

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 30 Friday 10th May 2024



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May

Maple class assembly

Fri 17 May (Infant gate opens 2:40
for 2:45pm start)

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

Year 3 Information Evening Wed

26 June 6:30pm

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,

Hooray, we have had some sunshine this week and finally we have been able to go on the field for the first time this year!! Suddenly the space for the children to play has doubled which has been so lovely. Sun is forecast for tomorrow too so I hope you can all enjoy it.

Infant Choir trip – 34 children from our Infant Choir travelled to Horfield Primary yesterday to join other local schools to sing together. It was a fabulous event – thank you to Miss Sadler, Mrs Webster and Mr Friesner for making it happen and to our parent volunteers who came to help too.

Reception sports fixture – It was great to see a team of our youngest children take part in an Indoor athletics event with other local schools, organised by Shine. Thank you to Miss Mackenzie and Mr Daubney for organising the trip and for our parents helpers on the day as well.

Using a knife and fork – a plea from the infant staff on school lunch duty – please can you make sure your child can use a knife and fork to cut up their food.

Sometimes it feels quicker and easier at home to give your child finger food, just a fork or cut their food up for them. However, eating a roast dinner with your fingers doesn't work. Being able to use cutlery and cut your food up is a skill your child needs and in school we need the children to be able to do this for themselves. Link to a very helpful video [here](#).

Staffing update

Congratulations to Mr Weller, currently one of Yr2 teachers, who has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher at St Werburgh's primary. We are delighted for Mr Weller but Elmlea will miss him. We are currently recruiting via eteach.

We are also delighted for Miss Neale, who is expecting a baby in September and will be starting her maternity leave then. We are currently recruiting for a teacher to cover Miss Neale's leave via eteach.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



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

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



There will be musical performances from Elmlea's own musicians, Bristol Samba, Taekwondo demonstrations and a Fire Engine.

Plus two exciting inflatables, thanks to your donations for **Bag2School**.

With lots of food, drinks, fun activities, games and stalls to explore, make sure to book the 6th July in your diary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help the fair run smoothly and give the kids a great time, we need a little help on the day from as many of you that can. Please visit this sign up genius link and volunteer for a slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA9A62FA0FAC34-48859648-summer#/>

Please note ***all* children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and remain the responsibility of that adult throughout their attendance.**

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.

The Elmlea Schools TA

elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Junior School Teacher-run after school clubs

Term 6 Clubs – places will be confirmed to parents/carers via email the week commencing 13th May.



Music News

We had a fabulous time at Bristol Beacon's Summer Sing this week with the infant choir. Luckily the sun shone so we were able to don our sunglasses for the event.

The children were impeccably behaved and so were their teddies! Well done to all of them.



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Community News

Redland Green School - Open Morning Tours

We are delighted to welcome Year 5 parents to come into Redland Green School for an opportunity to meet our leadership team and have a school tour. Please follow this [link](#) for more details and to book.

Children's Pottery Holiday Workshops - May half term and summer holidays

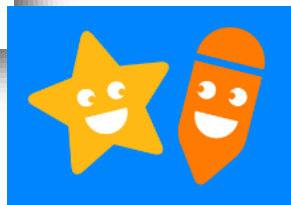
Pottery workshops for children during the school holidays given by a former Elmlea pupil at various venues near the Harbourside. More information can be found [here](#).

May half-term ideas for families

Our May Half-Term Guide is out now. This has a roundup of everything going on around Bristol over half-term! You can find it [here](#) or [here](#).



Year Group News



Top Joint TOP DoodleSpell classes this week are 2R and 2SC - amazing work, well done everyone!

Reception

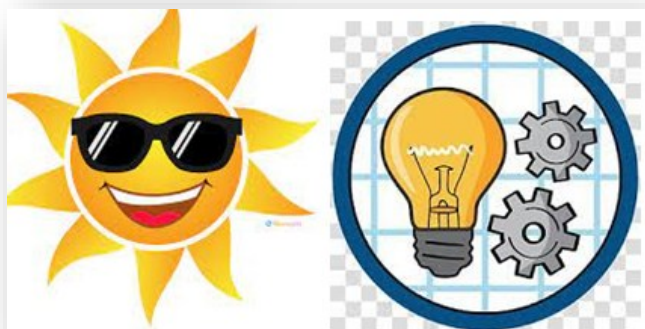
This week Reception have enjoyed the challenge of writing longer words in Phonics as well as writing short narratives inspired by the beach. We have learnt how to halve objects and numbers in Maths and our circle time this week has been learning about the impact of unkind words. A huge well done to Willow class for their fantastic performance, we hope you all enjoyed it! Now that we are approaching the summer months, please make sure your child is sent to school each day with a named sun hat and has had sun cream applied at home before school.



The Reception Team

Year 1

Wow Year 1, another super busy week! We have loved finally welcoming some sunshine to our playtimes, it really does feel like it has lifted our spirits. In history this week, we reflected on the Engineers we have learnt about which inspired us to come up with some of our own inventions!



In maths, we have been thinking about comparing quantities and numbers and in phonics we have been revising phase 5 sounds in preparation for next terms phonics screening.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week and enjoyed being out in the sunshine at playtimes. In lessons we have been retelling the story of the Iron Man and even making our own changes. The children have been doing really well with their presentation and making more use of joined up writing. In maths we have been exploring position and direction which has had links to our recent fraction and time learning because of the need to move clockwise and anticlockwise. The week ended with our final art lesson of our texture unit. This saw the children do some printing using moulds they had created themselves. We can't wait to show them off at the end of Arts Week. Next Wednesday we have our trip to Aerospace Bristol and are all very excited.



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3 Information Evening

Current Year 2 parents, please note the date - 6:30pm on Wednesday 26th June in the Junior school hall for your Year 3 Information Evening.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week the children have commenced their new text, 'King of the Sky' written by Nicola Davies and illustrated by Laura Carlin. Pupils explored different illustrations from the book and then used these to create their own piece of art using watercolours, oil pastels and pencils. The children used their art to help them write

setting descriptions of the scenes they had created. In art this week, pupils have really enjoyed working with clay to create their creature eye pieces. Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team



Year 4

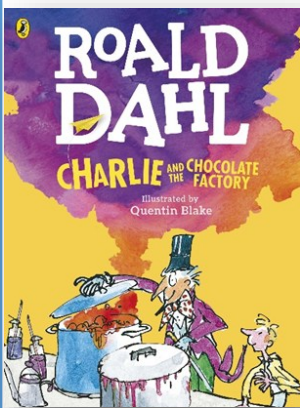
Year 4 have had a brilliant week writing beautiful pieces of work for their writing progress books in English discussing the hot topic of 'Are we are too reliant on technology?' We have been so impressed at how focused everyone has been whilst independently planning, drafting, editing and publishing their work and we cannot wait to share them across the year group next week! They have also enjoyed learning techniques using water colours to create mosaic patterns, inspired by the Roman era and participating in cricket activities in the long-awaited for

sunshine! Year 4 for another wonderful week.



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5



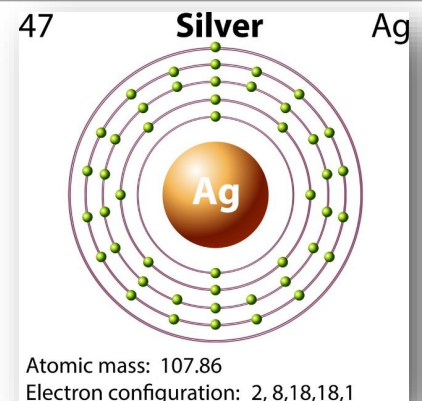
Over the last few weeks, the children in year 5 have been working hard in English learning all about biographies. They have researched someone famous and, this week, written their own biography about their chosen person. It's been great to read and learn about so many different famous people! They have also been working hard as they have begun some of our assessments this week, so well done!

We finished the week with some auditions for our summer play, Charlie, and the Chocolate Factory which displayed an amazing depth of talent in year 5. Well done to all those that auditioned!

Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

This week year 6 have been busy planning our mini-modern Victorian sandwich and exploring which metals are the best conductors of electricity. Fun fact...its silver! We also finished our writing progress mystery stories and spent a fantastic morning in the sun reading these to our Year 3 buddies. In music we have started focusing on the Year 6 play, listening to some of the fantastic songs we will have to learn.



Year 6 Teaching Team