

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 29 Friday 3rd May 2024



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May
May Bank Holiday Mon 6 May
Reception class assemblies
Willow Fri 10 May / Maple Fri 17
May (Infant gate opens 2:40 for
2:45pm start)

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July
INSET DAY Fri 28 June
Sports Day Dates
Y5 & Y6 Mon 1 July back up Tue 9
Y3 & Y4 Tues 2 July back up Mon 8
Infants Thur 4 July back up Weds 10
Last Day of Term Tues 23 July

2024/25 Academic year

Term 1

Mon 2 Sept-25 Oct '24
INSET DAYS Mon 2, Tues 3 Sept &
Fri 25 Oct '24
*First day of Term 1 Children return
to school Wed 4 Sept '24*

Term 2

4 Nov - 20 Dec '24

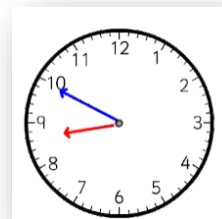
Term 3

6 Jan - 14 Feb '25
INSET DAY Mon 6 Jan '25
First day Term 3 Tues 7 Jan '25

Full details can be found [here](#)

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to my request last week to ensure your children are in school on time. We all know the challenges of leaving the house on time and thank you because the number of families coming into the school gates after 8.50am has dropped significantly. Please keep it up, it makes a huge difference to your child's start to the day.



Class photos - There was great excitement today for the class photos and we hope you enjoy them. As soon as we have the links for them we will send them out.

Coronation Cup - Huge congratulations to our Yr5/6 Elmlea school football team who have made it to the finals of the Coronation Cup to be held at Ashton Gate. As soon as we have the date confirmed we will notify you, so as many of you can attend as possible to support our team.

Bags 2 school - Wow again! Your donated items last week weighed 1570 kilos which support the charity's work, it raised a fabulous £628 towards our new gazebos on the hall and also supported recycling which is part of our school vision to care for our world. A huge thank you again.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

Term 6 Junior School Teacher-run after school clubs

The questionnaire for expressing interest to join a Junior School teacher-run club in Term 6 is open until 9.00am on Wednesday 8th May - please submit your child's interest by this time.



Important dates for your Diary: Sports Day
Years 5 & 6 - Monday 1 July (back up Tue 9 July)
Years 3 & Y4 - Tuesday 2 July (back up Mon 8 July)
Infant school - Thursday 4 July (back up Weds 10 July)



ESTA News



A huge thank you to everyone for the amazing support for **Bag2School** last week and **Sophie Kidd** who organised it. We weighed in at **1.5 tonnes** and raised **£628!**



Ice cream sales are back from the lodge **every Friday**. Thanks to all those who are helping and buying.

Preparations are in full swing for our Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July 11am-3pm.



There will be games, activities, food, drinks and many stalls to explore.

We will also have performances from The Elmlea School Choir, Bristol Samba and Street Dance, plus Taekwondo demonstrations and a Fire Engine.

Thanks to your donations for **Bag2School**, we have also been able to book two exciting inflatables.

Volunteers will be essential to help the day run smoothly, just 30 mins of your time. We will be in touch with details on how you can sign up and help make our school fair an event to remember.

Opportunity to train as a first aider: We often need first aiders for our events and find we don't have enough. If anyone is interested in becoming trained as a first aider to help at our events (paid for by us), please register your interest by emailing us.



Sponsorship opportunities: we have a number of sponsorship opportunities to help raise funds for the school. If you'd like to sponsor sponsor new rugby tops for the school or new safety equipment please get in touch via our email address (below).



Don't forget to use [Easyfundraising](#) where you can raise a FREE donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you grab a bargain. To date we've raised £1,700...just for your usual spending.

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Year 5 & 6 mixed Tag Rugby

Last week a group of year 5 and 6 boys and girls attended the tag rugby finals at St Bede's school. After an incredibly tough afternoon of 5 tag rugby games back-to-back with no breaks, Elmlea took home second place out of 6 teams on finals day.

Amazing results of 4 wins out of 5, just getting pipped by a very strong St Bonaventures 1st team. Well done to everyone involved.

Music News

Our **Infant Choir** are going on a fabulous outing to Bristol Beacon next Thursday afternoon and will be donning their sunglasses and armbands to sing lots of summery songs. Let's hope the sun shines for us!

Junior Choir are working hard to learn many songs for their own event at Bristol Beacon on Thursday 27th June. Please can you help them to learn **part 2**. The recordings are here: [Junior Choir Recordings](#). The lyric sheet is [here](#).

School orchestra members have been given out their parts for our orchestra workshop at QEH on Tuesday 18th June. If you need any help with these please let me know or contact your child's instrumental teacher for support.

Bristol Beacon Ensembles Pupils who have received at least a whole term of WCET lessons and would like to continue to play their instrument are invited to join one of our Bristol Beacon 'Sparks' groups. These ensembles are specifically created for beginners to grade 1 and run after school on different days of the week at Beacon Music Centre. Click [here](#) for more information.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



Cricket this summer with Shine

Shine Summer Cricket Coaching starts on Saturday Mornings for children in Reception through to Year 8, based at Golden Hill Cricket Club. Over the 11-week development programme, Shine will run fun weekly sessions providing an exciting opportunity for children of any ability to build their cricket skills, knowledge and confidence in a supportive outdoor environment with our qualified, experienced and friendly coaches. More information can be found [here](#) or click below to book.

[Softball Cricket R - Yr4](#)

[Hardball Cricket Yr 5 - Yr 8](#)



Henleaze Tennis Club in Term 6



A fun after school tennis club for Elmlea children in Years 3 to 6 on a Wednesday from 3.15 - 4.30pm run by Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club's highly qualified and LTA accredited coaching team. All the equipment provided. and Parents pick up from Elmlea Junior School promptly at 4.30pm.

For more information and to book, click [here](#).

Inclusion Information and Support



Bristol SEND news - The May newsletter can be found [here](#).

Reception

This week Reception have looked at length in Maths, comparing shortest and longest, and have written instructions for how to plant a sunflower which we will be doing in the coming weeks.

We have been working hard on our Class Assemblies and a special well done to Oak Class for an amazing performance today! We hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.



The Reception Team

Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy this week. We would just like to say how proud we all are of how well the children have come back this term. We have certainly noticed an increase in independence as well as enthusiasm for the learning material which is always wonderful to see. We have been continuing with our Brilliant Bristol topic this week and have been reading a new story all about



how the Avon Gorge was formed. It is said that two Giants created it when trying to win over Princess Avona's heart. We have loved this and created some brilliant character descriptions about the Giants using adjectives and even similes! In Science, we have been covering more of our seasons unit and target games in PE. Enjoy your three-day weekend!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard to tell the time this week. We have looked at using minutes past and minutes to and our knowledge of the 5 times table has been very helpful! In English, the children retold Chapter 2 of Iron Man using some fantastic vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.

Our topic lesson was all about the history of trains, we watched some interesting videos and could not believe how fast some modern trains go! In art, we prepared some polystyrene blocks for printing and in science, we planted some beans as part of an experiment to see what plants need.

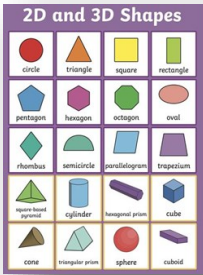


We want your toothpaste boxes We need 90 (yes, ninety!) toothpaste boxes for an RE project. Please can you bring them to class. Thanks.

Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3

Pupils in Year 3 have enjoyed a fun-filled week at school. Children have worked diligently to draft, edit and publish their setting descriptions inspired by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In maths, pupils have learned more about the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They worked hard to investigate the symmetry of a range of 2D shapes. Water colours have been used to effect by the children when designing their 'eye' artwork pieces and



they have also used marker pen to add detail to their designs. Pupils have especially enjoyed using the apparatus in their indoor PE sessions this week. Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have continued their learning within our topic, 'They're Coming', by challenging popular stereotypes around what a 'Viking' looked and acted like. We found out all about life at home for Vikings, how they farmed and how they travelled from their origins in Scandinavia.



In science, Year 4 have had lots of fun exploring which solids change state through melting. We made predictions and recorded which took the longest to melt. We also learnt that different materials have different melting points, including metals like Gold and Iron that need temperatures of over 1000 degrees!

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started planning and writing their own biographies about a famous person of their choice. The children have started this project with a real enthusiasm and are looking forward to completing their biographies and finding out which have been selected to be sent to their chosen person in the hope of receiving a response!



In maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of calculating with fractions whilst in science, we have set up experiments to see if we can create a clone of a Petunia by placing cuttings in a jar of water. Over the coming weeks, we will carry out some observational drawings to monitor their progress and ultimately celebrate our group's success or commiserate together in our failure - fingers crossed!

Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

For homework last week, as part of our DT project, year 6 spent time at home trying and evaluating cakes. Some excellent work, future bakeoff presenters in the making. In History, we continued our journey through British history and learned about how Henry VIII



changed the catholic church. In English, we are putting our final touches to our mysterious stories based on the pictures of Harris Burdick, two of which you can see below. Some excellent examples of tension and suspense shown so far.

Year 6 Teaching Team