - cost £40 for 5 weeks

**Craft Club** on Wednesdays starting Weds 3rd Jan in Class 3B - cost £48 for 6 weeks.

Both clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm.

To guarantee your place, please contact Rasa by email

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

Fine Art Club

Craft Club



### New Club coming next Term - Mad Science

Mad Science will be running an 8 week club, in each school on Tuesdays in Terms 3 and 4. The cost of the 8 week course is £76 per child.

Sign up deadline: 7th January 2024.

Infant club [information](#) | Junior club [information](#)

### Shine After School Club programmes starting from January.

January club bookings are now live for booking.

Infant club [information](#) | Junior club [information](#)



Inset Day Funday - Shine are also running a funday on site at school on Tuesday

2<sup>nd</sup> January to cover the Inset Day. There will be a carousel of sports and creative activities throughout the day with early drop off and late stay available. For more information, please click here [Inset Fun Day](#)



### Henleaze Tennis Club Christmas holiday 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](#).**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE From the PTA!**

What a wonderful run up to Christmas - Card workshops, Plays, Christmas Cards, Christmas jumper day, Christmas trees, gingerbread houses, and hampers! Thank you all for supporting the school & PTA, the volunteers, and Santa and Jingle the Elf!

Congratulations to all the hamper winners - the class reps will be in touch to organise the collection.

We are delighted to announce we have made an amazing £5,700 since Sept!



We look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

You may have missed our Christmas tree collection, but you can still buy your tree & support Elmlea. A local company called ALI & JOE'S have offered Elmlea £5 for every tree bought or rented from them. They can even deliver straight to your door.

Use the code **ELMLEA5** at checkout.

[www.aliandjoes.com](http://www.aliandjoes.com)



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 grab a bargain! Thank you to all you new supporters out there!

**Events for next term:**



PTA meeting, all welcome! Jan  
Discos for Juniors & Infants—end Jan / early Feb

Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA  
[elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)





# Year Group News

## Reception

WOW What a fantastic end to Term 2 - Wishing you a wonderful break and see you all in the new year!

**The Reception Team**



## Year 1

It has been such a lovely last week of term. We enjoyed a class party, a panto that was put on by the staff as well as lots of winter/Christmassy themed craft! Well done on a brilliant term Year 1! We are so proud of how hard you have all worked. We hope that you all enjoy a well-rested break and relax. Have a brilliant Christmas, we will see you all in the New Year!



**Year 1 Team**

## Year 2

Year two have had a great time in school and enjoyed their class party. We have been busy making our rainforest documentaries which you can enjoy on Seesaw. We used some of our DT skills to create pop up winter cards. These came home so hopefully the children have been able to explain the process for making them. Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year which will start with a wow day for our new topic.



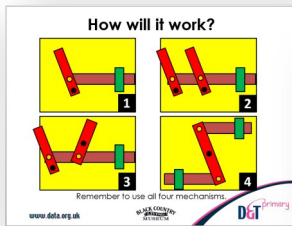
**Thank you, Year 2 team**

**Year 3** Year 3 have had a super end of term which started with a return to our more usual timetable with the absence of play rehearsals. We have focused on preparing the class carols for our Christingle Service today. Monday saw members of Year 3 visited the real-life 'Greek Museum' put together by the Upper Junior children. Pupils had a great time learning about daily life, crime and punishment and leisure during the Ancient Greek Times. Pupils also watched the Year 4s put on their small French production of Goldilocks and the Three bears. On Tuesday, we were had a musical treat with many children taking part in the choir and orchestra assembly. After this, Year 3s enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch, looking suitably dressed in their Christmas jumpers. In English, children have focused on letter writing and have carefully planned, edited and published letters and illustrated them. In maths, pupils have enjoyed maths board and electronic games and have also carried out a maths investigation into the mystery of the Christmas Party. Design and Technology projects were finished on Wednesday and all children demonstrated excellent team working skills and resilience. Science



learning all about rocks was exciting as all children undertook a soil investigation and also learnt more and wrote about fossil formation. We finished our topic work and reflected on the legacy of the Ancient Egyptians. All staff are incredibly proud of the children who have excelled themselves in achieving so much since our final play performance. What a fantastic term! Well done Year 3!

**The Year 3 Teaching Team**



**Year 4** This week has been a very exciting and busy week. We have been reflecting on our learning and talking about all our achievements in school. We have written letters home to tell our families all about the term and our favourite things in class.

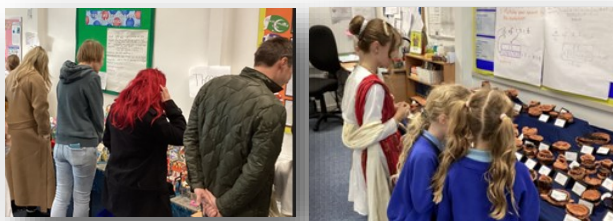
We have loved learning about Christmas in our R.E lessons, and we particularly enjoyed creating acrostic poems all about light in the world.

The highlight of the week had to be the Christmas lunch (especially children being served by their teachers!). Now we can't wait for a well-deserved rest!



**Y4 Teaching Team**

**Year 5** Wow! What a very exciting and busy week we have had! At the beginning of the week, we had a fabulous Ancient Greek day where we enjoyed building our own Greek temples, playing different games that the Ancient Greeks would have played and learning more about what education was like more the 4000 years ago. We also had a brilliant time at our "Night of the Museum" event where we showcased our knowledge as historians and brought history to life – and how fabulous we were! Thank you mums, dads and grandparents for coming along to visit! As part of English, we have been reflecting on our learning and talking about all our achievements in school. We have written letters home to tell our families all about the term and our favorite things in class. On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed our party in Music where looked back on some of the wonderful learning we had

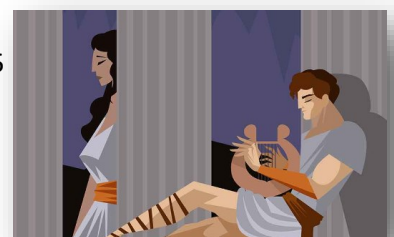


done this term, whilst listening to our own playlist. We had a very enjoyable Christmas dinner on Wednesday: being served lunch by the teachers was a huge highlight. It has been such a busy half term and we are all super excited for the Christmas holidays and cannot wait to see what 2024 has in store for us!

**Year 5 Team**

## Year 6

The last week of term two has been a busy one for year 6! On Monday, the Year 5 and 6 pupils had fabulous time dressing up for our Ancient Greek day, which included a morning full of exciting and fun workshops, culminating in a "Night at the Museum" event. All the children did a fantastic job learning their lines and delivering excellent performances. They also finished their Greek Myth compositions this week, working in groups to create incidental music for a different part of the Greek myth Orpheus and Eurydice. It really brought the History curriculum to life. In English children have been reflecting on their year so far, planning and writing a letter to share the highlights and show how much progress they have made!



**Year 6 Team**