

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 16 Friday 12th January 2024



Elmlea  
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

### INSET dates for 2024/25

Mon 2 & Tues 3 Sept '24 / Fri 25 Oct '24 / Mon 6 Jan '25 / Fri 7 March '25 / Mon 16 June '25

See [website](#) for more info.

Dear parents and carers,

Hooray, we have been able to make the most of the drier weather this week and the children have definitely enjoyed being outside for PE and playtimes.

**Kindness**—This week our assembly focus has been on one of our school values of kindness. It is a value the children really understand. One of our Yr6 captains spoke in assembly about kindness being the most important value because it is what makes us happy in school, when people are kind to us.



**School Visits**—Next week our school visits start with Yr1 on a trip to the aquarium which is very exciting for them. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to support the trip and to our Yr1 team for undertaking the trip.

**School Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your children come to school in their school uniform. It has also been great to see so many people using the second hand uniform shed and a big thank you to Alice, a kind parent who has been keeping it in good order since September. Please ensure all uniform, coats, bags etc are labelled with your child's name. There are 630 children at Elmlea, all wearing the same uniform but if all uniform is named it can be quickly returned to your child.



Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher

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- Please bring in a pre-loved book which you no longer need and are happy to donate.
- Choose a book which you think would be appropriate and enjoyable for someone in your year group.
- Books should be in good condition and ready for someone else to enjoy.



You can bring in more than one book if you wish! (No more than three please).

**OPTIONAL IDEA:** Wrap your book up in brown paper/recycled paper/old newspaper to make it more exciting and mysterious. You could write on the front/stick a post it note to the front of your book with a few clues about what's inside.

## Inclusion Information and Support

### Free parent carer webinar from Bristol Parent Carers

On 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan at 11-12:15pm, Bristol Parent Carers are hosting a free, in-person training session at St Werburghs Community Centre for parents and carers which is all about finances. PlanIt Futures are Chartered Financial Advisers with SEND children of their own. They can offer advice and information about your children as they get older in helping them manage money & supporting them if they are not able to be financially independent.

Book your free space [here](#).



### FREE family support for fussy eating from BeeZee Bodies



Fussy eating affects 1 in 4 school age children, so we know this is a big deal for many of your pupils and families.


BeeZee Bodies, and their family nutritionists deliver FREE healthy lifestyles programmes to hundreds of families across Bristol.

Click [here](#) for a FREE resource to tackle the biggest challenges families face in making healthy choices. We also have FREE healthy lifestyle support beginning in JANUARY (see below) to support families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. Alternatively, you can start your journey

now with our online programmes too. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

### BeeZee Families Live: Free, 12 week online course for you and your family

January Programmes Starting Soon! Take the first step towards a healthier you today. Join BeeZee Families Live, a free, 12 week online course for you and your family.

 12-week FREE family and adults healthy lifestyle programmes are starting from the 15th January.

Our expert team have already helped hundreds of families, and we're here to support you. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Aspens School Lunches Theme Days

Please note that we will be participating in the following school lunch Theme days this academic year:

**Chinese New Year** Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb  
**World Book Day** Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar  
**BBQ day** Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June



## PTA News

**Please note there are time and/or date corrections for years 4, 5 and 6 from the last newsletter due to a conflict with Young Voices! Please refer to the following NEW times and dates only!!**

**Year 3, 5, 6 disco:** 26th Jan Yr 3: 3:30-4:15pm, Yr 5: 4:30-5:15pm, Yr 6 : 5:30-6:15pm  
**Reception, Yr 1, 2 and NOW YR 4:** 2nd Feb Rec: 3:30-4.15pm, Yr 1: 4:30-5.15pm,  
Yr 2: 5:30-6:15, Yr 4: 6:30-7:15.

Tickets £4 - for 45 mins of fun and dancing! Please email [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com) for free tickets if the event is cost prohibitive.



This is not a drop off event, for this event to run we need to have a minimum number of parents to children with 1 parent responsible for up to 3 children in the infants and 1:6 for juniors. Please arrange with other parents to ensure your child has a parent responsible for them attending the disco.

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water with them. There will be a bar selling refreshments for parents.

Tickets won't be issued for the event, attendees will be checked off a list upon arrival, so please include your child's name when booking.

Get your tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa)

Information on how to volunteer to follow via the class reps.

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**Next PTA meeting:** Tuesday January 30th. All are welcome and we'd love to hear from you.



Come along, hear the latest plans, share your ideas or volunteer. It's a great opportunity to be involved in Elmlea, help support the school, your child's education and our community.

There are lots of different ways you can help with differing levels of commitment.

And we need a new treasurer next academic year as our wonderful Tina is stepping down after 3yrs. If you'd like to volunteer for this role let us know or come along on 30th Jan to find out more. We're asking early to allow time for shadowing this year. Venue TBC.

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**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!

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



### Teacher-led after school clubs

**Boxercise has been cancelled on Mon 16 Jan** due to Mrs Paterson attending a sporting fixture. Please remember that children are expected to attend every week, so always ensure you let the School Office know if your child is unable to attend as if they do not show up, we are required to initiate our Missing Child Procedure, which could ultimately result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you.



### Mad Science Club

Starts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January for 8 sessions. The Infant Club will be in Mr Friesner's classroom (Y1), and the Junior Club will be in Mrs Wilson's/ Rachel Cosgrove's classroom (Y3). It will be from 3:15 to 4:15 on the following dates: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Registration is now closed.

### Shine February Half Term Holiday Clubs

Shine are back at our school in the February Half term running Holiday Clubs. More and more children are enjoying Creative Workshops, Performing Arts, Gymnastics, Dance and Mash-Up days. Come and join your friends at Shine!

**OFFER** Booking early gives you 20% off when you use the code Early Booker. Don't worry if your plans change, we offer a full refund as long as you cancel with 48 hours notice. More information can be found [here](#).



### 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 December 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:

**3rd Kup - Red Stripe** Kingsley

**5th Kup - Green Stripe** Rohan & Thomas

**6th Kup - Green Belt** Jack & Joe

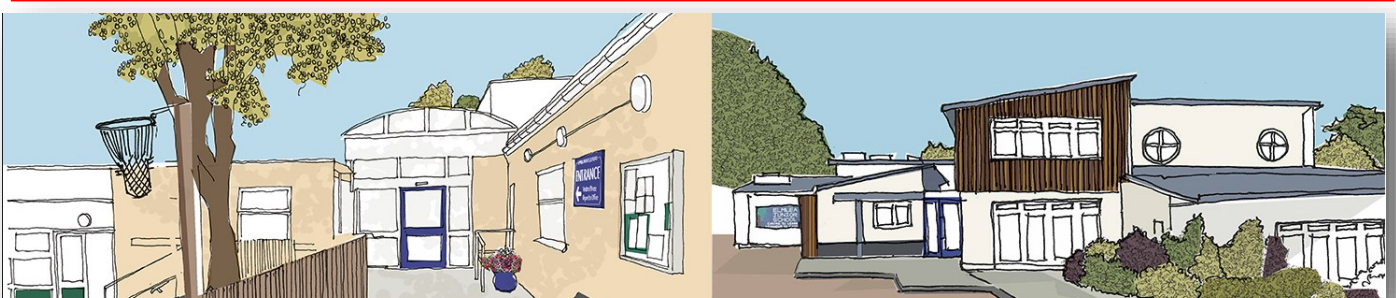
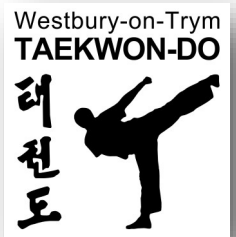
**Well done everyone.**

**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! For 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.





# Year Group News

## Reception

Reception have been busy learning new sounds this week - even a trigraph!

Please remember to read as often as possible at home to support your child.

**Trigraph**  
Three letters that make  
one sound

The Reception Team

## Year 1

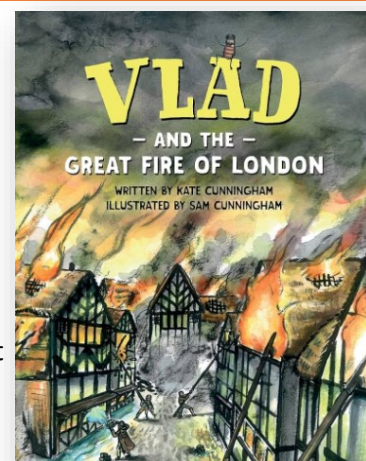
Well done Year 1 for another great week! This week, we have been getting stuck in with our new topic of Aquatic Adventures. We have thought about the issue of pollution in our seas and written commands using bossy verbs to inform people how to look after our oceans. In maths, we have rounded up our unit on shape through looking at spatial awareness and solving tangram puzzles. In science, we have continued to think about animals and in Geography, we looked at the countries that make up the United Kingdom. We are all very excited about our STEM week next week!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week exploring the events of the Great Fire of London. We have begun learning the features of a diary with our new book Vlad and the Great Fire of London. In maths we have continued to explore multiplication and the terms factors and product and how it all links to our two times tables. Next week we will be exploring 'Brilliant Boats' as part of our science week topic 'Connections'. If you have a spare cereal-box-sized box that you could bring in next week for one activity, that would be great.



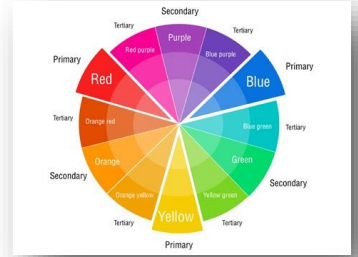
Thank you, Year 2 team

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week and have especially enjoyed our English unit of work, writing instructions about how to capture a wolf and also a dragon. Children have been using instructional writing toolkits to help guide their creative work and have been growing in confidence throughout the week. Pupils have also enjoyed learning more about the eight reading detectives and about how to text mark a text in order to help them understand it better. In maths, pupils have developed and consolidated their understanding about Time



and have successfully completed challenges about time to the nearest 5 minutes and to the nearest minute. Children have enjoyed learning more about forces and are excited for next week's 'Science and Sustainability Week 2024 - Connections!'. Pupils created some wonderful colour wheels and mixed primary, secondary and tertiary colours with confidence. Well done Year 3!



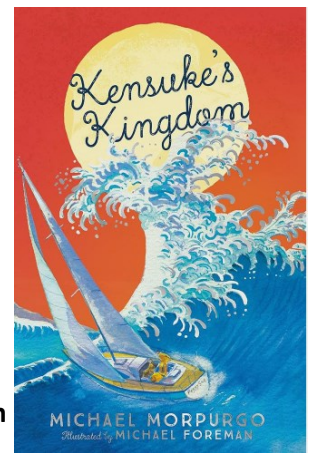
**Year 3 Teaching Team**

### Year 4

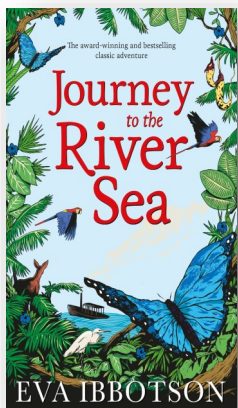
Year 4 have really been enjoying reading their class book Kensuke's Kingdom in English this week. They have been thinking a lot about what it would be like to live on a boat in the sea.

In RWV, they have been learning about how water is used and worshipped in many different religions. In PSHE they have been talking about how we react when a goal or a dream doesn't go as planned!

A wonderful and busy week in Year 4!

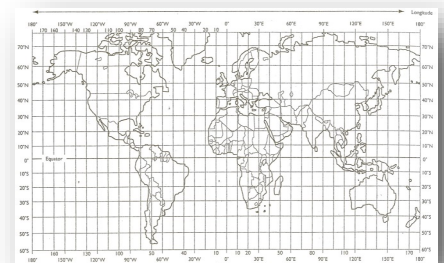


**Y4 Teaching Team**



### Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have started immersing ourselves in our new writing unit based on the book Journey to the River Sea. The children have written some fantastic descriptions and used precise language choices to paint a picture of their intended settings. In geography, we have learnt about the lines of longitude and latitude and used them to locate key cities around the world and in South America.



**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying reading Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp in their English lessons this week, working on characterisation, and creating imagination stations based on



Aladdin's dreams. In Science, we started our new topic of Evolution. We used chopsticks and nutcrackers to investigate why and how different birds have adapted their beaks to survive in areas with different food sources, for example worms and nuts and seeds.

Reminder- SATs Information evening. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 6pm-7pm Junior School Hall

**Year 6 Team**