

Thursday 30th September 2021

## AUTUMN 2021 - WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3

Ask your child about...

...**Black History Month**. We talked about what history is, how Black history has been hidden in the past, and how this clashes with our EP Values and our British Values. The children are looking forward to a month of interesting assemblies about Black British history, and to thinking about our theme, 'Proud to be...'

### TOMORROW FRIDAY 1ST

- 8am - Girls Multisports Club
- 9am - Bike Fix - drop off your bike at 9am to the top playground if booked in. Collect same day.
- 9am - Year 5 Cross Country training on the Heath
- 3.30pm - Junior Development Football Club
- 3.15pm - Year 6 Cake Sale

### NEXT WEEK - MONDAY 4th - FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER

Year 4 parents - please note change of Cross Country race time on 21st October to 9:30-10:15am

#### Monday 4th

- 8- 8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Club in the playground
- 9am - 10:45 Year 4 Cross Country training session
- 3:30- 4:30pm - Year 1 and 2 Football Club in the playground

#### Tuesday 5th

- 8- 8:50am Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Club
- 9am - William Ellis open day
- Year 4 trip to Lullingstone Villa
- 3.30-4.30 Football Squad training

#### Wednesday 6th

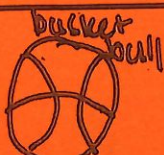
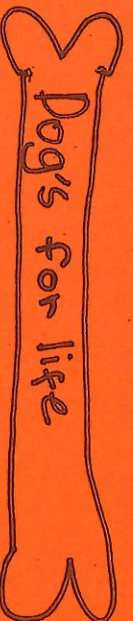
- 8-8:50am - Parent Led Basketball Club Years 3-6
- Diversity Role Models workshop in Years 3-6
- 5.30-7pm - **Foundation Stage Party** for our Nursery and Reception parents and children

#### Thursday 7th

- 8:30am Dodgeball and Cricket Club for Years 3 and 4
- Year 6 orienteering on the Heath
- 5pm - Parliament Hill Open Day

#### Friday 8th

- 8 - 8:50 Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club
- 9am - Year 6 Cross Country training
- 3:30-4:30pm Development football session for Juniors.
- 3:30pm Year 4 host the Cake Sale. Please donate cakes and biscuits to sell and help needed to set up from 3:15.



## NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!

### Face masks in school

A friendly reminder for all parents who come inside the building, please can you wear a facemask. We are doing everything we can to minimise the transmission of Covid in our school and your support in this would be most appreciated. Thank you.

### Foundation Stage Party- 5.30-7pm Wednesday 6th October

We are delighted to be hosting our very successful Foundation Stage Party next week. This is an opportunity for all of our Nursery and Reception parents to come together with children to begin to get to know each other. We ask that every family bring a dish to share; we will provide drinks for all.

### Diversity Role Models

We welcome the charity Diversity Role Models into school. They will be doing separate workshops about homophobia and transphobia with each of our Junior classes. Diversity Role Models works to educate young people about difference, challenging stereotypes and addressing the misuse of language.

### End of the day

It is so lovely to have parents back in school, but at the end of the day please can you leave the site promptly after pick-up, unless you have a reason to remain. Staff still have several hours of work to do at the end of the school day.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection at Eleanor Palmer

Periodically we remind parents about the key safeguarding practices and policies we have at EP. Creating a safe learning environment so that children can develop socially and emotionally is central to our school life and work. The following factors are very important to safeguarding and child protection at Eleanor Palmer:

- We have excellent recruitment procedures; every member of staff has full checks and up to date references, as do visiting artists, regular volunteers, supply teachers and governors;
- All staff receive appropriate training as part of induction and then routinely every 2 years. One of our INSET days this September was given over to this training.
- We have policies and practices that focus on ensuring the health and well-being of the children, for example: risk assessments before every class trip, an annual safety check of our playground, a medicines in school policy and staff presence at the school entrance every day;
- We have well-established ways of monitoring and responding to incidents of concern, for example: unexplained absences, difficult behaviour and significant changes in physical or emotional appearance;
- The ethos of the school is open so that staff, parents and children feel able to share concerns. We welcome parents and carers contacting us if there are events in school or at home that may cause your child concern.

Local Authority guidance suggests that every parent who accompanies class trips should also undergo full criminal record (DBS) checks. Our Governing Body has taken the decision not to do this in line with guidance from the National College of Teaching and Learning who run safer recruitment training. This is because of the particular ethos and values of our small community school. Close relationships are central to our school ethos and parental participation in our many trips is a much-valued part of school life for children, parents and staff. We strongly encourage all parents to take part in trips. Parents who volunteer on a regular basis however, will be asked to undertake full DBS checks.

Our full Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is on our website. This policy framework is from Camden Local Authority and is reviewed annually by the school leaders and the Governing Body to make sure our practice reflects the policy, and to add additional measures unique to the school.

If at any point in the year you have questions concerning information on child protection and safeguarding at EP please contact the school office. If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding safeguarding please contact Sally Hill or Natalie Stevenson [head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto:head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk)

### Black History Month - October 2021

Black History Month begins tomorrow and we have started to talk about this in assembly.

Parents who would like to work with the teachers and children during Black History Month or beyond, or if you have ideas to share, please let us know! [head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto: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/>

### Thank you

To Miya Thomas in Year 5 for this week's border design.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

