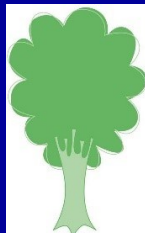


# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 20 Friday 9th February 2024



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

## 2023/24 Academic year

### Infant School Class Assemblies

Click [here](#) for full details

#### Term 4

Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March

#### Parents Evenings

Thurs 22 & Tues 27 Feb

(bookings close 7pm Fri 16 Feb)

#### Travelling Book Fair

Mon 2-Thurs 7 March 3:30-4pm

**World Book Day** Thurs 7 March

**INSET DAY** Mon 18 March

#### Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May

May Bank Holiday Mon 6 May

**School Photo Day** Fri 3 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,

Our Internet Safety week has enabled us to explore with the children how to keep themselves safe when online. The children in the Junior School have particularly appreciated the workshops held for all classes. We have a strong computing curriculum and also explore online safety across the year in our PHSE lessons. Thank you Mr Valle for organising this and to all our teachers who so sensitively and carefully support the children to learn how to be safer in the online world. See below for more details.

**Teacher led clubs** - If we need to cancel a teacher led club on the day, you will be notified by SMS and email. Please check your texts on the day especially when it is poor weather to check if it has been cancelled and you need to pick up.

**Staffing** - Today we say goodbye to Mrs Boyle, our school business manager who will be leaving us to move to Cornwall. Mrs Boyle has been at Elmlea for many years and has given so much to Elmlea in her role and we are so appreciative. We will miss Mrs Boyle but wish her much happiness as she relocates and starts a new adventure. Lowena re'th fo!



Happy new year to all our families who will be celebrating Chinese new year in the next 10 days.

Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher

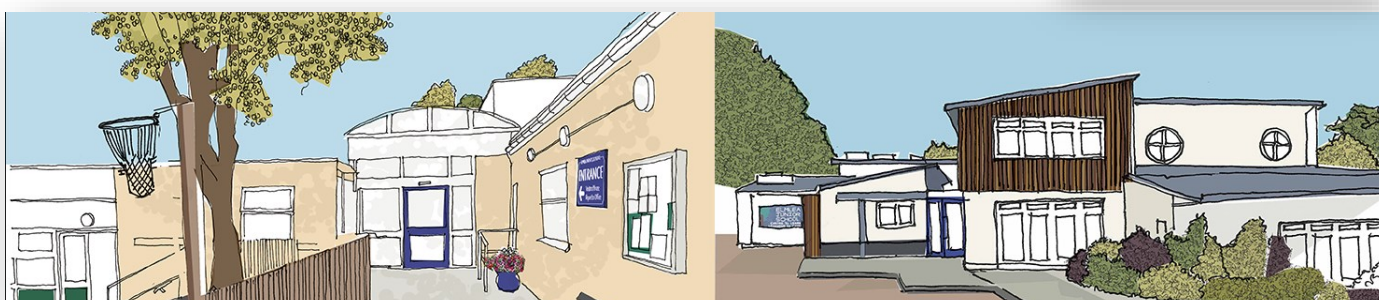
### Internet Safety week

Elmlea celebrated internet safety week and Safer Internet Day this week. The Year 6 digital leaders helped lead assemblies with Mr Vallé at both the Infants and the Juniors, which was a great opportunity to discuss issues with the children and get some of the pupils involved. The focus this year was around respect (one of Elmlea's core values) and how to be respectful when online, especially within the world of online gaming. We were also lucky to have Richard Scaiff from The STEM Factory come to facilitate workshops for every Junior class across the week. The workshop focused on the importance of secure passwords.

Please visit the two links below for some fun age-appropriate content for your children around online safety. They include interactive games and engaging videos.

For [4-7 year olds](#)

For [8-10 year olds](#)



### World Book Week 4th - 8th March

The Trust will be celebrating World Book Week on 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March

**World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Please dress as your favourite character!**



Our **Infant** theme this year is '**My favourite book/My favourite character**' linked to our Mental Health Week theme of 'My Voice Matters' and encouraging the children to talk about the types of stories they enjoy.

In the **Junior** School, our theme for Book week is '**Heroes and Villains from Traditional Tales**'.

Throughout the week the children will enjoy storytelling workshops and curriculum activities linked to a love of reading including competitions and author visits as well as the book fair.

The **book fair** will be running in the Infant Library and Junior hall after school 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-4pm - please come along and support our school! This fair will include a wide range of books and the best part is that each purchase contributes to free books for our school library! You can use your book token at this fair to get £1 off. The fair will be cashless so please make sure you have your bank details handy as all purchases will be by QR codes.

Half term challenge - '**Get Caught Reading**' Can you 'get caught reading' somewhere during the half term holidays and send a picture in via SeeSaw/Tapestry? We would like to see the wonderful places you will find to read and share these with your classmates!

Look out on SeeSaw/Tapestry for our **competitions**.

Infant School: Design a book cover! Prizes to be won!

Junior School Your teachers have posted an activity to Seesaw called 'A Hero or Villain's Day Off'. Winners to be announced during Book Week.

Finally - **can you help?** Do you work in publishing or illustration and would like to come in and talk to the children about what you do? Please contact Miss Neal on [abie.neal@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:abie.neal@elmleaschoolstrust.com)

Could you **volunteer** to help at the Infant/Junior book fairs after school? Please sign up [here](#) if you are able to help.

**Happy Reading!**

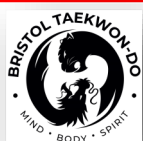
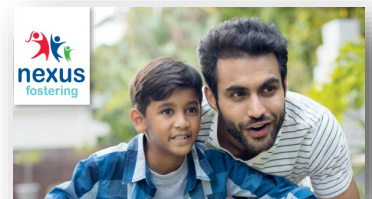
### Elmlea Teacher-led after school clubs



Please can parents ensure that they collect their children on time at 4.15pm from Elmlea Teacher-led after school clubs? Nearly every week the teachers who run these free clubs report having to wait up to half an hour after the club is supposed to have finished for children to be collected. If you think you may not be able to make it on time for a **4:15pm** collection, please book your child into Snack and Chill. Thanks.

### Foster carers needed to help local vulnerable children and young people

At Nexus Fostering based in Gloucester, we're looking for local people like you to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care. We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change lives, please give us a call on 01452491980 or email Bridget Fletcher on [bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk) More information can be found [here](#)

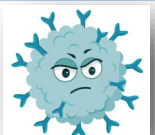


### New 4-6 year old Taekwon-Do Free Trial Classes- change of venue

Advising of a change of venue for the Thursday 22nd February FREE trial class- this will now be held in the Studio, due to parents evening. More information can be found [here](#).

### Advice from Bristol City Council about Measles

There has been a recent rise in measles cases across the country. Please read this [letter](#) from Bristol City Council public health which contains important information regarding measles.





### New PTA committee members needed for next academic year

The PTA is at the heart of the school community and is hugely important to making Elmlea a success.

Come and join the team that plans events and raises money to pay for the extras that the school's budget just doesn't stretch to, from extra playground equipment to books for the library. All new ideas welcome!

You'll be part of an enthusiastic team helping the school give our kids the best possible extra-educational experience.

We'd like the new members to start shadowing this year so the committee is set-up and running by September.

We're looking for 2 x Co-Chairs, a Treasurer and Secretary. Please contact us if you're interested

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#### Upcoming events:

Wine Tasting - 23rd February [SOLD OUT]

Winter Raffle - draw taking place 1st March; visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa/> to buy your tickets and see the full list of amazing prizes.

Plant sale - 8th March, after school. Details to follow

Bag2school - 26th April - before school. Details to follow

Quiz - date tbc

Summer fair - 15th June, see details below



#### Summer Fair 15th June

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be part of the summer fair committee. We now have a wonderful team and are looking forward to the event. We will be in touch with more details as the planning moves forward.

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Don't forget to use [Easyfundraising](#)



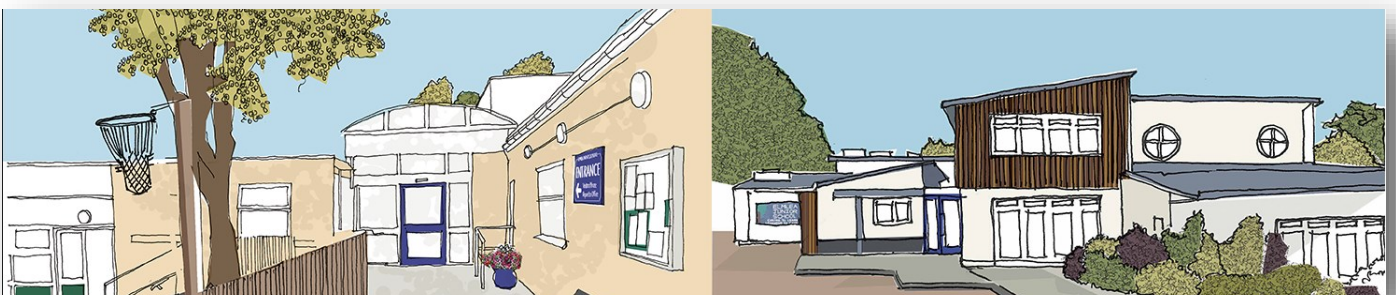
Over 7,000 brands donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you grab a bargain!

Thank you to all you new supporters out there!

**Have a wonderful half term!**

**Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA**

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# Year Group News



Top DoodleSpell class this week is **2SC** - well done and keep up the great work everyone!

## Reception

Don't forget to 'Get Caught Reading' over half term!

The children have voted for their next role-play areas. Next term Willow will have Space, Maple class will have Under the Sea and Oak class have also chosen Space!

We hope you all have a restful break.



The Reception Team

## Year 1

It has been a very grey, windy last week of term but it has not stopped the children from smiling! This week we have been wrapping up various units to end the term. We have reviewed the different models to represent numbers in maths such as the cherry model and bar model and in computing we have been focusing on how we can stay safe when using games on our technology at home. We really hope you have a brilliant half term and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

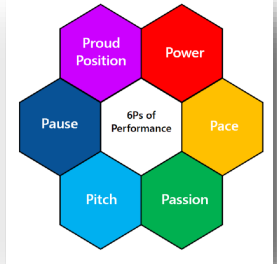
We have had a busy and exciting end to Term 3 in Year 2. As it has been e-safety week, we have been talking about how to stay safe on the internet and the children have made brilliant contributions to discussions. On Monday, we wrapped up our Great Fire of London topic, the children shared their knowledge and have learnt so much since January! We also had an exciting bread making morning where we got together in the Junior Hall to make and bake some delicious flatbreads. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers! In maths we have been looking at the relationship between doubling and halving and in English, we learned how to use a thesaurus to upgrade our language. Have a well-deserved rest over half term and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 4 ready for our new topic!



Thank you, Year 2 team

### Year 3

Pupils in Year 3 have had a super week and have enjoyed the opportunity to explore our 'Internet Safety' theme. Linked to this, children took part in an excellent eSafety workshop led by Richard from the STEM Factory about passwords and keeping them secure. Pupils have loved learning more about performance poetry in English, inspired by Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' performance. They have learnt about the '6Ps' of Performance: pace, pause, pitch, posture, power and passion. In maths, children enjoyed solving a maths



mystery using a range of their mathematical problem-solving skills and also reviewed their reasoning strategies linked to problems solving. In reading comprehension, pupils used their 'active reading' skills to answer word finder and deduced questions. On Friday, having worked incredibly hard this term, Year 3 enjoyed their treat afternoon. Well done, Year 3!



The STEM Factory

Year 3 Teaching Team

### Year 4

We have really enjoyed Internet Safety week this week in Year 4. We have had workshops on password protection, watched smart crew videos about e-safety and discussed various scenarios that children could come into contact with online and how we would handle them.

In Maths, we have been learning about how to read time and convert into 24 hours and how to read time digitally.

It has been a very busy and informative week in Year 4.

Safer  
Internet  
Day 2024 | Tuesday  
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

Y4 Teaching Team

### Year 5

We have finally made it! What a great week we have had to end the term! Throughout the week, the children have taken on the role of film critics, as they wrote some fabulous film reviews about a short animation film "Planet Unknown". They also had an opportunity to become hackers, as part of our E-Safety Workshop. During this time, they learned about the importance of passwords and what makes the most effective ones. They then had lot of fun trying to hack into an app which had been specially designed for them. In art, they produced some amazing graphic scores, inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky and music linked to different religions. The children loved being able to be free and creative with the mediums they used and the abstract images they used. We hope that you all have a lovely, well-deserved rest and we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays!



Year 5 Team

### Year 6

As part of our e-safety week, Year 6 have explored the benefits and potential risks of on-line gaming. We have finished writing and recording our narrations for our nature documentaries - make sure you have a listen on seesaw. As scientists, we have considered the theory of human evolution and observed some major evolutionary differences in skeletons over millions of years. In geography, we have made comparisons between Ecuador and the UK using a wide range of maps that showed both human and physical features. We have also become expert transformers in maths: reflecting and translating shapes.



Enjoy the break Year 6 ready for 'hard-work' term to begin!

Year 6 Team