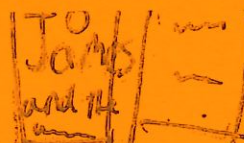


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Thursday 7th October 2021

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Ask your child about...

...**Black History Month.** We have learnt about significant events and people in Black British history all the way up to the abolition of the slave trade. The children found Ignatious Sancho, the first Black British voter, Dido Belle, a Black British aristocrat who lived in Kenwood House, and the first Black British police officer, John Kent, particularly interesting.

... **Diversity Role Models,** who visited the Junior classes this week and were absolutely blown away by the knowledge that our children have, and how mature they were in their discussions.

... **October Nature News.** We looked at trees in our local area, and what their seeds and leaves look like, including horsechestnut, ash, elm, sycamore, silver birch and oak.

Tomorrow Friday 8th

Year 6 Cross country training on the Heath
Year 4 host the Cake Sale

NEXT WEEK - MONDAY 11th- FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Monday 11th

Year 5 leave for Sayers Croft
8- 8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Club in the playground
Year 6 have a chocolate workshop in school!
2pm Year 4 swim at Kentish Town in the afternoon
3:30- 4:30pm Year 1 and 2 Football Club in the playground

Tuesday 12th

8- 8:50am Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Club
9am Parliament Hill School Open Day
Parent Governor Nanouche Umeadi will be working with classes across the school to discuss all of our beautiful skin colours, and how to talk about them.
2pm Year 4 swimming

Wednesday 13th

9am Parliament Hill School Open Day
8-8:50am Parent Led Basketball Club Years 3-6
2pm Year 4 swimming

Thursday 14th

8:30am Dodgeball and Cricket Club for Years 3 and 4
2pm Year 4 swimming

Friday 15th

8 - 8:50am Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club
9am Shed Talk for parents and carers: Internet Safety led by Camden's Mary Rebelo -see overleaf.
2pm Year 4 swimming
3:30pm Year 3 Cake Sale! Please donate cakes and biscuits to sell and help needed to set up from 3:15.
3:30-4:30pm Development football session for Juniors.
Year 5 return from Sayers Croft - we expect them back between 3:30-4pm, but will text updates on eta.

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NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!

Phonics and Early Reading Sessions for Reception and Year 1 - win a book bundle!

Helping children as they first learn to read is crucial, and we want to work together with families at home so that all children at EP learn to read fluently and develop a love of books. Children read every day at school, and all staff embed the value of reading - but there's lots you can do to help! Please join us to learn how early reading is taught at EP and take away key information to support your child's reading at home. It's important that a parent or carer of every Reception and Year 1 child attends so there are two available dates – **Wednesday 20th October at 9am** after drop-off and **Thursday 21st at 2:45pm**, timed to finish for pick-up.

You will learn about how approach to teaching phonics and reading, and be given a free phonics pack to use with your child. Tea and biscuits provided.

We've planned it to coincide with our Book fair, and everyone who comes to our session is in with the chance of **winning a book bundle!** We've also invited Kentish Town librarians to come along and sign up children for library cards.

Please put this important date in your diaries; we would like all families to attend.

Black History Month - October 2021

Next week we will be setting up a 'video booth' for any EP parents, carers, families, children and staff to record what they are 'Proud to be...' in relation to Black History Month.

Whether you identify as part of the Black Community, or as an ally, family member or friend, we want your voices!

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

Our first Shed Talk on **Internet Safety** led by Camden's Mary Rebelo is next week, **Friday 15th October at 9am**. Mary has hosted this session in previous years to very positive feedback from parents and carers. 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. We have booked this session to tie-in with Digital Parenting Week. No booking required; please come to the Shed after drop off. More news of other Shed Talks as dates are confirmed!

Digital Parenting Week 2021

Next week is Digital Parenting Week 2021. The past year has changed children's device use beyond recognition, and it is important that we know how to support them to use the internet safely and securely. Further information on Digital Parenting Week can be found on ParentZone's website, <https://parentzone.org.uk/> and <https://www.legendaryteacher.parentzone.org.uk/>

Swimming

Year 4 will be having their swimming lesson every afternoon for the following two weeks! The swimming school at Kentish Town have changed the way they deliver their swimming lessons to primary aged children so that children receive a block of daily lessons rather than weekly. This is based on evidence that suggests that children learn best through frequent swimming practice and this is also the most effective way to build water confidence.

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Cross Country

Now that the training is done, cross country race days, with parents invited, are coming up in the next fortnight. 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! Years 3 and 4 race on Thursday 21st in the morning, Year 5 on Friday 22nd and Year 6 on Tuesday 19th in the afternoon.

Parents Evening

Reminder that we have our first Parents' Evening of the year on **Tuesday 19th 4pm-7:30pm** and **Wednesday 20th October from 3:45-6pm**. We will send out invitations to book meetings with your child's (or children's) teacher next Monday via text and email.

Birthdays - how we celebrate at EP

It is a firm EP tradition to celebrate all birthdays in classes (including adults!) with a cake, cupcakes or a similar treat, and a song at the end of the day... sometimes there's even a dance! If you would like to bring in a cake for your child's birthday, we're happy to let you know of any allergies in the class, and it's extremely helpful if the cake is already in small portions to hand out.

However, we ask that parents do not bring in party bags or anything further as this quickly becomes an expectation from the children, putting quite a pressure on parents and carers. It's not in tune with our inclusive ethos either - costs quickly mount up with these things!

Harvest Festival Collection

We are collecting this year for Food Bank Aid who deliver to 17 food banks each week, supporting 12000+ people across North London. Please bring your donations at drop off on Thursday 21st October. More news to follow about specific donation requests.

Breast Cancer Now Charity Cake Sale - Friday 22nd October

It is Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day on Friday 22nd October and we are going to show our support for this charity by raising money for them via our cake sale on Friday 22nd October. Our Year 6 children will host the cake sale, but we ask that parents from every year group contribute and bring cakes to be sold after school.

Thank you

To Molly Carey for this week's border design.

To the Nursery and Reception families who attended the Foundation Stage Party last night. So lovely to be able to bring the community together for this, and thank you for bringing such delicious food to share.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

Co-Headteachers, Eleanor Palmer.



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