

Thursday 23rd September 2021

AUTUMN 2021 - WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3

Ask your child about...

...**World Peace Day**. We talked a little about what peace means, where there are conflicts in the world, and heard the experience of two different refugees. We also looked at the ways that people are helping Afghani refugees in Camden.

... the **Autumn Equinox**, which fell on Wednesday, marking the start of Autumn when there are roughly equal hours of night and day.

TOMORROW FRIDAY 24TH

Year 6 return from an amazing week at Wick Court farm in Gloucestershire. We expect them around 2pm but will update families by text as they travel. Do look at the website for some wonderful pictures!

Year 5 host the first Cake Sale since March 2020! Please donate cakes and biscuits to sell and help needed to set up from 3:15pm.

NEXT WEEK - MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Monday 27th

- 8- 8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Club in the playground
- 9- 10:45am Year 3 Cross Country training session (see details below)
- 2pm - After their week on the farm, Year 6 are visited by Farming Today presenter Charlotte Smith
- 3:30- 4:30pm - Year 1 and 2 Football Club in the playground

Tuesday 28th

- 8- 8:50am Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Club
- 9am William Ellis Open Morning

Wednesday 29th

- 8-8:50am - Parent Led Basketball Club Years 3-6.
- 9-10am Acland Burghley Open Morning just for EP!
- 9am William Ellis Open Morning
- Year 5 head to Southwark to study the Thames foreshore
- **5:15 pm and 6pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher. Rescheduled from a fortnight ago**

Thursday 30th

- 8:30am Dodgeball and Cricket Club for Years 3 and 4
- Year 3 has a Victorian workshop in school. Please come dressed in a simple Victorian costume

Friday 1st

- 8 - 8:50am Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club
- 9am The Bike Fix team return! So popular when they came in May, the team service and repair bikes free of charge. They are here for the morning and have limited spaces, so please contact lindsay@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk or the school office if you would like to check your bike into the workshop. Once confirmed bring your bike to the top playground for 9am and collect it the same day.
- 9 - 10:45am Year 5 Cross Country training session (see details below)
- 3:30pm Year 6 host the Cake Sale
- 3:30-4:30pm Development football session for Juniors

News in brief and Reminders!

Meet the Teacher and Loom

It was lovely to see so many of you at Year 2's Meet the Teacher(s)! this week. If you were unable to make the meetings our Loom versions have been shared via the News page on the app and on the Year Group page of the website. Years 2 and 3 to follow.

Black History Month - October 2021

Next Friday marks the start of Black History Month. At EP our team - led by our pupil Diversity Champions - has done a lot of excellent work over the past year to further diversify our curriculum, and we believe that Black history and culture *is* our history, and is not a separate subject. However, we also welcome the opportunity to really focus on Black history this month, through our assemblies and discussions in class.

This year, the Black History Month theme is 'Proud To Be...' **We would like to hear from the EP parents, carers, families, children and staff on this theme** too, whether you identify as part of the Black Community, or as an ally, family member or friend. We want your voices! We are thinking up a plan to record your contributions, so watch this space!

Two of our parent governors, Nanouche Umeadi and Sei-Kee Maturine have provided us with more links and ideas for making the month relevant to our local community. We have also had other parents offering to work with the teachers and children during Black History Month or beyond, so if you have ideas, please let us know!

head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

Here is a link to the Black History Month website to find out more about the 'Proud To Be...' theme:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

Shed Talks

Some parents will remember that we used to run talks and sessions for parents in our teaching room by the Nursery known as 'the Shed'. We are working on a series of new 'Shed Talks' this term - more news to follow! One session ready for the diary is a talk on **Internet Safety** led by Camden's Mary Rebelo on **Friday 15th October at 9am**. In addition to helping parents keep children safe online, Mary has fantastic advice on managing screen time and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. Past parental feedback on this session has been overwhelmingly positive. We have booked this session to tie in with Digital Parenting Week. More news of other Shed Talks as dates are confirmed!

Cross Country Plans

Coach Martin has cooked up a brilliant Cross Country plan, so that each of the Junior classes are able to have a **training session** on the Heath, and then a **race** where parents can come and cheer them on. Some training sessions start next week, so if it's your child's turn, please ensure they come to school wearing **comfortable clothes to run in**, and **trainers** with enough grip if it's muddy! **Water bottles** as always and perhaps a healthy snack too!

Training sessions on the Heath

- Monday 27th September, **Year 3**, 9:00-10:45am
- Friday 1st October, **Year 5**, 9:00-10:45am
- Monday 4th October, **Year 4**, 9:00-10:45am
- Friday 8th October, **Year 6**, 9:00-10:45am

Race days (parents welcome)

- Tuesday 19th October, **Year 6**, 2-3pm
- Thursday 21st October, **Year 3**, 9:30-10:15am
- Thursday 21st October, **Year 4**, 2-3pm
- Friday 22.10.2021. **Year 5**, 2-3pm

Requests for absence

Our EP community has always been extremely supportive of your children's attendance; we know you share our goal of children not missing a minute of learning wherever possible! We do our best to help by giving you as much notice as possible of holidays and INSET dates.

In the rare event that you do need to make a request for absence outside of school holidays, please make this request to us at head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk , copying in Tania@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

We will then make our decision based on the context, and your child's attainment, attendance and attitude to learning.

If you are taking your child for an **appointment** in the middle of the day, please come to the office to **sign in and out** as you come and go - it's **absolutely crucial we know where all our children are**, and that they are safe!

Thank you - to Aurelie Barnett in Year 6 for this week's border design.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.