

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 32 Friday 24th May 2024



2023/24 Academic year

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,

After a busy term your children are ready for rest to recharge and refresh and we hope you all have a wonderful half term and we can all hope the sun might make an appearance.

Arts week—We have ended the term with our fabulous Elmlea Arts Week 2024. We have been able to celebrate many of the different arts during the week and the children have been able to really develop and celebrate their amazing creativity throughout.

The artists that have visited have brought a real enrichment to the activities. It was lovely for the children to be able to proudly exhibit their work to you this afternoon and thank you to all the families who came in to school to see the childrens' wonderful artwork. Thank you to our skilled staff teams who made this week happen and to Miss Wilson and Mrs Cosgrove who masterminded the whole week.



Staffing update

Mr Salisbury, our current Assistant Headteacher and Yr5 teacher will be sadly leaving us at the end of this term to emigrate to Australia. Mr Salisbury has been with us for many years and given so much to Elmlea and will be missed. However, we are delighted for Mr Salisbury and his family at the exciting adventures that await.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

School Class Photos

Don't forget to order your school photos! If you order before Sunday 26th of May then not only do you receive a discount but the school will also receive commission, benefiting all pupils.



If you have lost your access code, please contact Tulip Photography directly on cpsemail@tulip-photo.com and they can provide you with the code.

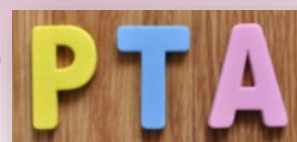


PTA Dates for your diary

Tues 4 June - PTA meeting (evening, time / venue tbc)

Sat 6 July - PTA Summer Fair 11am-3pm

Sat 30 Nov - PTA Xmas fair



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators: Encouraging Healthy Friendships

A study from the British Psychological Society found that the majority of children (71%) had at least one close friend as early as five years old 👫 😊 These connections can form rather quickly and develop with equal speed. At such a young age, it can be remarkable how suddenly two children can hit it off with one another 🚀

However, it is deeply important that children can recognise both the features of a healthy relationship, as well as the potential signs of a less healthy dynamic ☹️ This [guide](#) offers some top tips on reinforcing the formation of healthy friendships among children and young people.



Inclusion Information and Support

SEND Coffee Chat Friday 14th June 2pm - 3pm

This is an informal session where any parents from across the trust can drop in for a coffee and chat with the Trust Inclusion Lead, Lacey Flook.

You do not need to have a child with identified needs, you may just have questions you want to ask, and Lacey can signpost you to a range of resources and support networks or talk through what we can offer in school.

This session will be held in the Junior School library.



External Clubs Information

STEM club at the Junior school in Term 6 –Open to children in year 3 to 6 on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30pm, Video game design Pt 3. Starts 11 June and runs for five weeks. Cost £49.99. More information [here](#).

Shine May Half Term running Holiday Clubs. Shine are back at our school in May Half Term running Holiday Clubs. So many children each holiday are enjoying Creative Workshops, Mini Gym and Circus Skills, Play-in-a-day, and Mash-Up days. Come and join your friends at Shine! Click [here](#) for more information.

Shine Term 6 after school Clubs We can't believe Term 6 is just around the corner! Shine is offering some fantastic clubs at your school this term, perfect for enjoying the summer weather. Don't miss out—come and get involved. Click for more information on the [Infant](#) and the [Junior](#) clubs.

Community News

Gloucestershire Cricket Discount offer - £15 off selected T20 cricket matches this half-term!

Adult tickets start from £26 per person and Junior tickets are priced from £9, but with discount code:

BRISTOLSCHOOLS you can claim £15 off your basket. Visit the Gloucestershire Cricket [website](#) for more information or click [here](#).



ESTA Events

Last Friday evening saw the return of our **annual quiz night**, with the school hall packed full of teams battling to remember 90s album covers, local business logos, teachers' first names and how to spell 'sacrilegious'. The hall's moving rendition of Bon Jovi's 'Livin' on a Prayer' was an unexpected bonus. Congratulations to the winning team Agatha Quiztie!



A huge thank you to Louise and Cheryl for organising everything to ensure it was a roaring success and another big thank you to the quiz hosts James Petherick and Ed Le Masurier for entertaining us with a fun and inventive set of questions.

Together we raised £1,200 for Elmlea.



Ice cream sales are proving to be a hit on Fridays straight after school by the lodge, please keep coming to support us. So far we've raised £475.

Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July 11-3pm - ensure the date is in your diary.

To help the fair run smoothly, we need the help of everyone. Please visit this [sign up genius link](#) and volunteer for a slot.



ESTA News



Our next meeting will be Tuesday 4th June, evening - time and venue tbc.

We need new Chairs, a Treasurer and a Secretary for next academic year to support the large team of event organisers we have in place.

Please come along to the meeting to find out more about the roles and how you can help.



Thank you for all your **uniform and fancy dress donations** in the new shed. In fact we have such an overwhelming amount the rails are already full to bending point. To help us manage please **ONLY** donate uniform with the Elmlea logo on.

Can we ask you **NOT** to donate uniform with tears, rips, marks or stains and please don't leave uniform on the floor, if the rails are full please take the uniform home for now. We are working on solutions for extra storage.

We would love a volunteer to help us manage the uniform shed. Please contact us if you're interested

And lastly, you might have noticed the **groundwork** being laid for **2 new outdoor classrooms on the field**. These are being built with the help of funds you've raised, so thank you everyone.

ESTA, elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com



Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had a fantastic last week of Term 5! This week we celebrated Art Week and created lots of beautiful artwork based on our theme 'fish'.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Scrap Store where we had a brilliant time creating and roleplaying with all the scrap materials. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term and can't wait to see you all in Term 6!



Year 1

Year 1 have ended the week and term on such a high! We have absolutely loved Arts Week and have very much enjoyed our theme of mammals. We started the week by thinking about instruction writing and wrote steps for how we would make our very own clay animals. The following day, we used our instructions to help us carefully create our own clay animals followed by a very exciting workshop where we made the most amazing animal masks using old scrap! We have thought about teamwork in PE, finished our units in PSHE and Science and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon sharing our art with the rest of the school. A wonderful way to end the term! Have a brilliant break!



Save the date: Friday 14th June - Victorian dress up day

Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a fantastic week we've had to end Term 5! Arts Week has seen us sculpting clay insects, making treetop bug hotels, creating headbands for our parade and much more! The children have immersed themselves in our theme of 'All creatures Great and Small' and in English, they researched minibeasts using books from the library before writing a non-chronological report.

We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's brilliant work as much as we enjoyed showing you! Have a great (hopefully sunny) half term!



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

Year 3 have had a fun-filled Arts Week and have especially enjoyed the theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small' and their 'Birds' theme. Pupils enjoyed creating their clay birds and added feathers, pipe cleaners and eyes to their creations which they then painted. Children had the opportunity to create a paper bird and they also used



posca pens to draw impressive feathers. In English, pupils wrote planet and animal inspired poetry which they proudly shared with their peers. In science, children impressed their teachers with a light-themed 'escape room' in which they demonstrated their impressive knowledge and skills they have acquired this term. Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

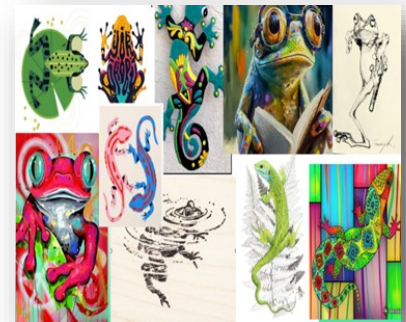
This week, the Year 4 team have been blown away with the enthusiasm and creativity from our classes. We have enjoyed exploring the world of reptiles and immersing ourselves in different forms of media; inspired by different artists.



We started the week by participating in two reptile-themed comic workshops with cartoon illustrator, James and also explored using black and white contrasting patterns to decorate chameleons. We also completed our sculpture and mosaic work by decorating our dragon eyes and explored mark-making with aboriginal-inspired paintings. Great effort Year 4!

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 What a wonderful 'Arts Week' the children have had! They have all had such a great week, using lots of different mediums and art techniques to create amphibian inspired art. To start the week, the children explored using line and colour to create vibrant, contrasting art, using a mixture of paint, posca pens and fine liners. Using modelling clay, the children were able to sculpt 3D models of a variety of amphibians. On Wednesday, the children took part in a workshop where they were given the opportunity to use wire as a medium to make sculptures of frogs. This involved the children cutting and modelling the wire and then using tissue paper to add the colour and detail. The children also explored how AI and digital art can be used to create interesting pieces of art. They had a lot of fun generating some wild and wacky artwork. Alongside all the artwork, they also wrote their narratives for the short film 'Alma', focusing on techniques to build suspense and tension. It has been a fabulous term, and all the children have worked exceptionally hard throughout: we are so proud of them all! We hope you have a wonderful rest over the holidays and look forward to seeing you back in Term 6!



Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6 What a fantastic Arts Week we have had in year 6. The overall theme this year was 'Creatures Great and Small' and in year 6, our focus creature was Mollusks.



Of course, our week began with some Graffiti on the field- we're so excited to display our work on the wall at home. We've had a brilliant time using all kinds of media to produce different creatures, from watercolour flatworms to clay snails. We were particularly challenged by using Batik (a way of creating outlines using hot wax); we then dyed our material using brusho ink and had to be very careful indeed! As well as this, we used digital media to create repeating shell patterns and intricately decorated shells using acrylic inks. Thank you so much to Miss Wilson for organising such a fantastic week!

Miss Leach, Miss Sheffield and Mr Dickenson