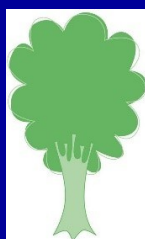


Elmlea Schools' Trust

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Friday 15th March 2024



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 4

Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March

INSET DAY Mon 18 March

1AW class assembly - Fri 22
March

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

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,

Thank you so much for your support of Comic Relief today. All the children looked very jolly in their red outfits supporting Red Nose Day. The work of Comic Relief is so important and the children understand a small action taken collectively can have a huge impact. If you would still like to contribute to Comic Relief, an optional donation can be made using this [link](#).



Inset Day Monday 18th March - The school will be closed on Monday for all children to enable our school staff team to meet together for training and planning.

Yr3 September 2024 Parent information meeting - Thank you to all our parents who attended the parent information morning yesterday and were given an excellent guided tour by our House Captains too. If you missed it and want to attend please come on Tuesday 19th March at 9.10am

PTA – Thank you to the PTA and their volunteers for holding a very successful cake sale and plant sale – thank you to everyone who supported it and to all our Yr3 children and parents who donated cakes.

Newsletter - we will shortly be reformatting your newsletter to make it more reader friendly. There is still time to have your say on what we could do to improve it for you, please let us know through this very short [survey](#).

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Music News

We have been very busy this week preparing for next Wednesday's ukulele performances and also the Spring Choir Festival. The children have been working very hard to practice their chords and learn the lyrics for these events. Rehearsals are sounding fantastic! A big well done to Dainton who played the piano at the beginning and end of singing assembly and also to Carmen and Mia who played clarinet to both the infant and junior children in their assemblies last week.



Musical dates for your diaries:

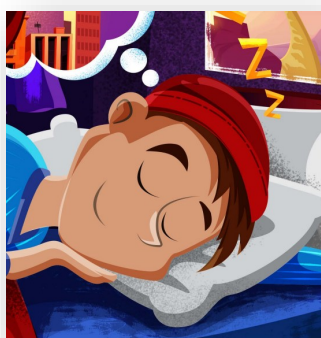
May 9th - KS1 Summer Sing (Infant Choir trip)

June 18th - Primary Orchestra Workshop (Orchestra trip)

June 27th - Bristol Beacon Big Sing (Junior Choir trip)

July 16th - Summer Music Concert at school (school instrument groups)

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



10 Top Tips for Parents: Developing Healthy Sleep Patterns

Dreaming of a decent night's sleep? 🤔💤 Many of us *are* – and it's a particularly pervasive problem for young people. Concerningly, research has suggested that around 70% of teens get less than the recommended 8–10 hours' sleep per night. The effects of poor-quality sleep on a developing mind, of course, can be harmful over a prolonged period.

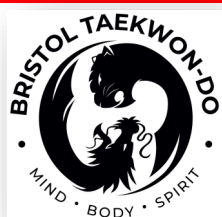
Although a significant portion of under-18s struggle for shut eye, there is still plenty we can do to support them in getting the beneficial rest they need during those formative years. Compiled in conjunction with our friends at award-winning mental health charity Minds Ahead, this week's [guide](#) has tips on helping children to develop healthy sleeping habits 🌙

Booking opens soon for Terms 4 and 5 Shine After School Clubs

After School Clubs / Wraparound care for April to July for will be live for booking next Wednesday 20th March at 12:30. More information about the timetables can be found [here](#).

[Infant School](#)

[Junior School](#)



Taekwon-Do Grading Achievements

I should like to congratulate the Elmlea students of Westbury-on-Trym TKD, who took part in the Bristol Taekwon-Do Grading, on Friday 8th March 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 means the student needs more commitment in their training; every new rank accomplished, brings more responsibility, skill and dedication. I'm extremely pleased to announce these Grade promotions:

5th Kup - Blue Stripe Jack

7th Kup - Green Stripe Eva & Sofia

8th Kup - Yellow Belt Evie

Grade 1 - Purple Stripe Peter

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! Mon & Thurs at Elmlea Junior School.**

5:10-5:50pm Junior 1 Class (7-12yrs) ~ White Belts to Green Stripes.

6-6.55pm Junior 2 Class (7-12yrs) ~ Green Belts and above.

Westbury-on-Trym TKD has been at Elmlea Junior School for over 13 year with students STILL training who started in September 2010! For more info & to book the 1st free class, contact Miss Fran White w-o-t.tkd@hotmail.co.uk 07787956050.



PTA Events



Thanks to all of you who came along to buy plants or cakes last Friday. It was a huge success raising over £850.

A special thank you to Lydia Sheehan for securing such a wonderful selection of plants including the Bristol Whitebeam, donated by the University Botanical Gardens. The unsold plants have been left for the school to plant around the premises.



Upcoming events:

18th March: Bag2School bags distributed

25th March: Elmlea Junior FB site closing

26th April: Bag2school collection.

Quiz: 17th May

Summer Fayre: 6th July

Week commencing 18th March - An eco-friendly textile recycling scheme that will raise 50p per kilo for Elmlea.

A bag, with details of what to do, will be coming home with your children **w/c 18th March**. So sort through your wardrobes and donate your unwanted textiles in preparation. Collection will be **Friday 26th April, before school in Junior Car Park**.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Details of what is, and isn't accepted is available: [Bag2School Fundraiser | UK's No.1 Fundraiser for Schools](#)

Fb: The Elmlea Junior Facebook Site is closing on 25th March.

Please ensure you follow :<https://www.facebook.com/groups/576344152516915/> to keep up to date with PTA events and news.



Summer Fayre: 6th July. We are looking for sponsors for our summer Fayre. If you, or anyone you know owns a local business and wants to sponsor, please email: elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

New PTA committee members needed for next academic year: We're looking for 2 x Co-Chairs, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

The volunteers will be supported by an excellent team of event organisers. Please contact us if you're interested.

If you would like to read the minutes from the last PTA meeting click [here](#) and [here](#).

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

Another great week in Reception. We have been learning all about our topics, reading longer words in Phonics and subtracting in Maths!

We had a great trip to Westbury Baptist Church on Tuesday - thank you to all our parent helpers that came in and made the trip possible!

Look out on Tapestry for a home challenge next week linked to Past and Present.

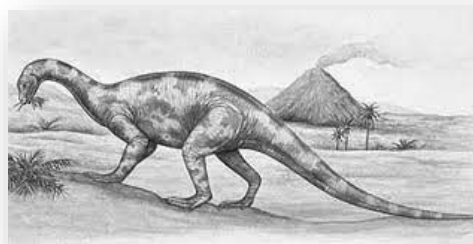


The Reception Team

Year 1

What a brilliant way to end our week with a super Red Nose Day! We have loved wearing red to school today and reflecting on why we have done so. As part of our awareness, we have loved our school wide skipping challenge as part of our PE. It was lovely to see progress across the week as children have been able to practise their skipping more and more.

We have also learned about Bristol's very own dinosaur this week. The Thecodontosaurus was discovered on the Downs nearly 200 years ago, we have discovered many interesting facts about the dinosaur this week and have loved learning about Mary Anning too.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 had an enjoyable week in school. In English we have explored two new myths from different parts of the world - One from Cambodia and one from Ancient Greece. They will be using the story of the Chimera to create their own versions next week to share with our Year 5 buddies. We had great fun contributing to the Infant School Skipping challenge and it was fantastic to see the improvements that many children have made.

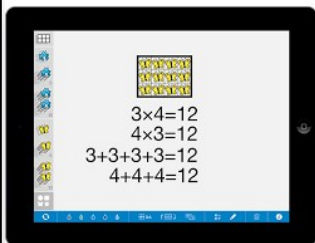
In maths we have moved from division onto addition and will be looking at subtracting two two-digit numbers next week. We are excited to go on our fieldwork trip to Canford Park next Wednesday and are hoping for reasonable weather. The trip will involve some mapping work and discovering how the local community like to use the park.



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week and enjoyed wearing their own PE kit in their Mrs Paterson PE session and wearing red on Comic Relief Day today. In English, they have planned, drafted, edited and published their part of the 'Oliver and the Seawigs' story. Children demonstrated their developing editing skills successfully. In maths, pupils consolidated and extended their knowledge and understanding of the use of arrays and bar models to solve multiplication calculations and worded problems. In Religion and World Views, pupils prepared for and visited the Baptist Church to enhance their studies of water in religion. In Topic, children completed their write ups of their Wessex Water trip.



Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

What a busy week in Year 4! The Wessex water trip this week was a great success for 4B and 4BL. We had an amazing tour of the Factory, did some of our own Den building and had a long walk around the reservoir.

On Wednesday all of year four visited the Baptist church which helped us with our Water in RWV and related to splash. We talked about how water is important in Religion and saw examples of all the different ways it is used.

Lastly, rehearsals are well underway, and we are looking forward to performing to parents on afternoon of March 25th and 26th evening!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

What another busy week the children have had! On Wednesday, they enjoyed learning how to play the Djembe as part of French. The children learnt about the three different sounds it can make (bass, slap and tone) and enjoyed playing different rhythms and songs alongside the teachers. Not only did it put their musical skills to the test but as all the instructions were given in French, they had to listen very carefully and translate.



They have also been busy creating their greenscreen elements for their TV adverts, which are designed to entice tourists to visit South America. In PE, the children had a lot of fun completing their sports relief challenges set by Mrs Patterson and competing in their house teams for the victory.

Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 were fortunate to be able to participate in a Senegalese djembe drumming workshop, conducted completely in French. Children were given the opportunity to show off their previous knowledge of drumming and practise skills both old and new.

In art we have completed our self portraits using a wide variety of mediums to express our personalities and world views. In geography, we have continued to collect data using our wind turbine and have been learning about the importance of fair trade.



Year 6 Team