

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 22 Friday 1st March 2024



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Infant School Class Assemblies
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Term 4

Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March

Travelling Book Fair

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

World Book Day Thurs 7 March

Dress as your favourite character!

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

2024/25 Academic year

Full details can be found [here](#) or
visit the [website](#) for more info.

Dear parents and carers,

We have had very successful trips to Wessex water this week for Yr3, which the children found fascinating; exploring how we are able to have fresh water to drink and use. Thank you to the Yr3 and Yr4 teams for organising these and to the many parent volunteers who supported the trip to make it happen.

Parent-survey – Thank you to everyone who has responded, we have had 205 responses so far which is great. However, we have 632 children at Elmlea so it would be great to have parent views of their child's experience at school from at least 50% of parents - We do really want to know your views and to hear your parent voice, the link can be found [here](#).

Parking outside school – This week I have been contacted by a school neighbour as a parent has parked over most of the pavement near school and on a double yellow line. This created a significant hazard and risk to the children and families trying to walk to school as they had to walk in the road to pass by. Please consider the safety of our children and park further away if necessary.



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus To all our families with Welsh connections, we hope you have a happy St David's Day.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

World Book Week next week at Elmlea 4th - 8th March

REMINDER: World Book Day is Thursday 7th March.

Please dress as your favourite character!

There are many activities happening in school throughout next week; 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 which will be running after school from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th.

Full World Book Week details can be found on the next page.





REMINDER: The Trust will be celebrating World Book Week next week 4th - 8th March

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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.

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

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



Junior School competitions:

1. Your teachers have posted an activity to Seesaw called 'A Hero or Villain's Day Off'. (to be handed to Miss Leach by Tuesday 5th March)
2. Get caught reading challenge (get caught reading in a strange place and upload photo to Seesaw)

Winners to be announced during Book Week!

Book Fair Mon 4th - Thurs 7th March

Just a reminder that as part of World Book Week the **Book Fair** will be visiting Elmlea next week from Monday to Thursday running in the Infant Library and Junior hall after school. It will be open to you and your child from 3.15-4pm from Monday to Thursday. please come along and support our school! Your child will have had a chance to browse with their teacher during the week too. 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!

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help out.

The Book Fair will be cashless so please make sure you have your bank details handy – all purchases will be by QR codes that you can use to make your payment. The children will have been given their World Book Day vouchers this week which will enable them to get £1 off their chosen selection.



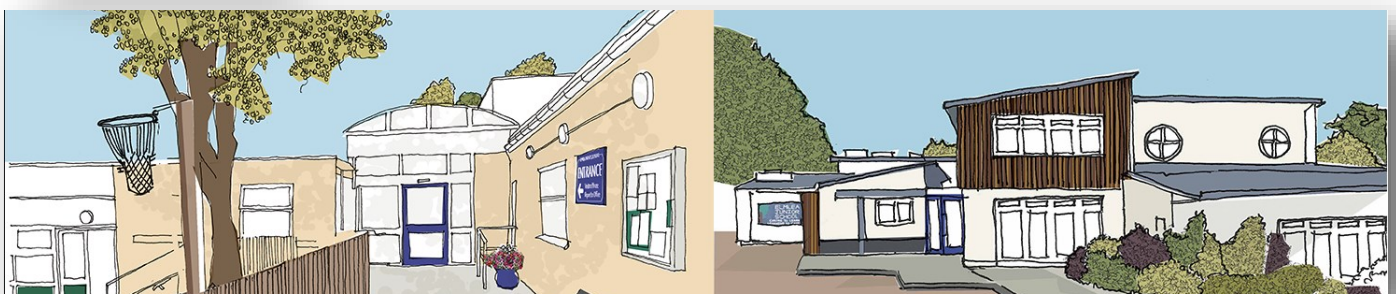
Thanks and happy reading!



Music News

We had a different singing assembly on Wednesday this week as we had a visitor - Carl Morgan speak to us. Carl has a sight impairment and was talking to us about his day-to-day life as well as performing for us on guitar and piano. He explained how you should help guide someone with a sight impairment and also how he reads his mail and pours a drink! The children really enjoyed and responded well to his assembly.

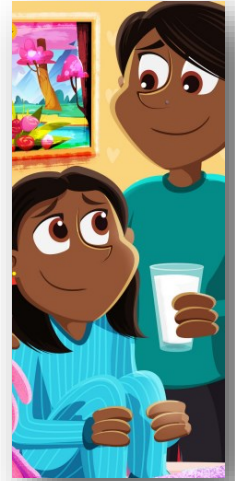
Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are Experiencing Bullying

The latest bullying research from the DfE makes for upsetting reading 😞🔍 Almost half (40%) of schoolchildren in the UK have been bullied within the past 12 months – with 21% of them experiencing negative changes to their behaviour, including avoiding going to school. In 15% of those cases, the victim's behaviour suffers to the extent that they are ultimately excluded themselves.

Understanding and honest conversation can be an immense benefit to children who have become the target of bullying – but it's such a delicate subject that it can often be hard for trusted adults to know where (or how) to start. Our [guide](#) this week contains ten practical tips for supporting a child who is experiencing bullying 🛡️.



Inclusion Information and Support

Together for SEND | March 20th

Come along to our **free** event, SEND Together | Family and Practitioner Support. A whole day dedicated to offering solutions and connections for those navigating the world of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bristol

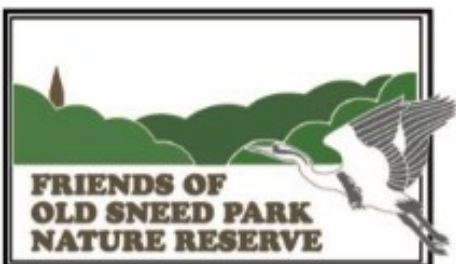
With an extensive lineup of 30 informative sessions covering all areas of SEND, this event is an opportunity to share knowledge and a platform to broaden understanding and ensure all families and practitioners are aware of the diverse range of support available within our local community.



For more information, visit [Together for SEND | March 20th – Bristol Parent Carers](#)

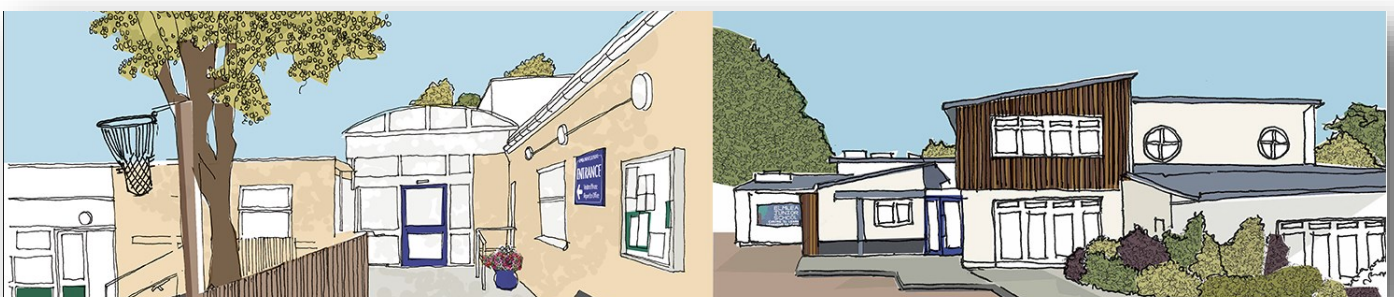
Community News

Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve



Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve are on the lookout for volunteers to enable them to effectively continue the volume and nature of work that they carry out to protect and manage the reserve.

If you would like a bit more information, click [here](#) or visit the website [The Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve](#)



PTA News

Wine Tasting and Winter Raffle: A huge thank you to Louisa, Shenal, the event committee & those who attended our first ever wine tasting evening. It was a huge success, and along with the winter raffle, raised £2,800 for the school. Thank you to all those who have bought raffle tickets, winners will be announced w/c March 4th.



Plant and Cake sale: 8th March, 3.15 - 4.00

Kick start the spring with a houseplant, some summer bulbs or even some shrubs & trees. All cakes £1.00. Plants from 50p.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Friday 26th April, before school. Inside the main Junior Entrance Gates.

Bag2School is a **free eco-friendly fundraising scheme** that helps schools, businesses, and community groups **raise funds through textile recycling**.

A bag, with details of what to do, will be coming home with your children w/c 18th March. You can use this bag, and/or any other bag for your donations.

So sort through your wardrobes and donate your unwanted textiles – including shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

Bag2School will collect and pay us by weight, 50p per kilo. So the more textiles we get, the more funds we raise. Making this a great reason to have a good clear out.

See [Bag2School Fundraiser | UK's No.1 Fundraiser for Schools](#) for more details - including a list of what can and can't be donated.

Upcoming events:

Quiz: 17th May

Summer fair: 6th July - **please note change of date**



Don't forget to use Easyfundraising where you can raise a **FREE** donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you grab a bargain. Together we've raised **£1,653.07** so far for Elmlea.

Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA
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Year Group News

Reception

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. Please dress as your favourite character!

Competition Time: Can you design your own book cover?

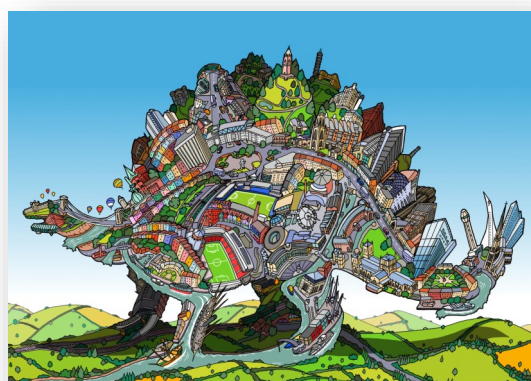
Our World Book Week Competition will be launched on Monday and children will be invited to design their own book cover for the chance of winning exciting prizes! Keep an eye on Tapestry for more details!



The Reception Team

Year 1

Another brilliant dinosaur themed week in Year 1 this week has resulted in some brilliant learning about our new topic. We were visited by a real palaeontologist who taught us the skills to search for fossils at the start of the week. We learnt lots of interesting facts about fossils which helped us when thinking about how they are formed. We have used The T-Rex that Came to Tea in our English learning this week and have been continuing to think about addition in maths. In art, we have started our Andy Council style projects which we look forward to finishing next week.



Year 1 Team

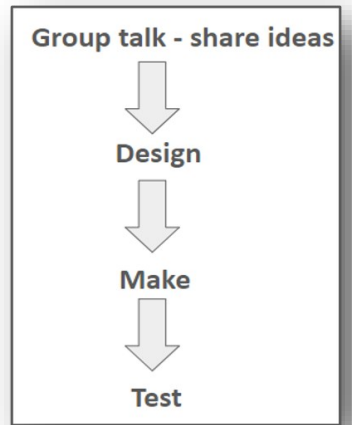
Year 2

In English, we have continued reading myths from around the world to inspire our writing. We have used coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend our sentences. In maths we have been looking at division structures and how they link to our known multiplication facts. We used the apparatus in PE and explored ways of moving playdough and our bodies in Science. During topic we observed the differences between Westbury-on-Trym then and now and heard how it has changed from Miss Windybank's nan who has lived here for over 60 years. Please keep your eyes peeled next week for a parent helper call out for our upcoming Westbury Walk!



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3 Year 3 have had another exciting week and real highlights have been the visit to Wessex Water's Saltford Education Centre and also the NW24 STEM Marble Run Challenge, both of which have really captured the children's interest and imagination. In English, pupils have successfully learned and identified the key features of a story mountain when writing a narrative text and continue to be inspired by 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. In maths, children have continued learning about fractions and are appreciating even more the value and application of the knowledge of their times tables facts. In DT and PSHE, children have deepened their understanding about personal fitness, healthy eating and the importance of eating a balanced diet. On Wednesday morning, Y3 welcomed their Y6 buddies to their classes and enjoyed the video clips that Y6 had prepared for them. Well done, Year 3!



Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4 Year 4 are continuing to work hard on their production this week. Many of us are busy learning songs, dances and scripts to prepare.

In Science, we are preparing to build circuits. We will be using conductors and insulators to see whether electricity will pass through.

In Maths, we are working on fractions and decimals. We now recognise tenths and hundredths. We also know the role of a denominator and numerator.

We have enjoyed some downtime in the library during our busy week and continued to focus on friendships in PSHE too.



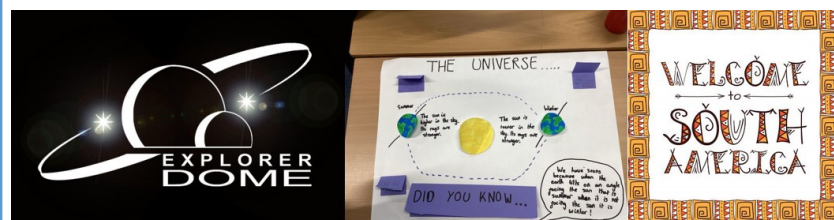
Numerator
How many equal parts do you have?

$\frac{3}{4}$

Denominator
How many equal parts is the whole divided into?

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 It's been another fun and exciting week in Year 5! We really enjoyed morning of science on Tuesday when we had a visit from the Explorer Dome and learnt all about the solar system and constellations. Back in class, we have been finding out more about the orbit of the planets and we chose different ways to present our learning to the rest of the class, such as drama, presentations and interactive diagrams. In English, we have been continuing our persuasive writing unit and have been particularly focusing on ambitious vocabulary and persuasive language choices.



In maths, we have been exploring angles and finding missing angles within quadrilaterals and triangle. In Computing, we have started work on our mixed media tourism TV advert to advertise South America, using stop motion animation.

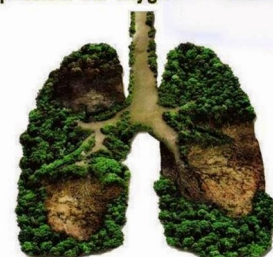
Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have focussed on Brazil this week in Geography and the complexity of deforestation. We have made posters campaigning against cutting down the 'lungs of the planet' and what we can do to help: avoid products that use palm oil and only paper products from FSC approved sources. In science, we have been introduced to Carl Linnaeus who first created a system of classifying living things.

In maths, we have learnt to calculate the volume of cuboids.

Forests, jungles, trees, plants... produce the oxygen we breathe.



They are the lungs of the Earth
If we destroy them, we destroy ourselves.

Year 6 Team