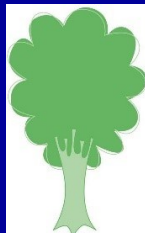


# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 17 Friday 19th January 2024



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## 2023/24 Academic year

### Term 3

Tues 2 Jan- Fri 9th Feb '24

Disco Yr 3, 5 & 6 Fri 26 Jan

Disco Rec, Yr 1, 2 & 4 Fri 2 Feb

### 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,

We have just celebrated our Elmlea Science and Sustainability Week 2024 which has been a great success (see below).

**Aquarium Visit**—90 children from Yr1 visited the Aquarium yesterday as part of their topic and had a fabulous time, even going on the coach caused much excitement. The children so enjoyed seeing all the underwater creatures and represented the school brilliantly. Thank you to the Yr1 team and their band of many volunteers who made it happen for the children.

**Parking on the zigzag lines**—Please don't ever park on the zigzag lines outside school. Every day this week parents have been parking on these lines at the end of the Junior drive, making it difficult and really dangerous for children crossing. For those who have forgotten, there was an accident where an Elmlea child was knocked down by a car 5 years ago on the Dell, near the end of the Junior Drive. We would rather you were late into school than risk an accident.

Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher

### Science and Sustainability Week 2024 at Elmlea

Our 'Science and Sustainability Week 2024, with our theme "Connections" has really enthused and inspired the children this week!

MadScience led the launch assemblies which were chemistry-themed in the Infant School with lots of excited reactions and involved space and rockets in the Junior School.

We have been incredibly fortunate this week to have had so many parents in to talk about their jobs, which has enabled the children to gain a real insight into science and sustainability in the workplace. The talks included a CACI data talk, (ask a Junior School child if you don't know what that is), a talk about wind turbines, 2 parents talking about their role in supporting sustainability, a talk about Rolls Royce jet engines and finally a parent talking about Meta connections. We hope that the links with the range of STEM industries forged this week will inspire your children well into the future.

Science projects running this week included the wonders of the human body in Reception, wind turbines in Year 3 and rollercoasters in Year 6. Grateful thanks are due to all staff and visitors for making the week so special and memorable for the children.

Our inaugural 'Sustainability Day' on Wednesday, was an excellent reminder for everyone to remember to cherish our planet, notably with activities such as pledges for the future, letters to future selves and a book swap. The individual projects enabled the children to explore the concept of sustainability more deeply.

To celebrate the week together, we had special celebration assemblies followed by the children buddying with their infant or junior buddies to share their learning and activities of the week.

Our poster competition too was a resounding success with a plethora of high quality entries. Well done to all who entered and thanks to Mrs Rosenburg, our Science Governor, for joining our judging panel. Winning entries will be in next weeks newsletter. Big thank you to Mrs Wilson, our Science subject leader, Miss Emery-Symons and Mrs Smith our Eco-subject leaders for our fabulous week.

With grateful thanks, Mrs Wilson (Science Lead).

## Teacher-led after school clubs



**Junior school teacher-led after school sports clubs for Term 4** – a letter was sent to parents/carers this week with the details - please ensure you register your child's interest to join a club they are eligible for **by 9.00am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**. Please note we will not be able to accommodate late requests due to the admin time involved.

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.

## Smartphone Safety Tips for Young People



One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone 📱 and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12 ☑️ This concerted increase – driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

Indeed, more than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone – and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around. Our [guide](#) this week pulls together some simple but solid smartphone safety tips 🛡️

## Community News

### Chess Clubs for ages 5-17, at Redland and Henleaze Libraries

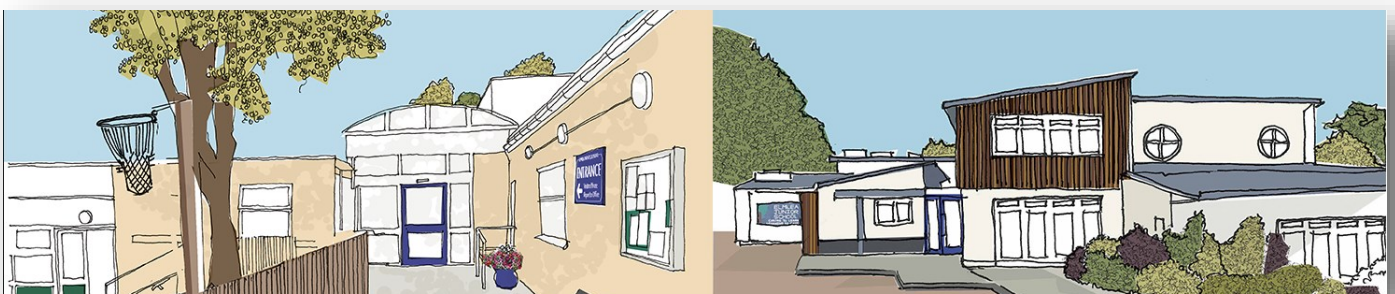
Chess Clubs at Henleaze Library on Fridays 4pm-5pm, and Redland Library on Saturdays, 11.30am-1pm has recently been re-launched, offering the opportunity to local children and young people to learn how to play chess or to just find other likeminded people to practice and improve their skills. Chess Clubs in Bristol Libraries are aimed at a wide age range; 5-17 year-olds and their families. It's free and no booking is required – just walk in. Chess clubs foster a sense of creativity, spatial thinking & problem solving, encourages building new skills and new friendships and bringing the community together.

Further details can be found here [Redland](#) and [Henleaze](#).

For details about accessibility, please contact the libraries direct:

Redland 0117 903 8549 [redland.library@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:redland.library@bristol.gov.uk)

Henleaze 0117 9038541 [henleaze.library@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:henleaze.library@bristol.gov.uk)



## 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.



**YOUR  
PTA  
NEEDS  
YOU**

**Next PTA meeting:** Tuesday January 30th, in the Junior Hall 19:45 for a 20:00 start

All are welcome - please 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.

**Support the PTA whilst catching up with friends at our Winter Wine Tasting event on Friday 23rd February.**

To be held in the Infant School Hall between 8-11pm – the evening promises to be full of fun, whilst sampling delicious wines from around the globe.

With a WSET Diploma in Wines, our experienced host will be on hand to help you get the most out of every sip. You will sample six different wines from varying climates (including two sparkling) whilst exploring the key characteristics of their grapes.

Tasty nibbles will be provided to accompany these wines, with the opportunity to purchase any of your favourites. Plus, there will be a chance to win some amazing prizes in our raffle! So don't delay, spaces are limited! Tickets can be purchased individually or as a table of six

[www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa) **Please note, this is an adult-only event**



**New Year, New Uniform Shed** We are currently looking for a 12x10 shiplap shed to house uniform and costumes for plays/dress up days - making it more accessible for all our families, and reducing fabric waste to help the environment.



Does anyone have any connections to a company? Could anyone secure funding for it through a company? We would love to hear from you! Please get in touch using the email below.

[elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.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!



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



# Year Group News

## Reception

Reception have really enjoyed STEM week!

Next week we are learning about the importance of Mental Health and as part of us looking after our wellbeing, we are thinking about our favourite things to do!

Please send in a picture on Tapestry of something that your child enjoys doing or something that helps them to feel calm and relaxed.

We will share these with the class next week :)

Thank you



The Reception Team

## Year 1

Wow Year 1, what an AMAZING week we have had! It has been such an exciting week full of great activities. We have had a wonderful time this week exploring our topic of connections for our STEM week. We have been exploring building bridges. We worked in teams to build bridges that were strong enough to hold the weight of three toy cars. We are all so proud of what we have created!



Yesterday, we also had the best time at our first school trip to the Aquarium. The children's behaviour was so impressive, and it is safe to say, they learnt lots of interesting facts about so many different sea creatures!



Year 1 Team

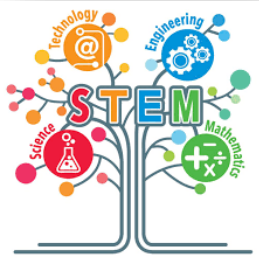
## Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed Science Week and our Sustainability Day on Wednesday! Thank you for bringing in books and cardboard, the children enjoyed their book swap and building boats. We learnt about the different types of plastic and how to recycle them. We also made pledges about how we can be more sustainable to ensure our planet stays clean and healthy for future generations. The children investigated whether different materials floated or sank and what shapes made the best boats. We then used our results to design and build boats in groups at the end of the week. During maths, we have been learning about commutativity and solving problems within the ten times tables. In English, we imagined we were alive during The Great Fire of London and wrote emotive diary entries.



Thank you, Year 2 team

**Year 3** Year 3 have had a brilliant 'Science & Sustainability Week 2024 - Connections'! MadScience led our launch assembly with a fantastic space and rockets presentation in the Juniors. We were lucky to have Mr Halstead come in and explain all about what he does as an engineer and to get everyone excited about our investigation theme- wind turbines. We also loved hearing about Mrs Wray's CACI assembly talk and now know a lot more about non-identifiable and personal data and how to look after the latter.



Wednesday saw our inaugural 'Sustainability Day' when we investigated food waste in a little more depth, wrote letters to our future selves and did a successful book swap. Thursday saw Mrs Bacon tell us all about her work with Rolls Royce as a Combat Leader. We loved hearing about everyone's different investigations in our Celebration Assembly and also enjoyed sharing the things we have learnt this week with our Y6 buddies. As well as all of our science activities and visitors, we also planned, drafted and published our writing progress instructional text pieces and learnt more about numbers in words and multiples of 25, 50 and 100 in maths. Well done Year 3!

**Year 3 Teaching Team**

**Year 4** Year 4 have had a fantastic Science week this week.

In particular we really enjoyed sustainability day on Wednesday. We wrote letters to tomorrow explaining our pledges and all the things we will do to make tomorrow a better place.

We talked about Deforestation in detail and then had a debate in class about the 'for' and 'against' arguments of it. The best part was having to argue the side we don't believe in!

We also wrote our own pledges on something we would like to do that might have a positive impact on the environment. The most popular ones were to turn off lights at home and not leaving taps running for too long!



**Y4 Teaching Team**

**Year 5**

Wow! Year 5 have had a great week during Science Week! We launched the week with an investigation into how to make most efficient paper airplane. This involved us designing, predicting, planning and remodeling our designs, before having a "Flight Off" in the playground. We also had a wonderful talk from Mr Thomas about his job in renewable energy. We enjoyed learning about how wind turbines are made and how they generate electricity.



Alongside science, we have also been busy converting different units of measurement in maths and applying our knowledge to different problems. In English, we have been busy planning our narratives based on "Journey to The River Sea".



**Year 5 Team**

**Year 6** Year 6 have had an exciting science and sustainability week. As part of our connections topic we built rollercoasters out of tubing and conducting tests to see how the independent variables being changed effect the dependent variables. We also had a fantastic visitor come along to share information about their job in sustainability and how big companies try to make changes to improve the environment. Each morning year 6 have been carrying out mini experiments as starter activities. These included linking books together to see how friction between the pages prevent them being pulled apart and a fun "magic trick" making a plastic straw spin on its own.



Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Year 6 information evening on Tuesday, we hope you found it useful. If you could not make it and would like the information, please see below:

Year 6 Residential (camp) 2024 [presentation](#) | Year 6 SATS evening 2024 [presentation](#)

**Year 6 Team**